



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Environmental & Community Advisory Board of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 7:00 PM on March 11, 2026, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Sharonda Green, Chair
Bill Ingram, Vice Chair
James Dobbins, Board Member
Maria Borrinaga, Board Member
Catherine Haedge, Board Member
Lauren Bruns, Board Member
Alba Torres, Board Member
Bao Vinh Pham, Board Member

Staff Present: Uriel Villalpando, Staff Liason
Os Rodriguez, Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the December 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Board Member Ingram to approve the December 10, 2025 minutes. Board Member Dobbins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Board on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers on this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Consider Waiving Environmental & Community Advisory Board Bylaws Article II, Section 1

Due to the resignation of Vice Chair Christina Segoviano, the Environmental & Community Advisory Board's Vice Chair position is now vacant. Per the bylaws, the Board is permitted only one election per year.

Board Member Ingram made a motion, seconded by Board Member Vinh, to approve waiving Environmental & Community Advisory Board Bylaw article II, Section 1. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Consider Holding an Election for the Environmental & Community Advisory Board Vice Chair position.

Contingent upon the waiver of Article II, Section 1, the Board will hold an election to fill the vacant Vice Chair position.

Board Member Torres nominated Board Member Ingram as the Vice Chair. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Environmental & Community Advisory Board Engagement

Chair Green will present strategies for expanding the Board's community outreach and engagement.

Chair Green opened the discussion by calling for innovative ways to promote the Board's mission and increase its visibility. She emphasized the importance of the Board becoming dedicated advocates for residents and suggested better utilization of existing resources, such as the official website and the E-Assist platform. To strengthen community ties, she also noted the potential of collaborating with Garland's Police NPO Unit. To support this expanded presence, Chair Green proposed that the Board procure an official ECAB tablecloth for public events and recommended returning to a monthly meeting schedule to ensure consistent progress on these initiatives.

During the feedback session, Board Members offered several distinct strategies for outreach. Board Member Haedge mentioned attending more community events. Board Member Borrington suggested hosting localized events within specific neighborhoods, and Board Member Bruns highlighted opportunities to partner with her company's existing support of City recycling events. Vice Chair Ingram mentioned participating at recycling events as a good way to get involved. Board Member Dobbins recommended leveraging Council Members to broadcast the board's message to a broader audience, and Board Member Vinh requested a formal list of upcoming community events where the ECAB could maintain a physical presence.

d. Introduction of Amended Environmental & Community Advisory Board Bylaws.

Staff will provide a presentation of the draft amended bylaws to the Environmental & Community Advisory Board.

Mr. Villalpando informed the Board that the City Secretary's Office has developed a new standardized template intended to unify the bylaws of all City Boards and Commissions. He noted that while the ECAB bylaws were adapted to this new format, the actual revisions to the content were minor. Following this update, the Board was asked to review the new template and the revised bylaws in preparation for a formal vote on their adoption.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Sharonda Green, Chair

/s/ Uriel Villalpando, Staff Liaison