

Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 9, 2024

This meeting was conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 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/board-of-directors> and TAD's YouTube and Facebook channels.

Members Present:

Mr. Alan Blaylock
Ms. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor
Collector
Mr. Gary Losada

Mr. Eric Morris
Ms. Gloria Peña, Secretary
Mr. Vince Puente, Chair
Ms. Callie Rigney

Also Participating:

Mr. Joe Don Bobbitt, Chief Appraiser
Mr. Brad Patrick, Director of
Administration
Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Attorney

Not Present:
Mr. Matt Bryant
Mr. Rich DeOtte

Chair Puente called the meeting to order at 8:10am, verified a quorum was present and the notice was posted timely. After pledges and invocation, the board took up the following agenda items:

5. Public Hearing on 2025 Tarrant Appraisal District Annual Budget

- (a) **Public Comments- Mr. Merchant, Mr. Sprowls, Ms. Seri, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Lunski, Ms. Mang, Mr. Crouch, and Ms. Arrieta-Candelaria spoke.**
- (b) **A discussion was had by the members of the board.**

6. Public Hearing on 2025-2026 Tarrant Appraisal District Reappraisal Plan

- (a) **Public Comments- Ms. Trongaard, Mr. Chadwell, Ms. Smith-Faulkner, Mr. Sprowls, Mr. Foust, Mr. Pastusek, Mr. Welch, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Cantu, Ms. Seri, Mr. Williams, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Lunski, Ms. Crutchfield, Ms. Mang, Mr. Crouch, Leon Fisher, Ms. Stone, Ms. Reed, Ms. Arrieta-Candelaria, Mr. Miner spoke.**
- (b) **A discussion was had by the members of the board.**

7. Recess to executive/closed session pursuant to the following part(s) of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code, Ch. 551 for the following purposes:

Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney on deliberation of a matter in which the board seeks the advice of its attorney about contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Open Meetings Act

The board recessed into executive session at 11:23am.

8. Return to Executive Session for Possible Action on Items Deliberated on in Executive/Closed Session

Reconvene in Open Session for possible action on items deliberated in Executive Session related to contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Open Meetings Act

The board returned from executive session at 2:05pm, with the exception of Ms. Burgess who did not return from executive session. No action was taken.

9. Action Item

Action regarding adoption of 2025 Tarrant Appraisal District Annual Budget

Ms. Peña moved to approve the 2025 budget as presented with two changes- a 2.5% merit in lieu of the 4%; and a \$500,000 reduction for the 'Materials, Supplies, and Services' line. This results in a total of 14.12% increase overall and a total budget of \$33,585,297. Mr. Losada seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

10. Action Item

Action regarding adoption of 2025-2026 Tarrant Appraisal District Reappraisal Plan

Ms. Peña moved to strike Item 3 on page 4 of the original proposed appraisal plan, which directs the Chief Appraiser to prepare a reappraisal plan that does not reappraise residential property values for Tax Year 2025 at current property values except for new improvements and construction and on page 8, which states "The Board of Directors for the 2025 tax year has instructed the chief appraiser to hold the residential values at the 2024 final values except for properties with new construction or new improvement value." And any other verbiage that refers to such. The motion is to strike Item 3. Mr. Losada seconded, and the vote was as follows: Puente and Peña voted for the motion; Blaylock, Losada, Morris, and Rigney voted against. The motion failed 2-4.

Mr. Morris moved to approve the most recent draft of the 2025-2026 reappraisal plan as written with the following changes- page 15/162 strike the line “only change residential values in upcoming years with” and replace that with “obtain and rely upon”. The second change on page 10/162 strike the line, “and any ISDs with a failing prior year PVS finding will be targeted for reappraisal in even years”. In other words, strike the lines in red located on those pages. Ms. Rigney seconded. Blaylock, Losada, Puente, Morris, and Rigney voted for. Ms. Peña voted against. The motion passed 5-1.

11. Hear Public Comments

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Crouch spoke.

12. Information Items

a. Report by Taxpayer Liaison Officer

The TLO delivered her report to the board.

b. Report by TAD Board of Directors IS Committee

Chair Blaylock reported that the committee met to discuss the CAMA process and will meet again to review the final RFP contracts. In addition to board members, the committee also had the help of George Dodson.

c. Report by TAD Board of Directors ARB Committee

Chair Losada reported the committee members consists of Mr. Puente, Ms. Peña, and Mr. Bryant, members of the public are Susie Seivers, Darrell Horn, Pat Jacobs, Jason Thomas, the TLO Shirley Jacobson, and the staff liaison is Grady Ewing. They plan to meet again on 8/15.

d. Report by Chief Appraiser (Staff, Goals, Public Speaking, & Recovery)

BPP Director Robert Evans spoke to introduce himself to the board and explain the work of his department. Chief Appraiser Bobbitt went over TAD goals listed in his report, places he has spoken on behalf of TAD since his last report, and the recovery from the network Ransomware incident.

13. Action Items, cont.

a. Action regarding approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes – June 7, 2024; July 1, 2024; July 22, 2024

Ms. Peña moved to approve all meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Blaylock seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

b. Action regarding permission for Chief Appraiser to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for Sheriff's Department Security Services

Mr. Blaylock moved to approve the contract as presented and Ms. Peña seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

c. Discussion and possible action concerning Transparency Stars program through the Texas Comptroller

Mr. Blaylock moved to have Tarrant Appraisal District take the necessary steps to fully implement the Comptroller's Transparency Stars Program in all areas and Ms. Peña seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

d. Action regarding award of contract for retiree group medical supplement insurance for 2025

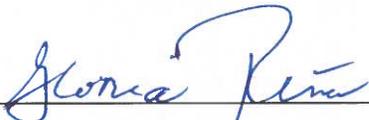
Ms. Peña moved to approve the contract as presented and Mr. Blaylock seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

e. Action regarding award of contract for financial audit services

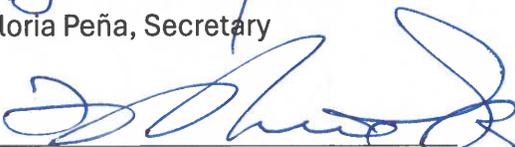
Mr. Blaylock moved to approve the contract as presented and Ms. Peña seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

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

The next "Called" meeting date is tentatively planned for 8:00 AM Friday, September 6, 2024, at Tarrant Appraisal District, 2500 Handley Ederville Rd, Fort Worth, Texas. The board was asked to submit requested future agenda items to the Chairman & Chief Appraiser by email no later than 8-days prior to next scheduled meeting (to allow time for draft process and posting). The meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.



Gloria Peña, Secretary



Vince Puente, Board Chair