

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

25-1600

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

PRESENT: [15] Mayor Johnson, Moreno, Willis, West (\*\*9:27 a.m.), Gracey, Johnson, Resendez (\*\*9:25 a.m.), Cadena, Bazaldua, Blair, Blackmon, Stewart (\*\*9:51 a.m.), Roth, Mendelsohn (\*\*9:29 a.m.), Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The innovation was given by Councilmember Maxie Johnson.

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.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

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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: Brent Johnson, 3618 W. Jeffaline Ln.  
SUBJECT: Politics

SPEAKER: Felipe Ramirez, 6718 Brooklawn Dr. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Erosion and proposed Gabion Walls

SPEAKER: Bryce Martin, 3030 Hester Ave.  
SUBJECT: Homelessness

SPEAKER: John Hollis, 2370 Victory Ave.  
SUBJECT: Homelessness

SPEAKER: Edward Gardella, 4207 Bowser Ave.  
SUBJECT: Homelessness

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

SPEAKER: Gloria Carbajal, 509 Pecan St., Ferris, TX.  
SUBJECT: Horse carriages

SPEAKER: Nicole Mika, 453 Park Ln., Wood Dale, IL.  
SUBJECT: Ban horse drawn carriages  
REPRESENTING: Ban Horse Drawn Carriages Dallas

SPEAKER: Ade Williams, 3906 Kenwood Dr. McKinney, TX.  
SUBJECT: Federal Grant Compliance Task Force

SPEAKER: Monique Machado, 11001 Dyre St., El Paso, TX.  
SUBJECT: Horse carriages

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Item 1:           Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Budget Workshop City Council Meeting

The following registered speaker addressed the city council on the item:

Sam Williams, 4646 Amesbury Dr.

Councilmember West moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez and unanimously adopted.

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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 a nomination was received and indicated the nominee met qualifications for service with the term for appointment for the 2025-2027 (term beginning October 1, 2023).

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved to appoint the following [Deferred from the September 24, 2025 city council meeting by Councilmember Bazaldua Per section 7.11 of the Council Rules and Procedures]:

- Judy J. Nordseth, Visual Arts, to the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission;
- Jared Slade to the Board of Adjustment;
- Tramonica Brown and Elizabeth D. Gifford, both General public, to the Citizen Homelessness Commission;
- Larry Hall, Melissa Kingston and Collin G. Koonce to the City Plan and Zoning Commission;
- Cassandra James to the Civil Service Board Adjunct Members;
- Candace Wicks, Person with disability and Selina C. Glasscock, Committed to the community of disabled persons, to the Commission on Disabilities;
- Homero Gonzalez to the Community Development Commission;
- Marcy Helfand, Ryan Moore and Ryan J. Garcia to the Dallas Housing Finance Corporation Board;
- Jordan Clark, General public, to the Environmental Commission;
- Natalie J. LeVeck, Possesses a juris doctorate degree, to the Ethics Advisory Commission;
- Janice S. Bloom to the Judicial Nominating Commission;
- David Preziosi, Historian, Urban Planner, to the Landmark Commission;
- Neel Shetti to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board;
- Sandra S. Zucker and Robyn Kirk to the Municipal Library Board;
- Sally P. Hodge to the Park and Recreation Board;
- Jennifer Shinn to the Permit and License Appeal Board;
- Lisa A. Kelly, 55+ years of age, to the Senior Affairs Commission;
- William Dawkins and Juan Saenz, both Loan writing experience, to the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board;
- Juan Preciado, Currently serving in the US military, to the Veteran Affairs Commission;
- Avalon Wilburn and Rosemary Perez Hartzel, both Full-time student, to the Youth Commission;
- Jill Beth Hayes, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Eighteen Board (Maple/Mockingbird);

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- Karen Pierre, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Six Board (Farmers Market);
- Anthony P. Vedda, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Ten Board (Southwest Medical);
- Todd Atkins, Rockwall County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Thirteen Board (Grand Park);
- Jonathon Hetzel, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Twelve Board (Deep Ellum); and
- Kelly Drake, Vice Chair, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez.

Councilmember West moved to divide the vote on Natalie J. LeVeck.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua.

Councilmember Mendelsohn requested a record vote.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West motion to divide the vote on Natalie J. LeVeck.

Voting Yes: [11] Willis, West, Gracey, Johnson,  
Resendez, Cadena, Bazaldua, Blair,  
Blackmon, Stewart, Ridley

Voting No: [4] Mayor Johnson, Moreno, Roth, Mendelsohn

The city secretary declared the motion divided.

Mayor Johnson called a vote on Councilmember Mendelsohn's original motion to appoint all individuals except Natalie J. LeVeck and declared motion unanimously adopted.

During discussion Councilmember Mendelsohn requested a record vote on divided motion to adopt Natalie J. LeVeck.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called a vote on Councilmember Mendelsohn's motion to appoint Natalie J. Laveck.

Voting Yes: [6] Mayor Johnson, Moreno, Johnson,  
Stewart, Roth, Mendelsohn

Voting No: [9] Willis, West, Gracey, Resendez, Cadena, Bazaldua,  
Blair, Blackmon, Ridley

The city secretary declared the motion failed.

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Councilmember Blackmon moved to appoint the following:

- Rachael Gearing, General public, to the Animal Advisory Commission;
- Michael A. Quint and Stuart Campbell to the Board of Adjustment;
- Diana Einstein, General public, to the Citizen Homelessness Commission;
- Matthew C. Bach to the Community Development Commission;
- Julia A. Simon to the Community Police Oversight Board;
- Kathryn L. Guerra, General public, to the Environmental Commission;
- Andres Villareal, Possesses a juris doctorate degree to the Ethics Advisory Commission;
- Larry Offutt, Historic Preservation and Louis G. Renaud, Architect, Historic Preservation to the Landmark Commission;
- Jessica Jolly to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board;
- Brian G. McGahan, Vana Hammond, Jon A Pinkus and Daniel Wood to the Park and Recreation Board;
- Stephen Jeffus to the Permit and License Appeal Board;
- Renee Karp and Teresita Delgado, both 55+ years of age, to the Senior Affairs Commission;
- Goldenstene Davis to the North Oak Cliff Municipal Management District;
- Alta L. Mantsch, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Fifteen Board (Fort Worth Avenue);
- Travis Kleinert, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD);
- Mark Ruibal, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Six Board (Farmers Market); and
- Jason L. Brown, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Thirteen Board (Grand Park)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua and unanimously adopted.

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

<b>25- 6400</b>	<b>ASC</b>	<b>ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION</b>
<b>25- 6401</b>	<b>BOA</b>	<b>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>
<b>25- 6402</b>	<b>CAC</b>	<b>ARTS &amp; CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION</b>
<b>25- 6403</b>	<b>CDC</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION</b>
<b>25- 6404</b>	<b>CHC</b>	<b>CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION</b>
<b>25- 6405</b>	<b>COD</b>	<b>COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES</b>
<b>25- 6406</b>	<b>CPC</b>	<b>CITY PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION</b>
<b>25- 6407</b>	<b>CPO</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD</b>
<b>25- 6408</b>	<b>CSX</b>	<b>CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ADJUNCT MEMBERS</b>
<b>25- 6409</b>	<b>HFC</b>	<b>DALLAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD</b>
<b>25- 6410</b>	<b>EAC</b>	<b>ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION</b>

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25- 6411	EVC	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
25- 6412	LMC	LANDMARK COMMISSION
25- 6413	LNC	JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
25- 6414	MLB	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD
25- 6415	MLK	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD
25- 6416	NOC	NORTH OAK CLIFF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
25- 6417	PAR	PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
25- 6418	PLA	PERMIT AND LICENSE APPEAL BOARD
25- 6419	SAC	SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION
25- 6420	SDF	SOUTH DALLAS/FAIR PARK OPPORTUNITY FUND BOARD
25- 6421	RZ06	REINVESTMENT ZONE SIX BOARD (FARMERS MARKET)
25- 6422	RZ10	REINVESTMENT ZONE TEN BOARD (SOUTHWEST MEDICAL)
25- 6423	RZ12	REINVESTMENT ZONE TWELVE BOARD (DEEP ELLUM)
25- 6424	RZ13	REINVESTMENT ZONE THIRTEEN BOARD (GRAND PARK)
25- 6425	RZ15	REINVESTMENT ZONE FIFTEEN BOARD (FORT WORTH AVENUE)
25- 6426	RZ17	REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVENTEEN BOARD (TOD)
25- 6427	RZ18	REINVESTMENT ZONE EIGHTEEN BOARD (MAPLE/MOCKINGBIRD)
25- 6428	VAC	VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
25- 6429	YOC	YOUTH COMMISSION
25- 6430		OFFICER

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Briefing A: Competitive Bid Threshold Increase and Code Alignment

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing B: Federal Grant Compliance Task Force Updates and Next Steps

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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