

**Tarrant Appraisal District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2024**

This meeting was conducted "in person" and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute. 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 and video posted on TAD's website at this url: <https://www.tad.org/board-of-directors> and video recording posted at: <https://www.tad.org/TarrantAD>

**Members present:**

Ms. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor Collector (remote during executive session)  
Mr. Rich DeOtte  
Mr. Alan Blaylock  
Mr. Gary Losada  
Ms. Gloria Peña, Secretary  
Mr. Vince Puente, Chairman

**Also Participating:**

Mr. Joe Don Bobbitt, Chief Appraiser  
Mr. Brad Patrick, Director of Administration  
Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Attorney

Chairman Vince Puente called the meeting to order at 3:01pm and verified the quorum was present. And that the notice was posted timely. After pledges and the Invocation, the Board took up the following agenda items:

**5. Recognize visitors; Hear Public Comments**

Mr. Bennett, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Crouch and Mr. Miller spoke.

**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 3:27pm the Board recessed into executive session as provided in Item 6 of the Agenda.

Section 551.076 – Deliberation regarding security devices, security software or security audits.

Before the board returned from executive session, Lindsay Nickle, Attorney from Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP gave a statement from the Board as follows:

"We'll provide additional updates as additional information is learned through that investigation and the board is working now on additional measures that the district will take in response to this incident." She also took questions from the press.

**7. Return to Open Session for Possible Action on Items Deliberated on in Executive/Closed**

Session At 5:50pm, the Board returned to Open Session as provided in Item 7 of the Agenda.

Reconvene in open session for possible further discussion & possible action on items deliberated in executive session related to security devices, security software & security issues.

**8. Consider and possible action on purchase of Office365, SentinelOne, and engagement with a cybersecurity consultant; consider moving committed funds to the general fund for purchase of these items.**

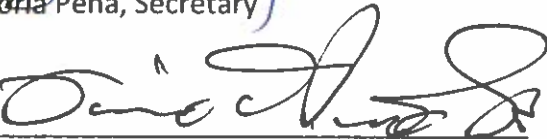
Mr. Blaylock moved to pass the staff recommendation to authorize the Chief Appraiser to negotiate the purchase of Office365 not to exceed \$125,000, SentinelOne not to exceed \$70,000, and to engage with Improving Enterprises not to exceed \$40,000. Further authorize the movement from the committed fund to the general fund for these purchases. Mr. Losada seconded and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**9. Propose Future Agenda Items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn**

Mr. Puente made the following points, the investigation is ongoing, the board has been briefed by IS and third-party experts. The board has voted for additional funding to address needs, and takes privacy and security very seriously. Thank you for your understanding.

There were no future agenda items. The Board anticipates a called meeting in April but does not have a planned date yet. The meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria Peña, Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Vince Puente, Chairman