

# MINUTES

## GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The regular meeting of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite A, Texas City, Texas.

Members present:

Don Gartman  
Chad Tressler  
Matt Doyle  
Will Pate  
Kathy Preston  
Tom Farmer  
Warren Clark  
Scott Brast

Members Absent:

Cheryl E. Johnson

GCAD Staff in Attendance: Chief Appraiser Krystal L. McKinney, Chief Financial Officer Bertha Curry, General Counsel Marc Young, Legal Assistant Michelle Follis, Taxpayer Liaison Officer Norman Franzke, Deputy Chief Appraiser Michael Stephenson, Strategic Communications Officer Michelle Gilliland, Human Resources Director Andrew Saul, and staff members John Varner and Dianna Wakefield.

Community Guests Attending: Timothy Heid, Ricky Wakefield and Matt McKinney.

### 1. Open Session

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM with quorum present.

### 2. Public Comments

No members of the public were signed up to speak.

### 3. Awards

#### a. Employee of the Month – March

The Board recognized Beverly Beam as Employee of the Month for March.

#### b. Directors of the 1st Quarter

The Board recognized John Varner and Dianna Wakefield as Directors of the 1st Quarter.

### 4. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Board of Directors.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Tom Farmer.

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### 5a. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes from February 11th, 2026, Regular Meeting

Mr. Tressler **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Dr. Pate **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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### **5b. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28th, 2026.**

Mr. Tressler **MOVED** to approve the financial report. Mr. Brast **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **5c. ARB Report**

The Appraisal Review Board report was presented. No additional comments were made.

### **5d. Taxpayer Liaison Officer Report – February 2026**

The Taxpayer Liaison Officer reported 4 contacts during February: 1 complaint and 3 general inquiries, all resolved. Mr. Franzke also noted the passing of former ARB member Leroy Ellis III. The Board directed that a letter of condolence be sent.

### **5e. Chief Appraiser Report**

The Chief Appraiser presented a proposed Board Calendar for review; provided updated organizational chart noting open positions; introduced Deputy Chief Appraiser Michael Stephenson; and provided operational updates including fieldwork progress, audits, and preparation for 2026 notices.

### **5f. General Counsel Report - February 2026**

General Counsel reported approximately 80–90 lawsuits resolved, with remaining cases ongoing and updates on litigation matters.

**6. Closed Executive Session** – Chairman stated the board did not need to go into closed session and moved onto the next agenda item.

### **7. Reconvened in Open Session**

The board did not go into closed session.

### **8. Consideration and Action on Any Item Discussed during the Closed Executive Session.**

#### **a. Resolution Authorizing Section 42.02 Legal Action.**

Mr. Tressler **MOVED** to approve the resolution. Mr. Farmer **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **9a. Board Comments**

Mr. Brast expressed appreciation for calendar updates.

#### **9b. Correspondence**

None at this time.

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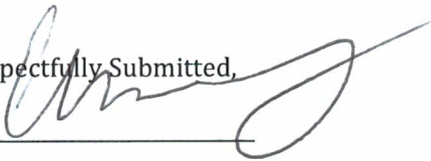
**10. Set Date of Next Regular Meeting.**

- a. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, at 4:00 PM

**11. Adjournment**

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

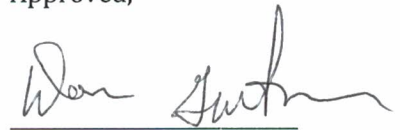


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Chad Tressler

Board Secretary

Approved,



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Donald Gartman

Chairman