

These are the minutes of the special meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission, which was held on September 27, 2007 in Austin, Texas. The meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. with the following commissioners present:

**Texas Transportation Commission:**

Ric Williamson	Chair
Hope Andrade	Commissioner
Ted Houghton, Jr.	Commissioner
Ned Holmes	Commissioner
Fred Underwood	Commissioner

**Administrative Staff:**

Ed Serna, Assistant Executive Director for Support Operations  
 Bob Jackson, General Counsel  
 Roger Polson, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director

Registration sheets listing others in attendance are on file with the Texas Department of Transportation Chief Minute Clerk.

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 1:58 p.m. on September 19, 2007, as required by Chapter 551, of the Government Code, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

After the commission meeting was called to order, the commission recessed the meeting to reconvene in Executive Session to address Item 1. below.

**ITEM 1. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074**

**Interview and discuss the election of the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation**

The commission reconvened in regular session at 3:31 p.m. and took the following action.

**ITEM 2. Election of Executive Director**

**Elect the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation and approve compensation (MO)**

Commissioner Andrade made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and the commission approved the following minute order presented by Assistant Executive Director for Field Operations Ed Serna.

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Transportation Code, Section 201.301, provides that the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) shall elect an executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation (department), who shall be a licensed professional engineer in the State of Texas experienced and skilled in transportation planning, development, construction, and maintenance.

Due to the retirement of Executive Director Michael W. Behrens, it is necessary to elect and appoint a successor to assure the orderly transition of duties, thereby protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public.

The department's posted job vacancy notice for the executive director position opened on July 18, 2007 and closed on July 31, 2007 attracting a number of applicants for the position.

The commission reviewed and evaluated the qualifications, background, and experience of the many well-qualified applicants.

A thorough review of all of the applications submitted for the position and the results of interviews of top candidates indicates that Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E., is best qualified for the position, and possesses the qualities necessary to ensure an orderly transition and assumption of duties as executive director of the department.

Recognizing the proven abilities, professional expertise and qualifications, administrative talents, and leadership qualities, the commission determines that Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E., possesses skills and experience that fully satisfy the requisites of law and policy applicable to the position of chief administrative officer of the department.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E., is appointed as executive director of the department, to assume the full range of duties and responsibilities of that position effective October 1, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation be compensated at an annual salary of \$192,500.

The regular meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ric Williamson, Chair  
Texas Transportation Commission

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I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true and correct record of all proceedings and official records of the Texas Transportation Commission at its special meeting on September 27, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

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Dee Hernandez, Chief Minute Clerk  
Texas Department of Transportation