

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 03-19-26  
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:  
Harris County Commissioners Court  
Exceptions to March 19, 2026 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	1	County Administration	To direct the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of County Administration to work with SB 9-impacted departments to evaluate and distribute centrally held funds for inclusion in the FY2027 CLS/S process, including recommendations on whether such funding should be one time or incorporated into departments' ongoing baseline budgets; and to direct the District Courts Administration, in coordination with Human Resources and Talent, OMB, and OCA, to assess SB 9-related operational needs and return to Commissioners Court by April 16 with recommendations including any request for the creation of up to two new PCNs.
2	2	County Administration	No Action
2	3	County Administration	No Action
2	7	Management and Budget	No Action
2	11	Management and Budget	To approve all items except for GARE.  *****  To approve the GARE item.
11	98	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
12	99	Economic Equity and Opportunity	To create four positions for DEEO to support the worksite safety programs, in alignment with the fiscal review request form recommendations.
12	102	Universal Services	No Action
15	127	Sheriff	No Action
16	142	Public Defender	To direct the Public Defender's Office and the Office of Managed Assigned Council, in coordination with the Office of County Administration and Office of Management and Budget, to finalize comprehensive three-to-five-year strategic plans which shall include for the Public Defender addressing representation and capital cases and return to Commissioners Court with those plans before August 1. These strategic plans should be updated on an annual basis and future funding and staffing requests should align with those plans and progress toward outlined milestones.
16	143	Managed Assigned Counsel	To direct the Public Defender's Office and the Office of Managed Assigned Council, in coordination with the Office of County Administration and Office of Management and Budget, to finalize comprehensive three-to-five-year strategic plans which shall include for the Public Defender addressing representation and capital cases and return to Commissioners Court with those plans before August 1. These strategic plans should be updated on an annual basis and future funding and staffing requests should align with those plans and progress toward outlined milestones.

24	182	Auditor	To approve all items except PFM Group Consulting.  *****  To approve the item for PFM Group Consulting.
30	235	Purchasing	For approval of an amendment to an agreement with Aetna Life Insurance Company to add certain documents to the agreement for group medical (including Prescription Drug Program and Stop Loss Coverage, Employee Assistance Program and Flexible Spending Accounts) for Harris County and the Flood Control District for the period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026, with no increase in the total contract amount (230107), MWBE Contracted Goal: 10%; and to direct the Office of Management and Budget and Human Resources & Talent to review the implementation of the Aetna Silver Script Employer Group Waver Plan and identify options to: address retiree concerns; align with the Court's intent that the transition not increase costs for retirees; provide options to address concerns of retirees that have seen increased costs; and report back with an update at the May 14th Commissioners Court.
31	237	Purchasing	No Action
37	281	Commissioner, Precinct 1	That this Court adopt the proposed bylaws guiding the structure, responsibilities, and activities of the Harris County Immigrant and Refugee Commission to ensure its effective service to our immigrant and refugee communities; and that the Court direct the Housing and Community Development Department to designate appropriate staff to provide administrative support to the Harris County Immigrant and Refugee Commission.
37	282	Commissioner, Precinct 1	To approve the resolution supporting the creation of a consultation policy with implementation effective October 1, 2026: authorizing a process for certain County employees to select a qualified labor union to serve as a Consultation Agent; establishing a consultation process by which a consultation team composed of a Consultation Agent, certain employees, and certain management representatives will meet at least monthly to discuss and recommend any changes to the County's Personnel Policies and Procedures; amending the County's grievance policy to notify the Consultation Agent when eligible employees file a grievance and entitling eligible employees to receive representation from the Consultation Agent in grievance or disciplinary matters.
38	291	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Change to "Request for approval of ratification of renewal of an annual agreement for economic development services for the period of October 1, 2025, ending September 30, 2026, between Harris County and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP)."
38	295	Commissioner, Precinct 3	No Action
39	309	Commissioner, Precinct 4	No Action
43	349	Public Hearings	No motion was made on this item
43-46	350-384	Transmittals	Accepted

46	385	Transmittals	Change to "Transmittal by the Office of the Purchasing Agent of an award of a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)/Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program(s) project on the basis of low bid(s) to ArrowStone Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$10,951,276 for construction of Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin (Compartment 2) for the Flood Control District and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (250394), MWBE Contracted Goal: 28.77%."  *****  Accepted
47-48	386-400	Transmittals	Accepted
48	403	Executive Session	To appoint Francisco Castillo to the Houston Land Bank Board of Directors, Position 11, for a term ending December 31, 2027.
48	404	Executive Session	No Action
48	405	Executive Session	No Action
49	406	Executive Session	To appoint two Hearing Officers to adjudicate the Administrative Adjudication Procedure for toll violations in Harris County in accordance with Section 284 of the Texas Transportation Code.
49	407	Executive Session	No Action
49	408	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Pramod Gumpeni, MD, as Interim Chief Medical Examiner for the Institute of Forensic Sciences pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal. Proc. 49.25 Section 1(a).
49	411	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
50	416	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
51	424	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
51	428	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
53	441	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
55	453	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent for approval of an extension to Firetron, Inc. in the additional amount of \$42,500 for fire alarm monitoring services at various buildings and communication system upgrades for Harris County for the period of April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026, and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (200033), MWBE Contracted Goal: 14%."
55	456	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Filemon Vela effective July 15, 2026 to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for a term ending March 19, 2029.

55	458	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct the Office of Management and Budget and Human Resources & Talent to review the implementation of the Aetna Silver Script Employer Group Waver Plan and identify options to: address retiree concerns; align with the Court's intent that the transition not increase costs for retirees; provide options to address concerns of retirees that have seen increased costs; and report back with an update at the May 14th Commissioners Court.
55	459	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
56	460	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Considering all available information, including materials reviewed by members of this commissioners court, and the public oral and written testimony provided during today's hearing conducted under chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, and finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of the land and that the project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land as a park, I move to authorize Harris Health's proposed acquisition by condemnation of approximately 8.9 acres of Hermann Park adjacent to Ben Taub Hospital for the redevelopment and expansion of Ben Taub Hospital in accordance with section 281.050 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
56	461	Emergency/Supplemental ARPA	Accepted
56	462	Resolutions	No Action