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TCAD - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MEETING

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by James Valadez at 11:30 a.m. on February 19, 2020 at 8314 Cross Park Drive, Austin, Texas 78754.

2. Establishment of Quorum

James Valadez, Chairperson	Travis County	Present
Bruce Grube, Vice Chairperson	Travis County	Present
Theresa Bastian, Secretary	Austin ISD	Present
Felipe Ulloa	Austin ISD/City of Austin	Present
Blanca Zamora-Garcia	City of Austin	Present
Eleanor Powell	City of Austin	Present
Ryan Steglich	Austin ISD	Present
Tom Buckle	West Travis County	Present
Anthony Nguyen	East Travis County	Absent
Bruce Elfant	Travis Co. Tax Assessor-Collector	Present

Also present were Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser, Leana Mann, Director of Operations, and Dustin Banks, In-house Counsel.

3. Citizens Communication

Members of the Board heard from:

- Mark Austin, Property Tax Group
- Steve Neal
- John Borge
- Susan Spataro, former Travis County Auditor
- Dr. Tom Leonard, Eanes ISD Superintendent (representing Dripping Springs ISD, Elgin ISD, Lake Travis ISD, Leander ISD, Marble Falls ISD, Pflugerville ISD and Round Rock ISD)

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting
- b. Taxpayer liaison report
- c. Section 25.25b report
- d. Accounting statements
- e. Line item transfers
- f. Personnel report

MOTION: Approve consent agenda
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Ryan Steglich **SECONDER:** Bruce Grube

AYES: James Valadez, Bruce Grube, Theresa Bastian, Felipe Ulloa, Blanca Zamora, Eleanor Powell, Ryan Steglich, Tom Buckle

ABSENT: Anthony Nguyen

5A. Discussion and possible action on chief appraiser report to include: 2020 valuation efforts, 2020 informal meeting preparation, taxpayer outreach programs, 2019 annual report, 2019 MAPS final report, 850 EAL renovation status

Members of the Board heard from:

- Dr. Tom Leonard, Eanes ISD Superintendent

Members of the board heard from:

Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5B. Discussion and possible action on purchase of phone system enhancements in support of 2020 informal meeting preparation

MOTION: Approve purchase of phone system enhancements
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bruce Grube **SECONDER:** Eleanor Powell

AYES: James Valadez, Bruce Grube, Theresa Bastian, Felipe Ulloa, Blanca Zamora, Eleanor Powell, Ryan Steglich, Tom Buckle

ABSENT: Anthony Nguyen

5C. Discussion and possible action on allocation of funds from reserves for technology enhancements for phone system enhancements

MOTION: Approve transfer of funds from reserves for phone system enhancements
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Theresa Bastian **SECONDER:** Blanca Zamora-Garcia

AYES: James Valadez, Bruce Grube, Theresa Bastian, Felipe Ulloa, Blanca Zamora, Eleanor Powell, Ryan Steglich, Tom Buckle

ABSENT: Anthony Nguyen

At 12:20 PM the Board moved to executive session; TO DELIBERATE ANY MATTER AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.001 et sec [THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT] INCLUDING:

SEC. 551.071; Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters on which the attorney has a duty to advise the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas (*Item 5D*)

SEC. 551.074; Personnel matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief Appraiser or other public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge.

SEC. 551.076; Deliberations regarding security devices

At 1:23 PM, the Board resumed the public session and returned to Item 5D.

5D. Discussion and possible action on litigation and appeals related to pending lawsuits and anticipated lawsuits

MOTION: Authorize Chief Appraiser to submit a second open records request to Comptroller

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Theresa Bastian **SECONDER:** Blanca Zamora-Garcia

AYES: James Valadez, Bruce Grube, Theresa Bastian, Felipe Ulloa, Blanca Zamora, Eleanor Powell, Ryan Steglich, Tom Buckle

ABSENT: Anthony Nguyen

5E. Discussion and possible action to add items to future agendas

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

Note: Board Members requested the following items be added to the next agenda:

- *Response to school districts who submitted a letter to TCAD Board of Directors at the February 19th meeting*
- *Potential litigation and alternatives to litigation*
- *Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

5F. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 1:25 PM

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Bruce Grube **SECONDER:** Eleanor Powell

AYES: James Valadez, Bruce Grube, Theresa Bastian, Felipe Ulloa, Blanca Zamora, Eleanor Powell, Ryan Steglich, Tom Buckle

ABSENT: Anthony Nguyen

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Bastian

Theresa Bastian, Secretary

Approved:

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James Valadez, Chairperson