

**Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2022**

This meeting was conducted “in person” and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute. Temporary suspensions of some parts of the Act previously allowed TAD to conduct Board meetings in which Directors and the public could participate remotely via teleconference. While “the COVID-19 pandemic continues [and] Texans are strongly encouraged as a matter of personal responsibility to consistently follow good hygiene, social-distancing, and other mitigation practices”, GA-38 (Jul. 29, 2021) (cited in GA-40 [Oct. 11, 2021] as remaining in effect), the temporary suspensions of parts of the Act were no longer in effect.

A quorum of the members of the Board attended in person at TAD offices.

These minutes are a summary of only the subjects the Board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the Agenda and Audio Recording that are posted on TAD’s website at this URL:

<https://www.tad.org/about/board-of-directors/>

Members present:

Ms. Kathryn Wilemon, Chairman
Mr. Rich DeOtte, Secretary
Ms. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor Collector
Mr. Jungus Jordan
Mr. J.R. Martinez
Mr. Tony Pompa

Also participating:

Mr. Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser
Matthew Tepper, TAD Board Attorney
Todd Clark, TAD HR Attorney

Ms. Wilemon called the meeting to order at 10:00am, and verified a quorum was present. Ms. Burgess arrived at 10:03am and Mr. DeOtte arrived at 10:09am. After the pledges and invocation, the Board took up the following Agenda items. Mr. Jordan moved to amend the Board’s speaker policy to allow for 3 minutes per speaker in each of the hearings and for items on the regular meeting or a total of 5 minutes for one item. Mr. Martinez seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

a. Public Hearing on 2023 Tarrant Appraisal District Annual Budget

The public was invited to address the Board during the public hearing; two speakers were heard and the hearing was closed.

b. Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Tarrant Appraisal District Biennial Reappraisal Plan

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6. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments

Twenty members from the public spoke.

7. Recess to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) & 551.074(a) & (b)

(A) Consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code, section 551.071(2), for consultation with its attorney on 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 requirements of the open meetings act on issues related to various complaints filed by a Tarrant Appraisal District employee with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(B) Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee related to the Chief Appraiser's handling of various complaints filed by a Tarrant Appraisal District employee with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The chair called for Executive Session as provided by Item 7 and the board recessed at 11:42am.

8. Reconvene In Open Session for Possible Further Discussion and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session on issues related to various complaints filed by a Tarrant Appraisal District employee with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation including the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief Appraiser.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 3:21pm as provided by Item 8 of the Agenda. Mr. DeOtte moved to release the August 11, 2022 summary review from Walsh Gallegos, Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Law explained to the board that he has suspended Randy Armstrong without pay. Mr. Pompa moved to suspend Jeff Law for two weeks, with Jeff Craig serving as Interim Chief Appraiser. Mr. Martinez seconded. The motion passed with Ms. Wilemon, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Pompa voting yes and Mr. DeOtte voting no.

9. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda Items

1. Action Regarding Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 10 and June 30, 2022
2. Consider authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreement Renewal Between Tarrant County and the Tarrant Appraisal District for Sheriff's Department Security Services
3. Authorize and Award Contract for Retiree Group Medical Supplemental Insurance for 2023
4. Action regarding hourly rate increase proposed by Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P.
5. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Laptop Computers

Mr. Jordan moved to pass the consent agenda items and Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. The consent agenda items passed unanimously.

b. Consider adopting FY2023 Tarrant Appraisal District Annual Budget

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the motion and Mr. Pompa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider adopting 2023-2024 Tarrant Appraisal District Biennial Reappraisal Plan

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the motion and Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Action regarding Approval of Additional Automobile Supplemental Stipend through December 2022

Mr. Pompa moved to approve the motion and Mr. Jordan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

10. ARB Chairman Report

11. Taxpayer Liaison Officer Report

12. Chief Appraiser Report

2022 Appraisal Roll Certification update


2022 Truth in Taxation post card mailing update

Announcements and IAAO CEAA recognition

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

Mr. Jordan suggested a future agenda item regarding the process and policy regarding Appointment of Agent forms. Mr. Pompa suggested a future agenda item for a policy regarding employee's ability to file formal complaints as TAD employees regarding agents. After noting that the next regular meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2022, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.


Kathryn Wilmon, Chairman


Rich DeOtte, Secretary