



GARLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
Work Session Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
August 17, 2026
4:00 PM

A meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

NOTICE: The Committee may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns attorney/client communication, including pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider Approval of the April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Introduction to the Legislative & Public Affairs Team**

Managing Director, Ariel Traub, will introduce the Legislative & Public Affairs team and provide an overview of the team's roles and responsibilities.

- b. Scoping Discussion to Explore Advocacy Changes to the Workers' Compensation System**

This item was requested for referral to the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dutton and seconded by Councilmember Lucht at the June 15, 2026 Work Session.

- c. Scoping Discussion to Consider an Annual Intergovernmental Partnerships Program and Annual Intergovernmental Relations Calendar**

This item was requested for referral to the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dutton and seconded by Mayor Hedrick at the July 6, 2026 Work Session.

4. ADJOURN



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Legislative & Public Affairs Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 4 pm on April 20, 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: Councilmember Jeff Bass
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott
Councilmember B.J. Williams

Staff Present: Ariel Traub, Managing Director of Legislative & Public Affairs
Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager
Carma Potter, Policy & Outreach Coordinator

Additional Attendees: Councilmember Ed Moore

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider approval of the November 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Chair Bass and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ott to approve the November 17, 2025, meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No public comments were received.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discuss Interim Charges from the Texas House and Senate.

Ariel Traub, Managing Director of Legislative & Public Affairs, will discuss the Interim Charges released from the Texas House and Senate with their possible ramifications for Garland.

Managing Director Traub provided an update on the Interim Charges from the House and Senate led the discussion on the potential impact on the City of Garland.

Ms. Traub and her team will continue to provide updates on hearings and legislative developments and will continue to engage with legislators and staff during interim hearings.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Bass adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Submitted By:
/s/Councilmember Jeff Bass, Chair
/s/Carma Potter, Secretary