



## TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6

### Regular Session Minutes Thursday, March 28, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 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	Absent
Commissioner Jessica Clinton	Secretary-Asst. Treasurer	Present
Commissioner Paula S. Barr	Board Member	Present

#### **2. Safety awareness**

*Fire Chief Abbott reported that Travis County is still in a drought despite heavy rains and hail. The Central Texas Water Coalition and Travis County Water and Control Improvement District #17 gave a presentation on the drought conditions and the challenges that will be faced going into the summer on March 26 at a Lake Travis Chamber Luncheon. By weather predictions the Highland Lakes communities would have to have months of rain every day to catch up where we left off before the drought.*

*The Fire Chief also commented on the fact that the District is prepping for the traffic that will be brought by the April 8 total solar eclipse viewings.*

#### **3. Public comment**

None.

#### **4. Personnel recognition**

*Assistant Fire Chief Prather recognized Engineer John Hagerty and Firefighter Sam Wieland for receiving a Critical Care Excellence Award on March 5 by the Travis County Commissioners Court. On March 23 at the Lakeway Eggstravaganza, the Director of Parks and Recreation Andra Bennett brought a lost child to*

*LTFR's engine to help calm the child until reunited with the parent. Those helping the child and recognized by Assistant Fire Chief Prather were Battalion Chief Jeremy Petersma, Captain Chad Huff, Firefighter Sam Wieland, Firefighter Axel Gomez and Firefighter Taylor O'Bryon.*

*Fire Chief Abbott recognized Attorneys Lauren Binger and David Klein of Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law for the projects that they have helped the District with recently.*

**CONSENT**

**5. Approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 15, 2024 Regular Session**

**6. Approve the February 2024 Financial Report**

**7. Approve the February 2024 Investment Report**

**8. Approve expenditures over \$2,000**

**MOTION:** Approve Consent Items 5-8 as presented.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer  
**AYES:** Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr  
**ABSENT:** Matt Womack

**9. Discuss and accept the Audit for Fiscal Year 2023 (Financial Statements for the Year ended September 30, 2023 and Independent Auditors' Report by Maxwell, Locke and Ritter, LP**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Commissioner Shiloh Newman  
Commissioner Paula S. Barr  
Fire Chief Abbott  
Chief Financial Officer Smith  
Jimmy Rommel, Maxwell, Locke and Ritter partner

**MOTION:** Accept the Audit for Fiscal Year 2023 (Financial Statements for the Year ended September 30, 2023 and Independent Auditors' Report by Maxwell, Locke and Ritter, LP.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Paula S. Barr, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer  
**AYES:** Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr  
**ABSENT:** Matt Womack

**10. 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

Commissioner Paula S. Barr  
Legislative Educational Consultant Gib Lewis  
Legislative Educational Consultant Debbie Mitchell

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

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

**RESULT: NONE TO DISCUSS**

**11. Discuss and/or take appropriate action on issuing a District credit card for County Resource Coordinator Augustus Reyna with a credit limit of \$5,000**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Chief Financial Officer Smith

**MOTION:** Approve issuing a District credit card for County Resource Coordinator Augustus Reyna with a credit limit of \$5,000.

**RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Paula S. Barr, Board Member

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer

**AYES:** Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

**ABSENT:** Matt Womack

**14. Update and/or discuss ongoing District construction projects**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Commissioner Shiloh Newman  
Commissioner Larry Sartin  
Commissioner Paula S. Barr  
Fire Chief Abbott  
Chief Financial Officer Smith

**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**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Fire Chief Abbott

**MOTION:** Approve Agreement to Abate, as proposed by attorney, all-pretrial matters to allow the parties to speak directly with each other to work toward compliance regarding the Blaze School litigation.

**RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Paula S. Barr, Board Member

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer

**AYES:** Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

**ABSENT:** Matt Womack

**15. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on City of Austin Dispatch Agreement**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Fire Chief Abbott  
Commissioner Jessica Clinton

**MOTION:** Approve City of Austin Fire Dispatch Agreement and direct the Fire Chief and Board President to coordinate the final review and signatures.

**RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Paula S. Barr, Board Member

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer

**AYES:** Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Jessica Clinton, Paula S. Barr

**ABSENT:** Matt Womack

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

Members of the Board heard from:  
Commissioner Paula S. Barr  
Fire Chief Abbott

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

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

- Commissioner training opportunities

Members of the Board heard from:  
Commissioner Shiloh Newman

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**18. Fire Chief's Report**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Fire Chief Abbott

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**19. Commissioners interests and future agenda items**

Members of the Board heard from:  
Commissioner Shiloh Newman  
Commissioner Paula S. Barr  
Chief Financial Officer Smith

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

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**Approved by the Board of Commissioners:**

04-25-2024

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Date of Approval

*Jessica Clinton*

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Jessica Clinton, Secretary-Assistant Treasurer