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Public Notice
Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation
doing business as the El Paso Transportation Authority
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 02:00 PM Mountain Standard Time
The Endeavors Health & Wellness Center
12135 Pebble Hills Boulevard, Room 272, El Paso, TX 79936

Texas Government Code, Section 551.127, authorizes a member or employee of a governmental body to participate remotely in a meeting of the governmental body through a videoconference call, in accordance with that section. Some government officials may participate via videoconference. In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.127(b), a quorum of the governmental body will be physically present at the location identified above. Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meetings online, at the links provided below. Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in public comments by calling the telephone number below. Members of the public can participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

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This agenda has been posted at

<https://elpasotransportationauthority.org/board-meeting-minutes/> and at the administrative offices of the El Paso Transportation Authority,

located at 800 East Overland Avenue, Room 423, El Paso, TX 79901.
This meeting is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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AGENDA

Notice to the Public: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered by the Board of Directors to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Board of Directors or persons in the audience request that specific items be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Board of Directors votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda may be discussed in Closed Meeting at the discretion of the Board of Directors and following verbal announcement, if an appropriate exception to the open meeting requirement of the Texas Open Meetings Act is applicable.

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- 1. OPEN MEETING**
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each but may be limited further at the discretion of the Chair.
- Members of the public wishing to provide comments must sign up no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing aqsanchez@elpasotransportationauthority.org
- Members of the public may also submit their public comment electronically to aqsanchez@elpasotransportationauthority.org and the comment will be read during the open comment period or before the appropriate agenda item, as requested in the email. Emails must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

4. PRESENTATION

- 4.a Present a certificate to Transdev's employee of the month for March 2026. (Presented by Sylvia Balcazar, Transdev General Manager)
- 4.b Receive a presentation from El Paso Center for Children regarding the Safe Place program. (Presented by Beatriz A. Marin-Olivarez, MA, LCCA, El Paso Center for Children).

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.a Approve the March 25, 2026 ETA Regular Meeting Minutes. (Presented by Ana Q. Sanchez, Administrative Specialist, Senior)
- 5.b Approve the Rio Grande Council of Governments to process the expenses incurred in March 2026 for administrative services and travel reimbursements. (Presented by Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments Executive Director)

- 5.c Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Amendment with Rio Grande Council of Governments for establishment of financial systems for El Paso Transportation Authority in consultation with legal counsel, provided that any material changes shall be brought back to the Board for approval. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 5.d Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation Agreement in consultation with legal counsel, provided that any material changes shall be brought back to the Board for approval. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 5.e Authorize the Executive Director to execute the 2nd Amendment with First Transit, Inc for addition of automated vehicle annunciators and modifications to insurance in consultation with legal counsel, and to recommend approval to El Paso County Commissioners' Court; provided that any material changes shall be brought back to the Board for approval. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director) Brought back to the Board of Directors from the January 2026 meeting.
- 5.f Adopt Passenger Standing Policy for the El Paso Transportation Authority (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 5.g Authorize the addition of a Councilmember from the Town of Anthony as an alternate to the El Paso Transportation Authority Board of Directors due to staffing limitations. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 5.h Authorize the Executive Director to execute an addendum with Spectrum Technologies as part of County Contract No. 2026-0247 for purchase of a copier/printer in the amount of \$14,700.00,

payable in monthly installments of \$245.00 in consultation with legal counsel, provided that any material changes shall be brought back to the Board for approval. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.a Discuss the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Financial Plan, contribution amounts, review of service standards and service modification concepts and provide direction to staff. (Presented by Michael Walk, Texas A&M Transportation Institute)
- 6.b Review proposals for strategic planning services and authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement for strategic planning services for EPATS, subject to approval as to form by legal counsel, and to take any action necessary to effectuate the Board's direction. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 6.c Review the El Paso County Strategic Plan and provide recommendations for El Paso County for consideration in their next update as it relates to countywide public transportation. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 6.d Discuss and consider action regarding legal counsel services for the El Paso Transportation Authority, including engagement or retention of outside counsel, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute any related agreement. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 6.e Receive an update on the transition of El Paso County Transit Operations Department employees to El Paso Transportation Authority from El Paso County Human Resources Department (Presented by Sam Trujillo, El Paso County Interim Chief Human Resources Officer and John Andoh, Executive Director)

- 6.f Receive a report from the Executive Director regarding El Paso Transportation Authority staff activities. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 6.g Receive report of Transdev's operations for the month of March 2026. (Presented by Sylvia Balcazar, Transdev General Manager)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Meeting may be closed under the following Texas Government Code of the Open Meetings Act for discussion as follows:

- A. Attorney Consultation Code (§ 551.071)
- B. Deliberations Regarding Real Property Code (§ 551.072)
- C. Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters Code (§ 551.074)
- D. Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audit (§ 551.076)
- E. Deliberations Regarding Cybersecurity to Protect Critical Infrastructure (§ 551.0761)

(Any final action as a result of this closed discussion will be held at the opening of the meeting or at any subsequent meeting.)

- 7.a Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in the Closed Meeting. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)
- 7.b Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consult with legal counsel regarding legal issues, rights, and obligations related to Route 84 and associated paratransit costs provided by City of El Paso Mass Transit Department. (Presented by John Andoh, Executive Director)

8. REGULAR AGENDA CONTINUED

- 8.a Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT