

Open Meeting
Texas Space Commission (TSC), Board of Directors
Minutes – Friday, December 19, 2025
11:00 a.m. CST

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Headquarters – Greer State Office Building
125 East 11th Street – Austin, Texas 78701

Members, Board of Directors – Attending, in-person:

1. Ms. Gwen Griffin, Chair

Members, Board of Directors – Attending, virtually:

1. Dr. Nancy Currie-Gregg
2. Ms. Sassie Duggleby
3. Mr. Brad Morrison
4. Mr. John Shannon
5. Dr. Heather Wilson

Members, Board of Directors – Absent:

1. Ms. Kathy Lueders, Vice Chair
2. Mr. Kirk Shireman, Secretary
3. Mr. Evan Loomis

Staff, TSC personnel – Attending, in-person:

1. Mr. Turner Brown, Chief Compliance Officer
2. Ms. Kate Caldwell, Senior Communications Specialist
3. Ms. Erin E. Chancellor, General Counsel
4. Mr. Norman Garza, Jr., Executive Director
5. Mr. Andres Ramos, Communications Director

1) Call to Order.

a) Roll Call.

At 11:00 a.m. CST, TSC Board Chair Gwen Griffin called the meeting to order and directed the Executive Director to call the roll of TSC Board Members. A quorum was confirmed to be present.

2) Remarks by Board Chair.

Chair Griffin shared a summary about her recent tour of the Texas A&M Space Institute; she thanked Director Nancy Currie-Gregg, Ph.D. and Rob Ambrose, Ph.D. for arranging it. Chair Griffin also mentioned attending the recent confirmation hearing for Mr. Jared Isaacman, nominated to be NASA Administrator. Next, Chair Griffin mentioned meetings in Washington, D.C. with staff in the offices of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and U.S. Representative Brian Babin, DDS, as well as U.S. Space Force guardians at the Pentagon. Then, Chair Griffin provided an update on workgroups comprised of subsets from the TSC Board and the Texas Aerospace

Research and Space Economy Consortium (TARSEC) executive committee. Further, she reported that five workgroups have been created related to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), lunar, launch reentry and recovery, national security, as well as workforce development.

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes.

a) Action Item.

Director Heather Wilson, Ph.D. moved to approve the Minutes, as written, for the TSC Board's open meeting on November 19, 2025. Director Brad Morrison seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes.

4) Executive Director Remarks.

TSC Executive Director Norman Garza, Jr. provided an update about executing SEARF grant agreements for each award approved (to date) by the TSC Board. He noted that 16 have been fully executed.

5) TARSEC Liaison Report.

A liaison from TARSEC did not provide an update during this meeting.

6) Consideration of Space Exploration & Aeronautics Research Fund (SEARF) Applications for Grant Funding.

a) Action Item.

Chair Griffin opened discussion about the SEARF grant program.

Chair Griffin raised application #25-DA-0019-B from the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance Foundation (Borderplex) requesting up to \$19,758,376 for capital equipment and research. This is the first direct award application to be considered. She noted that Director Wilson, Ph.D. has a conflict but Director Wilson, Ph.D. commented that she does not have a conflict of interest. Ultimately, Director Wilson, Ph.D. did not vote on the application.

Then, Chair Griffin described the proposed project by reminding TSC Board Members that they had approved a conditional SEARF grant award to Borderplex for an identical project under application #25-0079-B on January 24, 2025. Furthermore, she shared that during the administrative background assessment and review by the TSC compliance team, it was not possible to advance this project under a traditional SEARF grant funding model (i.e., the reimbursement model). Therefore, Borderplex submitted a direct award application.

Director Morrison moved to revoke the previously approved award for application #25-0079-B to Borderplex. Director John Shannon seconded the motion. The nonconflicted Board Members unanimously revoked the award for application #25-0079-B.

Next, Director Sassie Duggleby moved to approve the award for application #25-DA-0019-B in an amount of up to \$19,758,376 for eligible costs conditioned on the applicant's successful completion of administrative background assessment and acceptance of grant terms. Director Currie-Gregg, Ph.D. seconded the motion. The nonconflicted Board Members unanimously voted to approve the award.

Chair Griffin directed agency staff to move forward on awarding this grant, pending the applicant's successful completion of an administrative background assessment and acceptance of the Grant Agreement terms.

Chair Griffin raised application #25-0268-G from The University of Texas at Austin for consideration, with the understanding that the following Board Members previously disclosed a conflict of interest on this application: Director Currie-Gregg, Ph.D., Director Duggleby, and Secretary Kirk Shireman (absent).

Then, Chair Griffin described the proposed project and asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion.

Next, Director Morrison moved to approve the award for application #25-0268-G in an amount of up to \$9,270,000 for construction, capital equipment, training equipment, as well as research and development costs, conditioned on the applicant's successful completion of an administrative background assessments and acceptance of Grant Agreement terms. Director Shannon seconded the motion. The nonconflicted Board Members unanimously voted to approve the award.

Chair Griffin directed agency staff to move forward on awarding this grant, pending the applicant's successful completion of an administrative background assessment and acceptance of Grant Agreement terms.

7) Discussion and Consideration of Texas Government Code § 482.107(a)(8) Authority to Issue an Order.

a) Action Item.

Chair Griffin raised Order No. 2025-02 to replace Order No. 2025-01, previously approved by the TSC Board on September 23, 2025.

This proposed amendment to the previously adopted order changes language regarding dates when City of Starbase shall not authorize closures for space flight activities. The change is correcting "a Saturday or Sunday preceding Labor Day" to "the Saturday or Sunday preceding Labor Day."

Next, Director Wilson, Ph.D. moved to approve TSC Order No. 2025-02, as amended. Director Duggleby seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Order No. 2025-02.

14) Adjournment.

The Board did not meet on Agenda items 8-13.

At 11:22 a.m. CST, Chair Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned.

Jwendolyn D. Griffin
Chair or Designee

April 27, 2026

Date