



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 29, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 29, 2026, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Lola Ogunro.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown announced that due to icy winter storms, local business and government entity closures, and the disaster declaration, the January 27, 2026, meeting was postponed and properly noticed to occur today under Section 551.0411 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act. No new items were added to the originally posted agenda.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The court held a moment of silence for Alex Pretti, an American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Union member and Veteran Affairs (VA) ICU nurse.

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown expressed his sympathy for the individuals harmed by ICE agents and encouraged others to know their rights.

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15.a, 17, 18, 19.a-f, 20.a-b, 21.a-c, 22, 23.a-b, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, and 37.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Sassman Road between Thaxton Rd. and State Highway FM 1625 beginning on or about Sunday, February 8, 2026, and continuing through Sunday, November 22, 2026, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Mannar Tamirisa, Assistant Director, Public Works, Transportation and
Natural Resources

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation honoring Maggie De La Cruz recognizing her retirement and her 28 years of service to Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

3. Approve a proclamation in support of the Seedling Foundation and declaring January 2026 as Mentoring Month in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Leroy Nellis, Mentor, Seedling Foundation
Jessie Metcalf, Advisory Council, Seedling Foundation
Jamie Avila, Board Member, Seedling Foundation

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing the 100th anniversary of The Austin Board of Realtors (ABoR) and honoring its century of service to the Central Texas real estate community and the residents of Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Sam Gervase, Senior Policy Advisor, Austin Board of Realtors

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

5. Approve payment of claims by County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
 - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
 - B. County response to natural disaster or other emergencies, including but not limited to necessary measures and actions related to the July 2025 Severe Weather and Flooding Disaster, including Travis County's response, operations, policies, emergency assistance, agreements, and measures necessary to preserve public health and safety and rehabilitation of property, and applicable orders, declarations or resolutions, and authorization for expenditure of funds and contracts related to disaster response and recovery efforts
(Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services (ES)
Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, ES
Gus Reyna, County Fire Resource Coordinator, Travis County Emergency Service District #6
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Health and Human Services

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office
Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Consider and take appropriate action renewing and amending the Interlocal Agreement between County of Travis and Travis County Emergency Services District #2 for Emergency Medical Services for the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Leah Douglas and Gary Johnson to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No.13 January 2026 through December 31, 2027. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve public hearing dates, public comment periods, and advertisements for the CDBG/HOME PY26 Action Plan and the CDBG/HOME PY25 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a revised memorandum of understanding (MOU), which outlines the collaborative partnership between Travis County and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the administration of wage compliance for supportive housing projects receiving LFRF funds from Travis County and HOME Arp funds from TDHCA. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an extension of the Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the provision of Public Health Services, Contract #4400001726 through March 31, 2026, in order to allow continuation of services and contract negotiations (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez).

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an extension of the Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the provision of Animal Services, Contract #4400001725 through April 30, 2026, in order to allow continuation of services and contract negotiations (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

13. Consider and take appropriate action on a nomination to the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 13 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: I move to nominate Jonathan Rocha and Cole Wilson for consideration to the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and update the nomination resolution.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

14. Consider and take appropriate action on the implementation of the SB 3 grant program. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Any other necessary grant applications, letters of support or grant awards attached to Commissioners Court backup for this Agenda item.
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Sobering Center Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 16 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court Affecting County Advisory Body.

MOTION: Move to extend the call for applications for 30 days from today.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

17. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

18. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussions items, including but not limited to the following listed items, and any other necessary budget amendments and transfers attached to Commissioners Court backup for the agenda item:
- A. Request from the Public Defender's Office (PDO) to use \$18,062 of realized vacancy savings to hire a temporary contracted worker while their Office Specialist is out for approved temporary leave
 - B. Request from Innovative Justice and Program Analysis (IJPA) to use up to \$1,500 of internal resources for recruiting and outreach and to transfer up to \$13,000 from the Allocated Reserve to cover expenses for potential travel and relocation expenses associated with the recruitment process for a new County Executive of Innovative Justice and Program Analysis, in the event that these funds are needed
 - C. Request from Facilities Management to Transfer Funding of \$165,000 from the CAR Reserve to Replace Project Funds that were Inadvertently not Encumbered before Year-end, consisting of \$100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Lavaca 1st Floor Briefing Room and \$65,000 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Del Valle Community Center
 - D. Request from Facilities Management to Transfer \$150,000 from the Balcones Canyonland Preservation (BCP) Fund (0115) Allocated Reserve to fund an elevator upgrade at the Wilson Parke facility
 - E. Request from Emergency Services to transfer \$16,760 from the Interlocal Reserve to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 interlocal agreement with Emergency Services District #2 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response and ground ambulance transport in the unincorporated areas of Travis County that lie within ESD 2 but outside ESD 17
 - F. Request from PBO to transfer \$96,624 in one-time funding from the Allocated Reserve for a Planner Senior Special Project Worker (SPW) in Innovative Justice and Program Analysis (IJPA) that was authorized for Fiscal Year 2026 but was inadvertently not budgeted.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to a socioeconomic survey for the Apache Shores neighborhood to support grant applications to the Texas Water

Development Board to be submitted by Water District 17:

- A. Request to approve an agreement with Water District 17 to conduct a socioeconomic survey on their behalf.
- B. Request to authorize the creation of three temporary workers to assist with conducting the survey.
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to a socioeconomic survey for the River Ridge neighborhood to support grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board to be submitted by Water District 17:

- A. Request to conduct a socioeconomic survey on behalf of Water District 17
- B. Request to approve an agreement with Water District 17 to conduct a socioeconomic survey on their behalf
- C. Request to utilize the same three temporary workers for the Apache Shores socioeconomic survey to conduct the River Ridge survey
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

22. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve contract award for Auto Body Repair Services, RFS No. 120-CM, as needed, to the following two highest-ranked respondents:

- A. Contract No. 4400008561 with Leif Johnson Collision Center
- B. Contract No. 4400008562 with Austin Mac Haik Ford Lincoln
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 4400006400 with Robert Jackson & Michael McElhaney Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$508,403.00, for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Visitor Center Building Remodel and Landscape Design. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400007600, for Facility Standard Subscription, from VFA, Inc. to The Gordian Group, Inc. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

26. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District for operational expenses for 2026. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Consider and take appropriate action on the Construction and Traffic Mitigation agreement between Century Land Holdings II, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, GRBK Edgewood LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Braker Valley development, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
29. Consider and take appropriate action on the First Amendment to the Construction Agreement between UPD HOWARD SW LAND LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, SLATE HOWARD, and Travis County for the traffic mitigation associated with the proposed United Properties SW development in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
30. Consider and take appropriate action on an Amended and Restated Condominium Construction Agreement between Austin Surf Club Venture, LP and Travis County for the Austin Surf Ranch condominium development, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
31. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the relocation of existing barricades on Creedmoor Road. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Receive briefing regarding the 2025 Surface Water Quality Program Report. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

David Peyton, Assistant Director, Environmental Programs, Transportation
and Natural Resources (TNR)

Kiersten Ivy, Manager, Environmental Programs, TNR

Ryan Petr, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Century Land Holdings II, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, GBRK Edgewood LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Alta Blue Goose development in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Other

34. Approve the corrected minutes for the June 7, 2022, Voting Session due to a scrivener's error on item 19, and the minutes for the December 19, 2025, Voting Session. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Consider and take action to approve six license agreements for use as Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the March 3, 2026, Joint Primary Election:

- A. Balcones Bingo
- B. Ben Hur Shrine Center
- C. UT Texas Union
- D. LBJ School of Public Affairs
- E. Westoak Woods Baptist Church
- F. Westlake United Methodist Church (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action to revise the 2026 Travis County Commissioners Court calendar. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Mitch Kreindler to the Emergency Services District (ESD) 4 Board of Commissioners for a term effective

from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Executive Session

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

Note 1: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2: Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3: Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4: Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

Note 6: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security

Note 7: Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body

Note 8: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, security personnel/critical infrastructure

38. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security and information security issues.^{1,4 & 6} (Commissioner Travillion & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

39. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the acquisition of approximately 62 acres of land in connection with the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan in Precinct Two.^{1&2} (Commissioner Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Move to accept the offer for the sale of approximately 62 acres of land in connection with the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan in Precinct 2, as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

40. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding a letter of intent related to a possible acquisition of a property in North Austin, Texas. ^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: I move to approve the proposed non-binding letter of intent as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

41. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding *Brown, et al v. Paxton, et al.*, Cause No. 1:24-CV-1095-ADA, United States District Court for the Western District, Austin Division.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

42. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding outdoor burning and the sale and use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 42 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

43. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding recent revisions to the Texas Public Information Act, designation of public information coordinators by County offices, and legal responsibilities of County Judge and Commissioners Court under the Act.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

44. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, hiring, employment, evaluation and duties of the Travis County Executive for Technology & Operations.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

45. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, hiring, employment, evaluation and duties of the Travis County Executive for Innovative Justice & Program Analysis.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

46. Receive legal briefing on and take possible action on property located at 4001 Ranch Road 620.^{1&2} (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge