



CITY OF AUSTIN
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MINUTES

BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX

June 11, 2026 – 10AM

Committee Members

Ben Ellinor, Committee Chair ±
Diana Thomas, Committee Vice-Chair
Michael Benson
Krista Laine ±
Kennard Wright

Other Board Trustees

Kelly Crook
Anthony Ross
Kaz Wojtewicz
Dick Lavine ±
Jie Li *
(Ed Van Eenoo)

Staff

Christopher Hanson
Russell Nash
Shawna Santos
Jenni Bonds
Michelle Mahaini
Teresa Cantu
Blake Lemen
Candace Nolte *
Immanuel Smith
Yun Quintanilla

Guests

Paige Saenz, General Counsel
Dr. Harold Skaggs
Ryan Falls, Milliman ±
Brad Oxford, ClarkHill ±
Katelyn McAlister, COAERS Intern

± Present via videoconference

* Present telephonically

(Absent)

1. Call roll of Committee members – Board Chair Thomas

Board Chair Diana Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The following Committee members were present in person: Thomas and Wright. The following Committee members were present via videoconference: Ellinor and Laine.

2. Review order of business and meeting objectives – Board Chair Thomas

Board Chair Thomas reviewed the order of business and meeting objectives with the Committee. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

3. Receive public comments – Board Chair Thomas

Board Chair Thomas asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

4. Consider approval of the March 19, 2026 Benefits and Services Committee minutes – Board Chair Thomas

Board Chair Thomas asked the Committee to review the Benefits and Services Committee minutes. Mr. Kennard Wright moved to approve the March 19, 2026 Committee meeting minutes as presented, and Mr. Ben Ellinor seconded. The motion passed, 4-0.

5. Discuss and consider disability retirement application #2602, #2603, #2604 – Board Chair Thomas

A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to sec. 13, art. 6243n, and sec. 551.0785 Texas Government Code, to review disability retirement #2602, #2603, #2604

B. Reconvene from Executive Session pursuant to sec. 13, art. 6243n, and sec. 551.0785 Texas Government Code, to make recommendations as determined appropriate by the Committee on disability retirement #2602, #2603, #2604

The Committee convened into Executive Session at 10:05AM and reconvened into open session at 10:26AM

Mr. Michael Benson joined the meeting in person at 10:10AM

Mr. Benson moved to approve disability retirement applicant #2602, and Mr. Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Benson moved to approve disability retirement applicant #2603, and Mr. Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Benson moved to deny disability retirement applicant #2604, and Mr. Wright seconded. The motion passed, 4-1 with Mr. Wright voting against.

6. Receive report on IRS Compliance – Russell Nash

Mr. Russell Nash and Ms. Teresa Cantu presented the annual IRS compliance report to the Committee and noted that there were no requirement changes to the plan. Mr. Nash introduced Mr. Brad Oxford of ClarkHill and answered the Committee's questions.

7. Receive update on special actuarial study – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Christopher Hanson and Mr. Ryan Falls of Milliman updated the Committee on the status of the special actuarial study.

8. Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items – Board Chair Thomas

Board Chair Thomas summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting. She asked for any future agenda items and there were no further items to address.

Board Chair Thomas adjourned the June 11, 2026 Benefits and Services Committee meeting at 10:34AM.

Approved at the August 28, 2026 Benefits and Services Committee meeting