

Texas Transportation Commission Minutes

Introduction

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) held on March 25, 2026, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman W. Alvin New with the following 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, P.E., Executive Director

Jeff Graham, General Counsel

Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1:56 p.m. on March 17, 2026, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

Agenda

Item 1. Safety Briefing

Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E., directed the Dewitt C. Greer State Highway 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. Approval of Minutes

Consider the approval of the February 26, 2026, regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis. The commission approved the minutes of the February 26, 2026, regular meeting by a vote of 4-0.

Item 4. Contracts

Consider the award or rejection of contracts for highway construction and maintenance, and construction and rehabilitation of buildings

a. Highway Improvements and Other Transportation Facilities

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane S. Milligan, P.E. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117145 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117145 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Routine Maintenance

This item was presented by Construction Division Director Duane S. Milligan, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117146 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117146 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Construction and Rehabilitation of Buildings

This item was presented by Support Services Division Director Brian Sweat, R.A. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117147 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117147 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 5. Discussion Item

Digital Delivery

This discussion was led by Design Division Director Jason Pike, P.E. The commission asked questions and discussed the topic. The commission received no comments.

Item 6. Aviation

Various Counties - 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 Steven D. Alvis made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117148 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117148 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 7. Public Transportation

Various Counties - Consider the award of discretionary federal §5339(b) Program funds and state funds to rural transit districts

This item was presented by Public Transportation Division Director Eric Gleason. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Order 117149 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117149 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 8. Promulgation of Administrative Rules Under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001:

a. Rule Proposals

(1) Chapter 4 – Employment Practices - Amendments to §4.21 and §4.25, modifying and updating program rules to the Texas Department of Transportation’s Conditional Grant Program

This item was presented by Human Resources Division Director Christopher Young, PhD. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute Order 117150 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117150 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Chapter 12 - Public Donations and Participation Program - Amendments to §12.2 and the repeal of §12.5 concerning the Landscape Cost Sharing Program

This item was presented by Design Division Director Jason Pike, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steven D. Alvis, and the commission approved Minute

Order 117151 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117151 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Final Adoption

Chapter 9 – Contract and Grant Management - Adopts the 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, P.E. Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn, and the commission approved Minute Order 117152 by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117152 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, J.D. Commissioner Steven D. Alvis made a motion in accordance with §2206.053(e) of the Texas Government Code for the Texas Department of Transportation’s use of eminent domain to acquire certain properties described in the minute order therein. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro “Alex” Meade, III, and Minute Order 117153 was

approved by a vote of 4-0.

Minute Order 117153 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 10. Routine Minute Orders and Reports

This item was presented by Executive Director Marc D. Williams, P.E. Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III, and the commission approved Minute Orders 117154-117160 by a vote of 4-0.

a. Donations to the Department

Various Counties – 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 Texas Department of Transportation (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 117154 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

b. Real Estate Dispositions

(1) Caldwell County - SH 21 - Consider the quitclaim of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117155 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(2) Caldwell and Hays Counties - SH 21 - Consider the quitclaim of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117156 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(3) Hill County - SH 31 - Consider the sale of right of way to an abutting landowner

Minute Order 117157 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

(4) Johnson County - BI 35V/BU 67N - Consider the sale of right of way to a governmental entity with the authority to condemn the property and the quitclaim of an interest that might have accrued to the state by use

Minute Order 117158 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

c. Reports

Compliance Division Report

The written report was provided to the commission.

d. Transportation Planning

Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Toll Facilities - 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 regional toll projects, in accordance with their respective projects agreements

Minute Order 117159 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 117160 is on file with the commission chief clerk.

Item 11. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 §551.071 – Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda, pending or contemplated 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 Texas Transportation 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 Texas Department of Transportation. 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 commission heard comments from Montgomery County Deputy Chief of Staff Jason Smith on transportation funding for local governments; Pecos City Manager Charles Lino spoke about the Reeves County Regional Mobility Authority application; Port of Houston Chief Executive Officer Charlie Jenkins spoke about freight roadway conditions and the need for funding consideration and priority; EMC Strategy Group Founder/Owner Ernie Gonzalez, Jr. spoke about Reeves County/City of Pecos transportation projects. The commission received no further comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Alejandro "Alex" Meade, III motioned adjournment and Commissioner Steven D. Alvis seconded the motion. The commission voted 4-0 to adjourn. The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on April 30, 2026.

Handwritten signature of W. Alvin New in black ink.

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 March 25, 2026, in Austin, Texas.

Handwritten signature of Amanda Brown in blue ink.

Amanda Brown, Commission Chief Clerk

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