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CITY OF AUSTIN
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference
Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 511.127
Thursday, May 22, 2026 – 11:30 AM
4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78723

Board Trustees	Others Present: Staff	Guests
Diana Thomas, Chair	Christopher Hanson	Paige Saenz, General Counsel
Dick Lavine, Vice Chair	Russell Nash	
Ben Ellinor	Shawna Santos	
Anthony B. Ross, Sr.	Jenni Bonds	
Ed Van Eenoo	Mehrin Rahman	
Kennard Wright	David Kushner	
Kaz Wojtewicz	David Stafford	
Jie Li	Ty Sorrel	
(Michael Benson)	Kelly Doggett	± Present via videoconference
(Kelly Crook)	Ricardo Carlos	* Present telephonically
(Krista Laine)	Yun Quintanilla	(Absent)

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Diana Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:17PM.

2. Call roll of Trustees

The following Board members were present in person: Thomas, Lavine, Ellinor, Ross, Van Eenoo, Wright, Wojtewicz.

Ms. Jie Li arrived at 12:19PM

3. Review order of business and establish meeting objectives

Chair Thomas reviewed the order of business and meeting objectives with the Board.

4. Receive System member and public comments

Chair Thomas asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were none.

5. Discuss and consider the following regarding vacancy for Trustee Place 7

A. Trustee Place 7 resignation letter

Trustees received a letter from Mr. Ben Ellinor who resigned from his Trustee Place 7 position. Mr. Christopher Hanson informed the Board that per Texas law, Mr. Ellinor continues to serve on the Board until a successor is elected. Mr. Anthony Ross moved to accept Mr. Ellinor's resignation of Place 7. Mr. Kennard Wright seconded, and the motion passed, 8-0. Trustees expressed their gratitude for Mr. Ellinor's service.

B. Special Active Election Committee and Timeline

Mr. Russell Nash presented the Nominating and Election Committee member list for a special election to fill the vacancy for the Trustee Place 7 position. Mr. Ross moved to appoint the Nominating and Election Committee for a Special Election for Place 7. Ms. Jie Li seconded, and the motion passed, 8-0.

C. 2026 Administrative Budget Amendment

Mr. Hanson presented a proposed amendment to the 2026 Administrative Budget to include the additional cost of the Trustee Place 7 special election. Mr. Dick Lavine moved to approve the amended 2026 Administrative Budget as proposed. Mr. Ross seconded, and the motion passed, 8-0.

6. Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

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.

Chair Thomas adjourned the May 22, 2026 Special Called Board Committee meeting at 12:25 PM.

Minutes were approved at the June 25, 2026 Board meeting.