

**Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2023**

This meeting was conducted "in person" and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute. A quorum of the members of the Board attended in person at TAD offices.

These minutes are a summary of the only subjects the board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the Agenda and Video posted on TAD's website at this URL:

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

and Video Recording posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TarrantADD>

Members Present:

Ms. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor Collector (9:03 arrival, 11:45am departure)

Mr. Rich DeOtte, Secretary, Presiding Officer until Chair was filled

Mr. Jungus Jordan

Mr. J.R. Martinez

Mr. Tony Pompa, Chairman

Mr. Vince Puente

Also Participating:

Mr. Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser

Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Attorney

Mr. DeOtte called the meeting to order at 9:02am and verified a quorum was present. Item 4 Pledges of Allegiance and Item 5 Invocation were moved ahead of Item 3. After the pledges and invocation, the board took up the following agenda items:

3. Reorganization of the Board to fill the vacant Chair position

Mr. Puente moved to nominate Rich DeOtte as Board Chair but the motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Jordan nominated Tony Pompa as Board Chair and Tax Assessor Collector Burgess seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments

Four members of the public spoke.

7. Action Items

- a. Action regarding approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes – May 12, 2023.

Mr. DeOtte moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Martinez seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action on TAD's policy on Unauthorized Outside Employment/ Self-Employment (conflict of interest)

Mr. Martinez moved to approve and adopt the subcommittee recommended revision to TAD's Unauthorized Outside Employment/ Self-Employment (conflict of interest) policy. Mr. Jordan seconded; Mr. Jordan, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Pompa, and Mr. Puente voted yes. Mr. DeOtte voted no. The motion passed 4-1.

c. Consider Authorization of Refund/Credit of Unspent Revenue from Fiscal Year 2022

Mr. DeOtte moved to pass the staff recommendation as written in the amount of \$689,435 from the FY2022 budget and Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A friendly amendment was suggested by Mr. Puente to specify the motion would be a refund to the taxing entities rather than a credit. This was accepted by Mr. DeOtte and Mr. Martinez and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d. Discussion and possible action on follow-up to 2024 Budget Workshop – Communication Consulting Services Expenses/ and Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Cloud Services (network security) and Testing Services

Jennifer Henderson and Christina Vela, Communications Consultants from J.O. Agency, spoke regarding the audit the Board hired them to perform. They spoke about their help with the press coverage TAD has received, the complex nature of the work TAD does, and best practices they recommend be implemented. Jeff Craig gave effects these recommendations could have on the budget and comparisons to some other appraisal districts. The board tabled the remaining discussion of the item until after the executive session to move on to Item 8.

8. Information Items

- a. Report by Taxpayer Liaison Officer
- b. Report by Appraisal Review Board Chairman
- c. Report by Chief Appraiser

Notification of appraisal record submission to the Appraisal Review Board

Verification that all TAD employees who have access to the computer system or database have completed cybersecurity training for the compliance year ending June 14, 2023 provided by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

Update on 2023 reappraisal efforts and taxpayer protests

9. Recess to executive session pursuant to the following part(s) of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code Ch. 551, for the following purposes:

Section 551.089 – Deliberation regarding security devices including security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology and network security information.

Section 551.074 – Deliberation on personnel matters related to the Chief Appraiser including deliberations on the “letter of repair” delivered to the Chief Appraiser on April 10, 2023.

The Board recessed into executive session at 11:21am. The Board reassembled to open session at 12:23pm.

10. Return to Open Session

- a. Vote on any matters considered in executive session

The Board took no action as a result of the executive session.

7d. Action Item cont.

Discussion and possible action on follow-up to 2024 Budget Workshop – Communication Consulting Services Expenses/ and Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Cloud Services (network security) and Testing Services, cont.

Mr. Puente moved to direct the staff to amend the proposed budget to reflect no more than a 2.8% max increase above last year’s budget. Mr. DeOtte seconded. The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

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

No items were proposed. The next regular meeting was announced as August 11th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38.



Tony Pompa, Chairman