

**Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 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
Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Board Attorney

Mr. Rick Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:00am; he verified a quorum was present and the notice was posted timely. After invocation and pledges, the board took up the following items:

5. Presentation by Representative David Cook's Office

Mr. Daryle Perez presented Mr. Alfred, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Burgess, and Mr. Campos with a resolution welcoming them in their new roles to the TAD Board of Directors and recognizing previous service.

6. Announcements

Chair Barnes announced that public commenters will be allowed three minutes per speaker per item.

Ms. Pena made a motion to move the public comments back under announcements and Mr. Campos seconded and the motion failed 2-7 with Mr. Campos and Ms. Pena voting for.

7. Information Items

The taxpayer liaison, Dr. McIlvain, presented her report to the board.
Chief Appraiser Bobbitt shared his report.
Four subcommittees- Board Policies, ARB, IT, Budget & Finance- and their chairs and members were introduced, and each Chair gave a report.

8. Action Items

a) Consent Agenda:

- (i) **Approve Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 15, 2025, as presented**
- (ii) **Approve Resolution 2025-3 to remove Frederick Newton as (ARB) member**
- (iii) **Approve Resolution 2025-4 to Appoint Regular Members recommended by Board of Director Subcommittee on ARB to the Appraisal Review Board for 2025 and 2026**
- (iv) **Resolution 2025-5 to Appoint Auxiliary ARB Members recommended by Board of Director Subcommittee on ARB to the Appraisal Review Board for 2025 and 2026**
- (v) **Resolution 2025-6 to Appoint ARB Chair recommended by Board of Director Subcommittee on ARB**
- (vi) **Resolution 2025-7 to Appoint ARB Secretary recommended by Board of Director Subcommittee on ARB**

Mr. Barnes removed 8(a)vii from the consent agenda and Mr. Blaylock made a motion to approve items 8(a)i-vi as presented. Ms. Pena seconded, and the motion passed, 9-0.

- (vii) **Approve draft response and documents provided by staff as response from Board of Directors to Tarrant County Auditor regarding penalty and interest supporting documentation**

Mr. Barnes moved to approve the draft response as presented with the addition of clarification that the word 'comprehensive' will be interpreted as including all prior waivers given and acknowledgement of the change in practice and send the response to the County Auditor and Mr. Blaylock seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

b) **Consider Responses to Request for Proposals for 2025 Copier, Printer and Managed Print Services and award bid and authorize Chief Appraiser to enter into a contract with selected vendor**

Mr. Blaylock moved to authorize the chief appraiser to negotiate and enter into a contract with any and all RFP vendors not to exceed the \$47,000 mark for a lease option. Mr. Campos seconded.

Ms. Rigney offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Mr. Alfred to limit the negotiations to Datamax and Novatech and the amendment failed, 3-6, with Mr. Alfred, Ms. Burgess, and Ms. Rigney voting for the amendment. The original motion passed 7-2, with Mr. Alfred and Ms. Rigney voting against.

c) **Consider Responses to Request for Proposals for 2025 Network Cabling Services and award bid and authorize Chief Appraiser to enter into a contract with selected vendor**

Chair Barnes moved to authorize the chief appraiser to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Communications Unlimited for an amount not to exceed \$154,860 for 2025 network cabling services and Ms. Burgess seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

d) **Consider purchase of CommVault Disaster Recovery and Backup Solution**

Ms. Pena moved to authorize the chief appraiser to purchase CommVault as presented, not to exceed \$300,000. Ms. Burgess seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

e) Consider authorizing the chief appraiser to purchase servers not to exceed \$230,000.

Ms. Rigney moved to authorize the chief appraiser to purchase servers not to exceed \$230,000. Mr. Campos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

f) Consider authorizing the chief appraiser to spend up to \$150,000 with Improving Enterprises for professional services for technical support and consulting engagements

Mr. Blaylock moved to approve the staff recommendation as presented and Ms. Rigney seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

g) Consider authorizing the chief appraiser to spend up to \$150,000 for cybersecurity solutions

Ms. Rigney moved to authorize the chief appraiser to spend up to \$150,000 for cybersecurity solutions. Mr. Campos seconded, and the motion passed, unanimously 9-0.

h) Action on the Board Policy Manual

Mr. Alfred moved to table the item and Ms. Pena seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

9. Public Comments

10. Recess to Executive/Closed Session Pursuant to the Following Part(s) of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code 551, for the Following Purposes:

The board recessed at 10:50am.

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

The board returned at 11:41am and took no action.

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

The next meeting will be a work session at 9am and a regular meeting at 10am. March 12th, 2025, at Tarrant Appraisal District, 2500 Handley-Ederville Rd, Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

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Callie Rigney, Board Secretary

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Rick Barnes, Board Chair