

**Open Meeting**  
**Texas Space Commission (TSC), Board of Directors**  
Minutes – Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
12:00 p.m. CST

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

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

1. Ms. Gwen Griffin, Chair
2. Mr. Brad Morrison
3. Ms. Adriana Cruz, *Ex Officio*

**Members, Board of Directors – Attending, virtually:**

1. Ms. Kathy Lueders, Vice Chair
2. Dr. Nancy Currie-Gregg
3. Ms. Sassie Duggleby

**Members, Board of Directors – Absent:**

1. Mr. Kirk Shireman, Secretary
2. Mr. Evan Loomis
3. Mr. John Shannon
4. Dr. Heather Wilson

**Member, Texas Aerospace Research & Space Economy Consortium (TARSEC) Executive Committee – Attending, virtually:**

1. Ms. Stephanie Murphy, Chair

**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 12:13 p.m. CST, 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 began her remarks with an update about the Space Foundation Board meeting held in Houston and their upcoming finance forum to be held in Dallas. She also mentioned

the announcement by San Antonio Chamber of Commerce about their Texas Space Summit to be held in September 2026. She then reminded the Board of recently passed legislation that allows TSC to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with another state or federal government entity and asked the members of the funding subcommittee to work with agency staff on any necessary updates to rules. Chair Griffin asked Board members to continue evaluating Space Exploration & Aeronautics Research Fund (SEARF) grant applications. She reminded the Board of the new statutory provision instructing the Board to market and promote the state as the premier location for space-related industries and promote Commission activities and asked TSC staff to work with the TARSEC Executive Committee on a list of priorities key engagements for 2026.

### **3) Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

#### **a) Action Item.**

Director Brad Morrison made a motion to approve the Minutes, as written, for the September 23, 2025, Open Meeting of the TSC Board of Directors. Director Nancy Currie-Gregg seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the September 23, 2025, TSC Open Meeting.

### **4) Executive Director Remarks.**

Executive Director Norman Garza, Jr. gave an update on SEARF grant agreements, noting that 16 have been fully executed. Executive Director Garza also provided a recap of recent activities including visits to Van Horn and Midland, TX, attending the Texas Association of Business Texas Dynamism and the Next Economic Frontier conference in San Antonio, the Texas Economic Development Corporation Investor Summit in Southlake, the 2025 Texas Nuclear Summit in Austin, the CHIPS Summit in College Station, and hosting the Meridian International Center's delegation from Bahrain, Egypt, and Oman in Austin. He noted upcoming travel to the University of Houston, Proto-Town in Lockhart, the YTexas Conference in College Station, and the National Academies convening in Washington, D.C. in January 2026. He then mentioned activities of other TSC staff members, including presenting at the American Planning Association's Annual conference in College Station, attending Politico Space in Florida, presenting at the NASA Office of STEM Engagement Workforce Summit in Florida, and presenting at the Texas Midwest Community Networks 30<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in Abilene. He closed by mentioning the announcement of Governor Greg Abbott's decision to reappoint Chair Griffin to the TSC Board of Directors.

### **5) TARSEC Liaison Report.**

Chair Griffin turned the floor over to TARSEC Chair Stephanie Murphy to provide an update on activities conducted by her Executive Committee, including an update on the appointments of Dr. Lori Magruder and Mr. Jason Kim to the Executive Committee.

Chair Murphy also recapped a recent meeting with the Executive Committee and TSC staff, held to meet each other and ensure alignment between organizations. She then gave an update on additional TARSEC members, working groups, and future events. She highlighted the report delivered to the Commission titled "Texas at the Front," and she noted the assistance TARSEC would like to provide around strategy for critical infrastructure around the state. She also raised the need to prepare entities across the state on the new regulations around the cybersecurity maturity model certification (CMMC).

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

Chair Griffin announced that the Board would not be considering any SEARF applications at the meeting.

**7) Closed Meeting for Deliberation Regarding Defense, Military, or Aerospace Issues.**

At 12:31 p.m. CST, Chair Griffin announced that the Open Meeting was in recess for the Board to adjourn into a Closed Meeting/Executive Session as posted and noticed in Agenda Item 7, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §§ 482.198 and 551.092, as posted and noticed in Agenda Item 7.

The Board did not meet on Agenda Items 8-12.

At 1:36 p.m. CST, Chair Griffin reconvened the Open Meeting.

**13) Adjournment.**

At 1:37 p.m. CST, Chair Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Chair or Designee

12-19-25  
Date