

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

25-0170

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE  
MAYOR ERIC L. JOHNSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Bazaldua (\*\*9:38 a.m.), West (\*\*9:33 a.m.), Moreno (\*\*11:34 a.m.), Gracey, Arnold, Resendez, Narvaez, \*Blackmon (\*\*12:49 p.m.), Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The innovation was given by Councilmember Zarin Gracey.

Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiances of the United States of America and Texas State Flag.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 11:34 a.m. [Blackmon (\*\*12:49 p.m.)]

The meeting recessed to closed session at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 7:40 p.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 7:40 p.m. due to loss of a quorum.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary Date Approved

The annotated agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the city council are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

A reconsideration pertaining to a matter considered by the city council is filed with the City Secretary and is comprised of EXHIBIT C to the minutes of this meeting.

**\*Note: Members of the City Council participated in this meeting by video conference.**

**\*\*Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened**

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

At the beginning of each briefing meeting of the city council a time is set aside for the mayor and city council to recognize special individuals or groups, to read mayoral proclamations, to confer honorary citizenships, and to make special presentations.

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CITIZEN SPEAKERS

In accordance with the City Council Rules of Procedure, the city council provided "open microphone" opportunities for the following individuals to comment on matters that were scheduled on the city council voting agenda or to present concerns or address issues that were not matters for consideration listed on the posted meeting agenda:

**OPEN MICROPHONE – BEGINNING OF MEETING:**

SPEAKER: Linda Newland, 2468 Dorrington Dr.  
SUBJECT: Poison you'll put in our water

SPEAKER: Sylvia Lagos, 101 Singleton Blvd.  
SUBJECT: Council Office District Chief of Staff  
REPRESENTING: La Bajada Neighborhood Association

SPEAKER: Sharon Howard, 4116 Plum Leaf Ct  
SUBJECT: Council Office District Chief of Staff

SPEAKER: Wes Keyes, 202 N. Clinton Ave.  
SUBJECT: Council Office District Chief of Staff  
REPRESENTING: Brother Bill's Helping Hand

SPEAKER: J. Damany Daniel, 3523 Puget St.  
SUBJECT: Council Office District Chief of Staff

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the December 4, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember West moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez and unanimously adopted. (Moreno, Blackmon, Mendelsohn absent when vote taken)

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Item 2: Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions and the evaluation and duties of board and commission members (List of nominees is available in the City Secretary's Office)

The city secretary distributed a report showing nominations were received and indicated the nominees met qualifications for service with the term for appointment for the 2023-2025 (term beginning October 1, 2023).

Councilmember Resendez moved to appoint the following:

- Timothy Jackson to the Community Police Oversight Board;
- Cristian Diaz and Karsten Francis to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board;
- Fredia Thomas to the Permit and License Appeal Board; and
- Sienna Encarnacion to the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted. (Moreno, Blackmon absent when vote taken)

**[Information on each newly-appointed member is located in the file shown next to the name of the board.]**

<b>25-5254</b>	<b>CPO</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD</b>
<b>25-5255</b>	<b>MLK</b>	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD</b>
<b>25-5256</b>	<b>PLAB</b>	<b>PERMIT AND LICENSE APPEAL BOARD</b>
<b>25-5257</b>	<b>SDF</b>	<b>SOUTH DALLAS/FAIR PARK OPPORTUNITY FUND BOARD</b>

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Briefing A: Senate Bill 929 Update

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing B: Planning & Development Department Updates

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: Thanks-Giving Square Update

The following individual briefed the city council on the item:

- Kyle Ogdon, President and CEO, The Thanks-Giving Foundation

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CLOSED SESSION

Item 3: Attorney Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

- Janie Cisneros v. The City of Dallas, et. al., DC-23-21102.

Item 4: Real Estate (Sec. 551.072 T.O.M.A.)

- (1) Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, the Bullington Truck Terminal, generally located underground at 1627 Pacific Avenue, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and (2) seek the advice of the City Attorney on this matter (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

Item 5: Personnel (Sec. 551.074 T.O.M.A.)

Interview the following candidates, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Affairs, and deliberate the appointment of the city manager:

- William Johnson
- Mario Lara
- Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

At 10:07 a.m., Mayor Johnson announced the closed session of the city council authorized by Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the (Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss the following matters:

Item 3: Attorney Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

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ADDITION:

Attorney Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

- Briefing B: Planning & Development Department Updates

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 11:34 a.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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