

These are the minutes of the special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on January 7, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Houghton with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

Ted Houghton	Chairman
Fred Underwood	Commissioner
Jeff Austin III	Commissioner
Jeff Moseley	Commissioner
Victor Vandergriff	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Phil Wilson, Executive Director
 Jeff Graham, General Counsel
 Rose Guajardo Walker, Chief Clerk
 Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk

Registration sheets listing others in attendance are on file with the Texas Department of Transportation, Assistant 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 4:35 p.m. on December 30, 2013, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

ITEM 1. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551

a. Section 551.074 - Deliberate on the search for a new executive director, and the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of staff reporting to the commission office.

b. Section 551.074 - Deliberate on the election and compensation of an interim executive director.

The commission recessed to executive session at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened from executive session at 6:28 p.m.

ITEM 2. Administrative Appointment

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

Commissioner Austin made a motion, which was seconded, and the commission approved the following minute order by a vote of 5 - 0. This item was presented by General Counsel Jeff Graham.

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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 scheduled January 31, 2014 resignation of the incumbent executive director, Phil Wilson, it is necessary to elect an interim executive director to assume those duties until a permanent successor executive director is elected by the commission.

James Bass possesses the qualities necessary to ensure an orderly transition of duties, thereby protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public.

Recognizing the professional expertise and qualifications, the commission determines that James Bass possesses skills and experience that fully satisfy the requisites of law and policy applicable to the position of chief executive officer of the department.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that James Bass is elected as interim executive director, to assume the full range of duties and responsibilities of that position effective January 17, 2014 and to remain in that position until a successor to Executive Director Phil Wilson is elected by the commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the interim Executive Director of the department be compensated at the rate of \$292, 500 per year.

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 further comments.

The special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ted Houghton, 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 regular meeting on January 7, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas.



Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation