

Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on December 16, 2025, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman New with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission

W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman

Robert C. Vaughn, Commissioner

Alejandro "Alex" Meade III, Commissioner

Steven D. Alvis, Commissioner

Administrative Staff

Marc D. Williams, Executive Director

Jeff Graham, General Counsel

Nicole Kennedy, Commission Clerk

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 1:42 p.m. on December 8, 2025, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act".

Agenda

Item 1. Safety Briefing

Executive Director Marc Williams directed that the Greer building safety video be shown on the screens in the Ric Williamson hearing room.

Item 2. Opening Comments from Commissioners and Executive Director

The commissioners and executive director made opening remarks.

Item 3. Consider the approval of the Minutes of the November 13, 2025, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Meade made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alvis, and the commission approved the minutes of the November 13, 2025, regular meeting by a vote of 4-0.

Item 4. Contracts

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and routine maintenance contracts

a. Highway Improvement and Other Transportation Facilities

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane Milligan. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Meade, and the commission approved Minute Order 117092 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117092 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Routine Maintenance

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane Milligan. Commissioner Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Meade, and the commission approved Minute Order 117093 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117093 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 5. Aviation

Consider the award of federal non-primary entitlement grant funding, federal apportionment grant funding, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act grant funding, and state grant funding for airport improvement projects at various locations

This item was presented by Aviation Division Director Dan Harmon. Commissioner Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Meade, and the commission approved Minute Order 117094 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117094 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 6. Promulgation of Administrative Rules Under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001:

Rule Proposal

Chapter 9 - Contract and Grant Management - Repeal of §9.4 (Civil Rights-Title VI Compliance), new §9.4 (Design-Build Contract Claim Procedure), and Amendments to §9.2 (Contract Claim Procedure), §9.6 (Contract Claim Procedure for Comprehensive Development Agreements and Certain Design-Build Contracts), and §9.8 (Enhanced Contract and Performance Monitoring) concerning Design-Build Contract Claim Procedures

This item was presented by Alternative Delivery Division Director Greg

Snider. Commissioner Meade made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117095 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117095 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 7. Contested Case

Travis County - Elite Castle Resources LLC v. Texas Department of Transportation; K-Bar Services, Inc. v. Texas Department of Transportation - Consider action on proposal for decision by an administrative law judge concerning Texas Department of Transportation's decision to debar Elite Castle Resources, LLC, for a period of 30 months and K-Bar Services, Inc. for a period of 34 months, final order with an effective date in 2025 for ethical violations

This item was presented by Senior General Counsel James Kirk. Commissioner Meade made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117096 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117096 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 8. Municipal Utility Relocation Reimbursement

Victoria County - Consider the approval of a request from the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District Number 1 to make the relocation of the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District Number 1's utility facilities required by the SH 185 highway improvement project an expense of the state under Transportation Code §203.092(a-4)

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Director Kyle Madsen. Commissioner Meade made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117097 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117097 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 9. Eminent Domain Proceedings

Various Counties - Consider the authorization of the filing of condemnation proceedings to acquire real property by eminent domain for non-controlled and controlled access highways

This item was presented by Right of Way Division Director Kyle Madsen. Commissioner Alvis made a motion in accordance with §2206.053(e) of the Texas Government Code for the Department's use of eminent domain to acquire certain properties described in the minute order

and that the first record vote applies to all units of property described therein. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meade, and Minute Order 117098 was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117098 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 10. Routine Minute Orders and Reports

This item was presented by Executive Director Marc Williams. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Meade, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117099 – 117108 by a vote of 4-0.

a. Donations to the Department

Various Districts - Consider the acknowledgment of donations with a value of \$500 or more, including donations of money, materials, services, or real property, that are made to the department for the purpose of assisting the department in carrying out its functions and duties or for improving access to or from a highway on the state highway system

Minute Order 117099 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Dispositions

(1) Austin County - US 90/SL350 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117100 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Cooke County - US 82 - Consider the sale of right of way to the city of Gainesville, Texas

Minute Order 117101 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) Denton County - US 377 - Consider the exchange of real property as part of a transaction to acquire real property needed for state highway purpose

Minute Order 117102 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(4) Ellis County - FM 85 - Consider an easement release to the underlying fee owner

Minute Order 117103 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(5) Harris County - Old Katy Road- Consider the sale of right if way to the Harris County Municipal Utility District Number 537

Minute Order 117104 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(6) Harris County - I 10 - Consider authorizing the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into a lease agreement with the University of Houston System to lease land for motor vehicle parking beneath elevated portions of I 10

Minute Order 117105 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(7) Shelby County - US 96- Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117106 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Reports

(1) Compliance Division Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

(2) Environmental Report

Consider the acceptance of the report on projects being processed under the procedures of Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter I-1

The written report was provided to the commission.

d. Transportation Planning

LBJ East, Midtown Express, and DFW Connector - Various Counties -

Consider concurrence with the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' funding of construction and other project development costs of projects to be advanced through the use of payments received from the respective toll projects in accordance with the respective project agreements

Minute Order 117107 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

e. Speed Zones

Various Counties - Consider the establishment or alteration of regulatory and construction speed zones on various sections of highways in the state

Minute Order 117108 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 §551.071 - Consultation with advice from legal counsel regarding any item

on this agenda, pending or contemplating litigation, or other legal matters
The commission did not meet in executive session.

Open Comment Period

At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the department. No action will be taken. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

The open comment period was addressed prior to Item 11 Executive Session. The commission received six comments. The commission heard comments from Texas Rail Advocates Peter LeCody on Freight and Passenger Rail Projects; Landowner Kaddo Kothmann regarding US 83; Attorney Luke Davis representing Kaddo Kothmann and his property on US 83 in Menard County; Brownsville City Commissioner Nurith Galonsky regarding funding projects throughout Brownsville Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization; Eagle Pass Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Placido Madera regarding Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Award, Eagle Pass MPO and local transportation projects; and Eagle Pass City Manager Homero Balderas regarding City of Eagle Pass TA Grant Award.

Adjournment

Commissioner Meade motioned adjournment and Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. The commission voted 4-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on January 29, 2026:



W. Alvin New, Acting Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct record of all proceedings and official records of the Texas Transportation Commission at its regular meeting on December 16, 2025, in Austin, Texas.



Nicole Kennedy, Commission Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation