



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 28, 2026 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 28, 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 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

Signature Motion

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to the County Judge to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

- Tom Clemmons, Lithified Technologies
- Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations
- Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender, Travis County Public Defender's Office

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 6, 10, 12, 13, 14.a, c, 15, 16, 17, 18.a-b, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.a-b, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, and 41.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Sammy Virji Event, scheduled to be held on May 9, 2026, at 8509 Burleson Road, Austin, Texas 78719. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Gary Howell, Travis County Fire Marshal
Danny Timmons, Assistant Deputy III, Travis County Fire Marshal's Office
Pankaj Gupte, Engineer, Transportation and Natural Resources

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan and designating May 2, 2026, as Endangered Species Conservation Day in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jeremy Hull, Assistant Director, Natural Resources, Transportation and
Natural Resources (TNR)
Debra Scott, Environmental Project Manager, BCCP, TNR

Kimberlee Harvey, Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) Officer
Justin Bates, Environmental Conservation Division Manager, Austin Water

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the Austin Travis County Food Plan's Global Award for Governance from the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vanessa Fuentes, Council Member, District 2, Austin City Council
Edwin Marty, Manager, Food Policy, City of Austin
Joi Chevalier, Former Chair, Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board
(ATCFPB)
Alisa Hammond, Member, Community Advisory Council, ATCFPB
Larry Franklin, Co-Chair, Joint Sustainability, ATCFPB
Jodi Lane, Fruitful Commons
Aly Tharp, Interim Executive Director, Fruitful Commons

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 28, 2026, as Early Childhood Educators Day in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Leah Meunier, Strategic Advisor, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Jemie Johnson Vaughn, Early Childhood Educator
Laura Olson, Representative, Raising Travis County Community Advisory Council,
Suzanne Garza, Head of School, Hillside Early Childhood Center
Maria Dominguez, Founder, Cielito Lindo Spanish Immersion Preschool
Barbara Grant Boneta, Success by Six
Cindy Gamez, Planning Manager, Raising Travis County, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

5. Approve proclamation recognizing the 35th Anniversary of PODER (People Organized in Defense of the Earth and its Resources) and designating May 1, 2026 as the official celebration of its Anniversary. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Suzana Almanza, Executive Director, People Organized in Defense of the Earth and its Resources (PODER)
Adrian Macias, Coordinator, Young Scholars for Justice, PODER
Valerie Menard, Coordinator, Colorado River Conservancy Project, PODER
Carlos Pinon, Program Coordinator, PODER
Marian Sanchez, Coordinator, Sustainability & Solar Equity Campaign, PODER
Pedro Hernandez, Coordinator, Transportation, PODER
Jodi Lane, Fruitful Commons

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
- A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County
 - B. County response to natural disaster or other emergencies, including but not limited to necessary measures and actions related to 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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

8. Consider appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Sammy Virji Event, scheduled to be held on May 9, 2026, at 8509 Burleson Road, Austin, Texas 78719. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 8.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Mitchell Jones to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 2 for the term April 2026 through December 31, 2027. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 9.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

10. Consider and take appropriate action to establish an Interlocal Agreement with the Leander Independent School District (LISD) to enhance emergency response efforts by creating a framework for mutual cooperation during disasters or civil emergencies. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

11. Consider and take appropriate action on approval of the CDBG Owner Septic System Rehabilitation Agreement for program implementation. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the application to continue the Financial Support Plus 1 Program with the City of Austin, Austin Energy for 2026 – 2027. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve modification to contract No. 4400007633 with Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

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

A. Modification Request for the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant program within Health & Human Services

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

B. Letter of Support for Meals on Wheels Central Texas application to the Texans Feeding Texans grant solicited by the Texas Department of Agriculture

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

C. 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

15. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Travis County and Del Valle Independent School District for Special Education Services. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

17. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. 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 Justice of the Peace, Precinct Five to internally fund the creation of a Court Clerk I Special Project Worker (SPW) to provide critical coverage for an employee on military deployment, effective April 28, 2026, through November 27, 2026, with an estimated cost of \$50,732

- B. Request from Health and Human Services to transfer \$49,988 from the Allocated Reserve of the Raising Travis County Special Revenue Fund (0163) to purchase a software package from Public Input to support community engagement efforts (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a resolution consenting to the issuance of the “Travis County Development Authority Contract Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (Turner’s Crossing Public Improvement District Improvement Area #3 Project)”; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance of such bonds; and providing for an effective date. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development and Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Sally McFeron, Managing Director, Public Improvement Districts, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 19.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Andy Brown

20. Consider and take appropriate action on the adoption of:

- A. An order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Travis County, Texas Certificates of Obligation, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$138,875,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith; approving the preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions relating thereto
- B. An order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Travis County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$164,205,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith; approving the preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions relating thereto (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 20.a-b would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve Items 20.a-b.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

Purchasing

21. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008687 with Watchmen Protective Services LLC, as-needed, for Security Services. (Technology & Operations) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Ratify and approve Purchase Order 4100263148 with Texas Disposal Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$76,197.00, for shower trailer, generator, water tank, and water pump from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section § 262.024(2) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase order. (Emergency Services) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400008182 with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$62,602.00, for the Diversion Center and Central Booking Intake Facility and Parking Structure. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
25. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400006150 with Qtrac, LLC, in the amount of \$47,053.20 for Customer Flow Management System. (Tax Assessor-Collector) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions

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

28. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Austin Independent School District P-TECH Program. (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ralph Warren, Director, Information and Technology, Technology and Operations (TOPS)

Shari Campos-Lopez, Program Coordinator, TOPS

Joyce Miller, Project Manager, TOPS

MOTION: Approve Item 28.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

29. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of January 26, 2026.
(Commissioner Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of January 23, 2025.
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Overtime Incentive Program in the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a License Agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, an agency of the State of Texas, to use 2,816 sq ft of space, located in the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse at 1000 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 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: Approve the license agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, an agency of the State of Texas, to use 2,816 sq ft of space, located in the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse at 1000

Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701, as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a License Agreement between Travis County and Chicken Bowl to use 2247 square feet of space in the Civil and Family Courts Facility, 1st floor, located at 1700 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Transportation & Natural Resources

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for erosion and sedimentation control fiscal security for Highway 71 Storage, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for erosion and sedimentation control fiscal security for Highway 71 Car Club-Lakeway Business Park, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action on the Traffic Mitigation agreement between Turnersville Partners Inc, a Texas corporation, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Turnersville Retail Center, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Receive presentation regarding the annual briefing on the Travis County Stormwater Program. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Jared Mathis, Park Ranger Corporal, Parks, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

38. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Interlocal Agreement with Travis County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for Community Service Work Crew Activities. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Other

39. Consider and take action to approve one license agreements for use of an Election Day polling site for the May 2, 2026, Joint General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

40. Consider and take action to approve two license agreements for use as Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the May 26, 2026, Joint Primary Election Runoff:

- A. Balcones-Wilshire for Balcones Woods Shopping Center
- B. Round Rock ISD for Hartfield Performing Arts Center (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

41. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the purchase of items in the amount of \$ 1,251.20 for the HHS Annual Employee Professional Development Day on May 1, 2026. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

43. Executive session review and select candidates for 1st Panel Interviews in the County Executive, IJPA Recruitment.^{1&3} (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 43 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

44. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Travis County Executive for Technology and Operations.^{1&3} (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 44 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 direct staff to extend an offer to Maurice McCreary for the position of County Executive of Technology and Operations and direct the Human Resources and Management Department (HRMD) staff to negotiate the final offer.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

45. Receive legal briefing and appoint the Travis County Risk Manager Carolyn Theis as mediation representative in Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00820-RP, *Karen McGee vs. Travis County*; In the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 45 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager, Carolyn Theis as mediation representative in Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00820-RP, *Karen McGee vs. Travis County*; In the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

46. Receive legal briefing and appoint the Travis County Risk Manager Carolyn Theis as mediation representative in Civil Action: 1:24-CV-144-RP, *Philip Nadeau, as Next friend to his father, Roland Nadeau, and Roland Nadeau on behalf of himself v. Travis County, Texas, et al.*; In the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 46 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager, Carolyn Theis as mediation representative for the Travis County Commissioners Court in Civil Action: 1:24-CV-144-RP, Philip Nadeau v. Travis County, Texas, et al.; In the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

47. Receive legal briefing on criminal court appointment systems.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 47 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge