Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, January 15, 2025

This meeting was conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA) as written in the statute. A quorum of the members of the Board attended in person at the Tarrant Appraisal District boardroom, 2500 Handley-Ederville Rd, Fort Worth, Texas. These minutes are a summary of the only subjects the Board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the agenda, supporting documents and video posted on TAD's website at this URL: https://www.tad.org/about/board-of-directors and TAD's YouTube and Facebook channels.

Members Present:

Mr. Michael Alfred

Mr. Rick Barnes, Chair & Tax Assessor Collector

Mr. Alan Blaylock

Mr. Matt Bryant

Ms. Wendy Burgess

Mr. Fred Campos

Mr. Eric Morris

Ms. Gloria Peña

Ms. Callie Rigney, Secretary

Also Participating:

Mr. Joe Don Bobbitt, Chief Appraiser

Mr. William Durham, Deputy Chief Appraiser

Mr. Brad Patrick, Director of Administration

Ms. Sharon Coffee Baxter, TAD Board Attorney

Immediately preceding the meeting, the five newly appointed members, Mr. Alfred, Mr. Blaylock, Ms. Burgess, Mr. Campos, and Ms. Peña, were sworn in. Having nine members seated, Secretary Gloria Peña, serving as Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 8:06am, verified a quorum was present and the notice was posted timely. After pledges and invocation, the board took up the following items:

5. Recognize Visitors & Public Comments

6. Special Presentation from the Office of Representative David Cook

Mr. Daryle Perez presented Mr. DeOtte, Mr. Losada, & Mr. Puente with individual Resolutions in recognition of their service to the TAD Board of Directors.

7. Action Items

a) Deliberate and act on the election of a chair and secretary of the TAD Board of Directors

Mr. Morris nominated Mr. Barnes to serve as Chair and Ms. Burgess nominated Ms. Peña. Mr. Alfred, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blaylock, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Rigney voted for Mr. Barnes and, receiving a majority of the votes, this motion passed, and he was elected as Chair. Mr. Morris nominated Ms. Rigney to serve as Secretary and Mr. Campos nominated Ms. Peña. Mr. Alfred, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blaylock, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Rigney voted for Ms. Rigney and, receiving a majority of the votes, this motion passed, and she was elected Secretary. At this point in the meeting Gloria Peña turned over the presiding officer duties to the new Chair, Rick Barnes.

b) Resolution 2025-1 In recognition and appreciation of service by Vince Puente

Mr. Barnes moved to pass Resolution 2025-1 as presented and Ms. Rigney seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

c) Resolution 2025-2 In recognition and appreciation of service by Gary Losada

Mr. Barnes moved to pass Resolution 2025-1 as presented and Mr. Campos seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

d) Consent Agenda Items:

 Action regarding approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes from December 13, 2024

The meeting minutes were approved as presented, 6-0-3, with Mr. Blaylock, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Burgess, Mr. Morris, Ms. Peña, and Ms. Rigney voting for and Mr. Alfred, Mr. Barnes, & Mr. Campos abstained.

e) Consider Responses to Invitation for Bids for 2025 Print Mail Notice Service and authorize Chief Appraiser to use selected vendors for printing and mailing services

Ms. Peña moved to authorize the Chief Appraiser to enter into the contracts with both Variverge and JohnSons Press to utilize the most cost-effective vendor for each print job as presented in the staff recommendation and Ms. Burgess seconded. This motion passed unanimously 9-0.

f) Board of Directors Policy Manual – potential changes for 2025

Mr. Campos moved to adopt the proposed Board Director Policy Manual ("Policy Manual") as presented with three suggested changes to reflect changes that went into effect beginning July 1, 2024, because of SB 2. First, that regular meetings would start at 9am and occur on Wednesdays. Second, that the Public Comment time is now limited to 3 minutes. Last, that the subcommittee size would be changed to a number 'less than a quorum.' Ms. Peña seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Chair Barnes formed a new Ad Hoc Committee on Policies Manual revisions that consists of subcommittee Chair Mike Alfred, Fred Campos, & Gloria Peña, and asked Mr. Alfred to begin review of the Policy Manual.

8. Information Items

a) Report by Taxpayer Liaison Officer

The Chief Appraiser introduced Dr. Elizabeth McIlvain, and she made introductory remarks as the Taxpayer Liaison.

b) Report by Chief Appraiser

- i. Drawing for Term Lengths for new Board Members
- ii. Public Speaking Engagements
- iii. CAMA Conversion
- iv. Technology Update
- v. Updated Sales Ratios

The Chief Appraiser presented his report, and the information was included in the agenda packet on tad.org. The term drawing results were as follows- Mr. Alfred and Ms. Burgess received a one-year term and Mr. Blaylock, Mr. Campos, and Ms. Peña received a three-year term.

9. Propose Future Agenda Items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

Next Meeting date is at 9am February 26th, 2025, at Tarrant Appraisal District, 2500 Handley-Ederville Rd, Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

Callie Rigney, Board Secretary

Rick Barnes, Board Chair