

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 08-06-26
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to August 6, 2026 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	1	County Administration	To create a three-member working group with County Administrator Carter, Director Ramos as standing members, and the third seat will rotate among Commissioners based on the location of the identified real estate asset; and a non-voting staff member from the Judge's Office.
2	2	County Administration	To amend the consultation policy to remove the Fire Marshal's Office from section 2.9.i.d. ***** To change the language of this policy to allow for Commissioners Court Offices to opt-in or opt-out at any time after implementation. ***** That if Commissioners Court Offices opt-out, they maintain the ability to fill their seat on the Management Representatives team. ***** To approve the proposed amendments to the consultation framework, henceforth referred to as the Consultation Policy; to direct the Office of County Administration and Office of Management and Budget to incorporate the County Attorney's Office Service Enhancement Request related to the Consultation Policy of \$332,560 into the draft Fiscal Year budget 2027; to direct OCA and OMB to incorporate OCA's budget request related to the Consultation Policy of \$183,928 into the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget; to approve Human Resources & Talent's budget request related to the Consultation Policy as recommended by the Office of County Administration in the Fiscal Review Request Form for Item 18; and to direct the OMB to incorporate HRT's budget request related to the Consultation Policy into the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget, with authorization to reduce the total funding amount dependent on whether and when a Consultation Agent may be designated.
2	4	County Administration	No Action
2	5	Management and Budget	No Action

2	6	Management and Budget	To provide a monthly update on its outstanding balance of Accounts Receivable (AR) for federal grants to ensure compliance with the recommended cap of \$100M.
2	7	Management and Budget	To direct OMB to include in the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget a proposed salary for each elected Constable of \$305,000. ***** To direct HRT to circulate notice of the proposed elected official salaries for Fiscal Year 2027 in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 152, Subchapter B. ***** To direct the County Clerk, in conjunction with the District Clerk, to prepare a randomized list of individuals eligible to serve as public members of the Salary Grievance Committee. ***** To direct OMB to include in the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget a proposed salary of \$305,000 for each of these offices: the County Attorney, District Attorney, District Clerk, County Clerk, and Tax Assessor Collector.
2	8	Management and Budget	To fully fund OCE's FY27 Mobility budget at \$44.09 million, and to direct OMB to execute budget transfers from the Precincts' mobility allocations to OCE in such amount in order to make the funds available at the beginning of FY27 to be used for eligible projects under Section 284.0031, Transportation Code; and that Director Rahman will advise each Precinct what projects will be done there on October 1st of each year.
3	14	Human Resources and Talent	For approval of Option 1: use the 24 hours of accrued Sick Leave for mental health or psychological well-being.
3	15	Human Resources and Talent	No Action
15	126	Economic Equity and Opportunity	For approval of the proposed amendments to the Harris County Worksite Safety Policy through the court-directed annual review process.
17	144	Constables	No Action
26	191	Grants	No Action

32	240	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Change to “Request by Commissioner Precinct 1, Commissioner Precinct 2, Commissioner Precinct 4, and the County Judge for discussion and possible action on funding for the District Attorney’s investigation into the shooting and killing of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer.” To allocate \$2,520,000 over three years to the District Attorney’s Office for labor, overtime, outside counsel, and software, in coordination with the County Attorney’s Office for the purposes of investigating the shooting and killing by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer.
32	241	Commissioner, Precinct 1	No Action
33	254	Commissioner, Precinct 3	No Action
34	269	Miscellaneous	No Action
34-37	270-299	Transmittals	Accepted
37	300	Executive Session	To evaluate the salaries of all board appointed and overseeing directors and to bring the recommendations back to Commissioners Court on September 8, 2026; and that HRT look at the various study’s compensation data and then make recommendations given that now we have more data than the initial study. ***** To direct OMB to include in the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget a proposed salary for the Fire Marshal of \$305,000.
37	301	Executive Session	To appoint Dr. Pramod Gumpeni, MD, as Chief Medical Examiner for the Institute of Forensic Sciences pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal. Proc. 49.25 Section 1(a).
38	302	Executive Session	No Action
38	303	Executive Session	To direct Universal Services to move forward with a threat analysis of the US managed network. ***** To direct Universal Services to provide an update to Commissioners Court of any findings and action plan if any is required.
38	311	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
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40	323	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
40	325	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To approve fifteen positions as presented, with no general fund or mobility fund impact; and to approve two positions funded through the budget enhancement authorized under Item 2.

40	326	Emergency/Supplemental Items	That the Public Defender's Office, in accordance with its August 6, 2026 strategic plan, increase its capacity to take at least 50% of indigent defense case appointments by 2031. As the office expands, it should ensure that best practices are met, including workload standards, training, provision of holistic services, recruitment, and retention efforts. ***** To direct the Harris County Public Defender's Office and the Office of Managed Assigned Counsel to provide an annual update on their Strategic Plans to Commissioners Court by August 15th of each year, every year through 2031.
40	327	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
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41	333	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
42	342	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent for approval of an award on the basis of best proposal meeting requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with CBRE, Inc.; and The Guess Group Inc. for real property broker services for the Office of the County Engineer for the period of August 6, 2026 - August 5, 2027 with four (4) one-year renewal options (260147), Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible."
43	348	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "Request for approval to uphold the Office of the Purchasing Agent Determination. Purchasing concluded that the evidence presented by the Protestor did not meet the burden of proof necessary to rescind the May 14, 2026 award under the Harris County Protest and Appeals and Procedures, specifically under the provision that alleges an error of law or regulation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Commissioners Court determination of the Appeal will be the final administrative action of Harris County and shall exhaust all administrative remedies available to the firm. No further Appeal will be permitted."

43	349	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Motion died for a lack of a second, to set a public hearing on August 10, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. to consider for the Harris County General Fund the proposed 2026 tax rates per \$100 of taxable value of \$0.37396 for maintenance and operations and \$0.05538 for debt service, for a total tax rate of \$0.4934 which is greater than the voter approval rate, for the purpose of maintaining a portion of critical Harris County early childhood programming, and to direct the Office of Management & Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law.
44	351	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
44	354	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
44	355	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To approve the agreements releasing claims with the eight Elected Constables and the Fire Marshal.