

**Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Called Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023**

This meeting was conducted "in person" and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute and was broadcast live on Facebook. 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 & Video posted on TAD's website at this URL: <https://www.tad.org/board-of-directors> and Video Recording posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/TarrantAD>

Members Present:

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

Also Participating:

Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Attorney

Chair Pompa called the meeting to order at 9:30am and verified a quorum was present. The notice was posted timely. After pledges and the Invocation, the Board took up the following agenda items:

5. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments

One member of the public spoke.

7(a) The search for a permanent chief appraiser

This item was taken up before recessing to executive session. Darien George, Managing Partner of MacKenzie Eason and Gary Zeitler of Eagle Group presented and answered questions from the board.

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

At 10:17am, the Board recessed into Executive Session as provided in Item 6 of the Agenda.

Section 551.074 – Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee related to the search for a permanent chief appraiser.

Section 551.071 – Deliberation on a matter in which the Board of Directors seeks the advice of its attorney about contemplated litigation 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 conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, related to statements made by Tarrant Appraisal District's former director of Information Services regarding the Tarrant Appraisal District's information systems.

At 11:19am, the Board returned to Open Session as provided in Item 7 of the Agenda.

7. Return to Open Session

- a. The search for a permanent chief appraiser and;

Mr. DeOtte moved to authorize Matthew Tepper from the law firm MVBA to execute a contract with MacKenzie Eason for the search for a chief appraiser. Mr. Puente seconded the motion. Mr. Martinez abstained as he was not present for one of the presentations. The motion passed 4-0.

- b. Statements made by Tarrant Appraisal District's former director of information services regarding Tarrant Appraisal District's information systems.

No action was taken regarding this item.

8. Action Item

Discussion and possible action on procedure for messages/mail received at the TAD offices for Board Members.

No action was taken. The board reiterated the importance of communicating mail addressed to the board within 24 hours. The Interim Chief Appraiser assured the Board this would be followed. The possibility of setting up @tad.org email addresses was discussed and is being looked into.

9. Information Items

Interim Chief Appraiser, William Durham, reported that the letter regarding the TAD Board of Directors went to the entities on September 22, 2023 and he gave an overview of the deadline dates. He mentioned that TAD won the TCDRS Digital Hall of Fame Gold Medal for digital adoption of employee pension access. He honored Jeff Craig's forty years of service, his contribution to teaching appraising statewide, and recognized that TAD won the GFOA Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting again.

Propose future agenda items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

The Board anticipates a called meeting at 9:30am, October 12th. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.



Tony Pompa, Chairman