



TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
Regular Session Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the regular session meeting of Travis County ESD No. 6 was called to order by Commissioner Newman at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Lake Travis Fire Rescue Headquarters, 15304 Pheasant Lane, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78734.

Commissioner Shiloh Newman	President	Present
Commissioner Larry Sartin	Vice President	Present
Commissioner Matt Womack	Treasurer	Present
Commissioner Jessica Clinton	Secretary-Asst. Treasurer	Absent
Commissioner Paula S. Barr	Board Member	Absent

2. Safety awareness

Fire Chief Abbott reported that Travis County is still in a drought and the wildland urban interface is sensitive to wildfires due to new vegetation that has grown from recent precipitation.

3. Public comment

None.

4. Personnel recognition

None.

5. Election of officers for the Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Approve that Commissioners remain in their same positions.
RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Matt Womack, Treasurer
SECONDER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack,
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

CONSENT

6. Approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 25, 2024 Regular Session

7. Approve the January 2024 Financial Report

8. Approve the January 2024 Investment Report

9. Approve expenditures over \$2,000

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 6-9 as presented.
RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President
SECONDER: Commissioner Matt Womack, Treasurer
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack,
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

10. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Lake Travis Fire Rescue Community Foundation

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman
Commissioner Larry Sartin
Commissioner Matt Womack
Fire Chief Abbott
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve to dissolve the fund and allocate funds to training for Travis County ESD No. 6.
RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President
SECONDER: Commissioner Matt Womack, Treasurer
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack,
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

11. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Board Educational Sub-Committees' work

- Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Legislative Strategic Plan

Members of the Board heard from:
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

- Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Community Advisory Committee

RESULT: **NONE TO DISCUSS**

14. Update and/or discuss ongoing District construction projects

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman
Commissioner Larry Sartin
Commissioner Matt Womack
Fire Chief Abbott
Assistant Fire Trubee
Chief Financial Officer Smith
Battalion Chief Petersma
Captain Mark Lear

RESULT: DISCUSSED

15. Update and discuss significance, challenges and expectations of aging population District

Members of the Board heard from:
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: DISCUSSED

16. Update and discuss quantity and frequency of Austin-Travis County EMS brownouts in District

Members of the Board heard from:
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: DISCUSSED

12. Executive Session (No public discussion on these items)

The Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners announce that the item will be considered during Executive Session. No action may be taken on any items considered during Executive Session.

- A. Tex Govt. Code §551.074: Deliberation about personnel matters
- B. Tex Govt. Code §551.071: Consult with attorneys – Blaze School litigation update
- C. Tex Govt. Code §551.071: Consult with attorneys – Regarding any matters on this agenda

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

13. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Blaze School litigation

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

17. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Travis County ESD Commissioners Council (ESDCC)

Members of the Board heard from:
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: DISCUSSED

18. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Texas State Association of Fire Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

- Commissioner training opportunities
- SAFE-D 2024 Annual Conference, February 22-24, 2023, Irving Convention Center, Irving

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman

RESULT: DISCUSSED

19. Fire Chief's Report

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman
Fire Chief Abbott
Assistant Fire Chief Prather
Chief Human Resource Officer Deeny
Battalion Chief Petersma
Communications Director Neutzler

RESULT: DISCUSSED

20. Commissioners interests and future agenda items

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman
Chief Financial Officer Smith

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

03-28-2024

Date of Approval

Jessica Clinton

Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer