

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 04-16-26
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:

Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to April 16, 2026 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	1	County Administration	To update the Commissioners Court meetings calendar for 2026.
2	2	County Administration	For approval of changes to the Office of County Administration (OCA) reporting structure and certain department functions, including an organizational chart that includes two Deputy County Administrator (DCA) positions.
2	6	County Administration	To amend the Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum to require that budget request submissions, with completed and on-time Fiscal Review Request Forms, be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. ***** To move the amended rules as presented.
2	7	Management and Budget	No Action
2	8	Management and Budget	To request for Pollution Control Services to present efficiency and effectiveness proposals for consideration in the FY27 Budget process that include moving the Office of Sustainability to Pollution Control Services and other innovative measures, and that they do so in collaboration and in consultation with the County Attorney's Office. ***** To request for Human Resources & Talent to work with OCA and OMB to present a proposal for consideration during the FY27 Budget process for OCA-reporting human resources personnel to report to HRT to determine potential cost savings in alignment with the 5-year financial plan.
2	9	Management and Budget	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to require covered departments to identify 8% of potential budget offsets for consideration in the FY27 budget process. ***** To direct the Office of County Administration, in coordination with the ARPA Steering Committee, to identify up to \$10 million in unspent ARPA FLEX and interest funds available to support the FY27 budget, excluding funds from infrastructure projects, and return to Commissioners Court with its recommendation on June 11, 2026. ***** To direct the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the relevant departments, to incorporate a comprehensive review of all positions currently vacant under the strategic hiring policy into the FY27 budget offset process, prioritizing the identification of long-term vacancies for potential elimination and cost savings.

2	10	Management and Budget	For approval of the updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Budget Proposals.
2	11	Management and Budget	For approval of an update to the Officials not Renominated to Office policy.
4	23	Human Resources and Talent	No Action
4	25	Human Resources and Talent	No Action
15	134	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
16	141	Housing and Community Development	No Action
16	150	County Library	No Action
18	167	Institute of Forensic Sciences	Failed motion for approval to spend currently allocated funding to provide 2% salary adjustment to Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (HCIFS) employees as a means of encouraging staff retention and an increase in labor funding for subsequent fiscal years.
19-20	174	Travel & Training	To approve all items except Item 5. ***** To approve Item 5.
24	188	ARPA	For approval of Apprenticeship Advantage. ***** For approval of Chronic Disease Prevention. ***** For approval of Women’s Empowerment Center – ACCESS Re-entry. ***** For approval of Eviction Support & Diversion / Legal Aid. ***** For approval of all remaining items.
24	190	Auditor	To approve all items except PFM Group Consulting. ***** To approve the item for PFM Group Consulting.
39	300	County Judge	That Harris County Flood Control District provide Commissioners Court with monthly project-level schedules and financial reporting for all CDBG-DR and MIT flood mitigation projects. The monthly report shall include, for each project, the estimated design completion date, estimated construction start date (and actual start of construction when applicable), total expected construction duration in calendar days, estimated construction completion date, total project budget, amount encumbered, bid award amount, amount spent to date, and any project delays. Start and end dates should be in month, day, and year formats; that Harris County Flood Control District will submit this information in a consistent monthly format that clearly identifies any schedule changes, delays, or financial variances from prior months, so that Commissioners Court can exercise meaningful oversight and ensure transparency in project delivery; and that the monthly report will be due on May 1, 2026, and all other monthly reports will be due on the third Monday of every month thereafter.

39	304	Commissioner, Precinct 1	No Action
40	306	Commissioner, Precinct 2	To direct the Harris County Purchasing Agent and OMB-Risk Management, in consultation with the County Attorney’s Office, Engineering, HCTRA, and Flood Control, to jointly develop and return to Court by June 11th with policy recommendations and written procedures to modernize the County’s current performance and payment bond polices, including: clear definitions of public works contracts that require performance and payment bonds per Texas Government Code, Chapter 2253, with examples; clear definitions of ‘maintenance contracts’ that do not require bonds, with examples; a standardized, centralized countywide process for all departments to receive, submit, review, accept, track, and manage performance and payment bonds, including claims management, record retention, reporting, timelines, and responsible roles; a formal exception process allowing departments to request permission from the Court for the submission of bonds for contracts where they are not required by statute; a compliance framework for determining bond requirements during procurement and establishing documentation standards.
40	307	Commissioner, Precinct 2	To direct the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, in partnership with key stakeholders and Court offices who elect to offer seed funding through FY26, to create an Early Child Care Business Accelerator to help providers grow and operate sustainably. This program should offer mentoring and business support with the goal of expanding available childcare seats and improving compliance. It should also evaluate how existing DEEO resources can support the effort and transmit in initial assessment to Commissioners Court by June 11, 2026; To direct the Office of County Administration, working with relevant departments, to review how childcare providers interact with the County. This includes applicable regulations, processes, timelines, and associated costs, and transmit the assessment to Commissioners Court by June 11, 2026; To direct the Office of County Administration, working with the relevant departments, to review how the County already connects with families with young children, identify gaps in outreach and awareness of child care, early learning, and other related resources, develop a plan to improve access and participation, and transmit the assessment to Commissioners Court by June 11, 2026; To direct IGA to evaluate early childhood education and care advocacy opportunities to develop recommendations for state-level advocacy, and return with priority recommendations by the June 11, 2026, Commissioners Court.
41	319	Commissioner, Precinct 4	No Action

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41	321	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct HRT to evaluate and present, as a potential option, the budgetary, operational, and administrative impacts of reinstating the prior retiree benefits plan. This analysis should include feasibility, cost implications, implementation considerations, and key factors the Court should weigh in determining whether such a reversion is advisable.
41	322	Commissioner, Precinct 4	No Action
42	328	Commissioner, Precinct 4	No Action
43-46	345-384	Transmittals	Accepted
47	385	Executive Session	To appoint Abbie Kamin as Harris County Attorney effective June 15, 2026.
47	391	Executive Session	No Action
48	394	Executive Session	To appoint the following nominees as members of the Harris County Immigrant and Refugee Commission: Angie Dupree; Carolina Rodriguez-Neufeld; Dr. Daniel Morales; Zenobia Lai; Dr. Ricardo Nuila; and Raazia Nathani for staggered terms, as provided in Article 3, Section 7 of the Commission bylaws, beginning April 16, 2026; And to recognize the following county department representatives as non-voting ex-officio members: Leah Barton; Linda Stevens; and Toi Babineaux.
48	398	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct OCA and OMB to create a committee including OCA, OMB, the Fire Marshal's Office, IGA, and the Auditor's Office, to review funding requests related to continuity of operations during the World Cup and provide recommendations for Court approval ASAP.
49	407	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
53	428	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action

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53	435	Resolutions	Change to “Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 4 and Precinct 1 for approval of a resolution recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month.”
53	436	Resolutions	Change to “Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 4 and Precinct 1 for approval of a resolution recognizing May 2026 as National Bicycle Safety Awareness Month.”
54	438	Resolutions	Change to “Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 4 for approval of a resolution honoring the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce on its 40th anniversary.”