

These are the minutes of the special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on May 26, 2021, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bugg with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.	Chairman
Laura Ryan	Commissioner
Alvin New	Commissioner
Robert C. Vaughn	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

James Bass, Executive Director
 Jeff Graham, General Counsel
 Robin Carter, Commission Chief 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 11:11 a.m. on May 18, 2021, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

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

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 commission received no open comments.

ITEM 2. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551

- a. Section 551.071** - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda, pending or contemplated litigation, or other legal matters.
- b. Section 551.074** - Deliberate on the election and compensation of an interim executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.
- c. Section 551.074** - Deliberate on the search for a new executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.
- d. Section 551.074** - Deliberate on the election and compensation of an executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The commission recessed to executive session at 10:04 a.m. and returned from executive session at 11:26 a.m.

Item 3. Election of Executive Director

Elect the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation and approve compensation (MO)

This item was presented by Commission Chairman Bruce Bugg. Commissioner Ryan made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner New, and the commission approved the following minute order by a vote of 4 - 0.

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Transportation Code, Section 201.301, provides that the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) shall elect an executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation (department), who must be experienced and skilled in transportation planning and development and in organizational management.

Due to the resignation of Executive Director James M. Bass, it is necessary to elect a successor to assure the orderly transition of duties of executive director, thereby protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public. The department's posted job vacancy notice for the executive director position opened on February 12, 2021, attracting a number of candidates for the position.

All of the applications submitted for the position of executive director were reviewed. The commission evaluated the qualifications, background, and experience of the many well-qualified candidates. The results of those evaluations and of interviews with the top candidates indicate that Marc Williams is best qualified for the position. Recognizing the proven abilities, professional expertise and qualifications, administrative talents, and leadership qualities, the commission determines that Marc Williams possesses the skills and experience that fully satisfy the requisites of law and policy applicable to the position of executive director of the department and the attributes necessary for performance of those duties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that Marc Williams is elected as executive director of the department, to assume the full range of duties and responsibilities of that position beginning on or about June 1, 2021, conditioned on Marc Williams satisfying the conditions of employment, as stated in the job requisition for the position.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as the executive director of the department, Marc Williams is to be compensated at an annual salary of \$344,000.


Item 4. Election of Interim Executive Director

Elect an interim executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation and approve compensation (MO)

This item was not considered by the commission.

Commissioner Vaughn motioned adjournment and Commissioner New seconded the motion. The commission voted 4 - 0 to adjourn. The special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

APPROVED by the Texas Transportation Commission on June 30, 2021:



J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission

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 special meeting on May 26, 2021, in Austin, Texas.



Robin Carter, Commission Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation

