

**EAST END DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**June 26, 2025**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the East End District (the "District" or "EED") met in regular session, open to the public, at 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. The roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1	Anna Deans	
Position 2	Blanca Blanco	Secretary
Position 3	Stephen Quezada	Chairman
Position 4	Vicki Luna	
Position 5	Rachel Cevallos de Gonzales	
Position 6	Joe Meppelink	Assistant Treasurer
Position 7	Lani Baker	
Position 8	Jose Valdez	
Position 9	Erik Ibarra	
Position 10	VACANT	
Position 11	Taryn Sims	Assistant Secretary
Position 12	Elliot Barner	Vice Chairman
Position 13	Chude Chike-Obi	
Position 14	Marjorie Peña	
Position 15	Victoria Macalino	

and all of the above were present except Directors Blanco and Luna, thereby establishing a quorum.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, the District's President; Dan Joyce, the District's Executive Vice President; Erick Retana, the District's Vice President of District Services; Ariel Robinstein, the District's Manager of District Services; Julian Garcia, the District's Farmers' Market Manager; Robert Ruiz, the District's Public Safety Coordinator; Pablo Reyes, the District's Field Inspector & Field Services Clerk; Erica Berwick, Markisha Sampson, and Patricia Waso of Your Part-Time Controller, LLC; Sergeant Alvarado of Harris County Precinct 6 ("Precinct 6"); Jason Bullen of UPCDC; Jeanette De Los Santos; Valeria Casas; Marsha Towns; Kyle Rogers; Jorge Bustamonte; Lindsay Williams; and Laura Davis of Sanford Kuhl Hagan Kugle Parker Kahn LLP.

Chairman Quezada called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Item 1. Receive Public Comments in accordance with adopted procedures.**

Mr. Rogers addressed the Board regarding the NHHIP expansion and closure of Polk Street. He requested that the Board provide a letter of support against the closure of Polk.

Ms. Williams addressed the Board regarding the negative impact of the Polk Street closure, and informed the Board of an upcoming meeting to discuss the railways in East End.

**Item 2. Consent Agenda.**

- a. **Assessments.** Receive report on collection of assessments and authorize appropriate action.
- b. **Minutes.** Approve minutes of previous Board meeting(s).

- c. **Emergency Action Delegation to Executive Committee.** Authorize the Executive Committee to make decisions on behalf of the body for the month of July.

The Board considered approving the Consent Agenda. Director Valdez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Meppelink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Item 3. Presentation by Kristi Miller, Goodman Corporation, Harrisburg Hike and Bike Trail Application.**

Ms. Miller reviewed Harrisburg Hike and Bike Trail improvements and related grant application for various improvements. No action was necessary.

**Item 4. Presentation by Student Conservation Association Regarding Outcomes Related to 2024-2025 Workforce Grants.**

Ms. Casas and Ms. Towns provided a presentation regarding 2024-2025 Workforce Grant outcomes.

**Item 5. Proposal Presentation by Student Conservation Association to Request Workforce Grant Funds.**

Ms. Towns reviewed a proposal and request for a workforce grant totaling \$142,571 to support Urban Forestry internships in the District. She stated that the grant would provide funding for four participants, including three students and one experienced crew leader, to engage in 18 to 22 weeks of hands-on work with the East End District Resilience Corps. Director Ibarra moved to approve the proposal, as presented. Director Valdez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Item 6. Financial Reports.**

Ms. Berwick reviewed the monthly Financial Report for May 2025 (the "Report").

Director Valdez provided an update from the Finance Committee.

After discussion, Director Peña moved to approve the Report, as presented. Director Cevallos de Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Item 7. Presentation and Consideration of Request to Waive Late Fees and Penalties.**

- a. 1543 Telephone Road, Austin Kimbrough.

Ms. Davis advised that a request to waive late fees and penalties in the approximate amount of \$250 was received from the property owner due to a discrepancy with the address on file with the Harris Central Appraisal District. She stated that the District tax assessor made an error in the address when mailing to the assessment statement for payment. Ms. Davis stated that in such event the law requires the District to waive penalty and interest.

After discussion, Director Meppelink moved to waive late fees and penalties. Director Ibarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Item 8. Security Report.**

Sergeant Alvarado reported on criminal activity in the District for the month of May 2025, including work performed by the mental health team. No action was necessary.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed Part 1 crimes and the year-to-date comparison by category. No action was necessary.

**Item 9. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2025 Certifications & Assurances.**

President Gorczynski explained that the District must approve the Federal Transit Administration Certifications and Assurances annually in connection with the District's receipt of federal grant funding.

After discussion, Director Valdez moved to approve the 2025 Federal Transit Administration Certifications and Assurances, subject to review and approval by the President Gorczynski and Ms. Davis, the District's Attorney. Director Meppelink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Item 10. Presentation by Harris County Precinct 2 Regarding Partnership Projects with East End District.**

President Gorczynski introduced Jorge Bustamante, Harris County Precinct 2's Senior Planning Manager.

Mr. Bustamante discussed partnership projects, initiatives, and community engagements with the District. No action was necessary.

**Item 11. President's Report – District Overview.**

Mr. Retana reported on the graffiti abatement program, illegal dumping and right-of-way clean up.

Mr. Bullen updated the Board on the status of the Roundabout and sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Joyce updated the Board on the EEIC and planning events.

Mr. Joyce also updated the Board on a meeting with METRO PD regarding an upcoming storefront with to provide 24/7 monitoring, including a desk space for Precinct 6 and HPD.

**Item 12. Executive Session, if Necessary.**

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.


**Item 13. Reconvene in Open Session.**

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

**Item 14. Adjourn.**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



  
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