ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026**

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Krueger called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Mariana Krueger, Chair
Jennifer Bristol, Vice Chair
Haris Qureshi, Secretary
Isabella Changsut
Richard Brimer
Justin Fleury
Martin Luecke
David Sullivan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Sean Atkins
Annie Fierro

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bobby Levinski, Hays Commons MUD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on November 4, 2026.
   The minutes from the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on November 4, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Conduct a public hearing and approve a recommendation to Council for approval or denial of Water Service Extension Request No. 6517 to a 10-acre tract for the project McLemore Tract Multifamily Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request No. 6517 and 6518, located at 10656 North FM 620, within the Drinking Water Protection Zone, unincorporated Travis County,

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and Austin Water's service area. Presentation by Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Austin Watershed Protection.

The public hearing was conducted and a motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The motion to approve a recommendation to Council to deny Water Service Extension Request No. 6517 to a 10-acre tract for the project McLemore Tract Multifamily Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request No. 6517 and 6518, located at 10656 North FM 620, within the Drinking Water Protection Zone, unincorporated Travis County, and Austin Water's service area, was approved on Secretary Qureshi's motion, Commissioner Sullivan's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

3. Conduct a public hearing and approve a recommendation to Council for approval or denial of Wastewater Service Extension Request No. 6518 to a 10-acre tract for the project McLemore Tract Multifamily Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request No. 6517 and 6518, located at 10656 North FM 620, within the Drinking Water Protection Zone, unincorporated Travis County, and Austin Water's service area. Presentation by Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Austin Watershed Protection.

The public hearing was conducted and a motion to close the public hearing was approved on Vice Chair Bristol's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The motion to approve a recommendation to Council to deny Water Service Extension Request No. 6518 to a 10-acre tract for the project McLemore Tract Multifamily Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request No. 6517 and 6518, located at 10656 North FM 620, within the Drinking Water Protection Zone, unincorporated Travis County, and Austin Water's service area, was approved on Chair Krueger's motion, Commissioner Sullivan's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Approve a recommendation to Council on the proposed data center located at 6801 River Place Boulevard to improve environmental site monitoring, wildfire mitigation, water reuse, noise and vibration monitoring and reduction, and support improved Austin Fire training and equipment to support data center fire risks. Sponsored by Commissioners Brimer, Fierro, and Sullivan.

The motion to approve the recommendation to Council on the proposed data center located at 6801 River Place Boulevard to improve environmental site monitoring, wildfire mitigation, water reuse, noise and vibration monitoring and reduction, and support improved Austin Fire training and equipment to support data center fire risks was approved as amended on Commissioner Brimer's motion, Commissioner Sullivan's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Chair Krueger.

The amendment was to include the following to read:

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“Require on-site containment of any spills of diesel or other hazardous materials.”

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Vice Chair Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

The amendment was to include the following section to read:

“Track and regulate greenhouse gas emissions.”

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Chair Krueger.

The amendment was to include the following section to read:

“Request that SB Energy commit to matching the facility’s annual electricity consumption with new zero-emission generation and energy storage located in Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), beginning commercial within one year of new data center operations. Qualifying clean energy resources include photovoltaic solar, wind, hydroelectric, or geothermal energy generation. Matching shall be demonstrated through ownership of, or a long-term contract with specific qualifying clean energy resources.”

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Vice Chair Bristol and seconded by Chair Krueger.

The amendment was to include “and surrounding preserves” in the following section to read:

“Direct the City Manager to provide additional training and equipment to all Austin Fire personnel at stations that are most likely to respond to fires at this facility and surrounding preserves. This includes but is not limited to Stations 39 and 31 to address lithium-ion battery fires, diesel fuel and other hazardous materials spills that might enter the Bull Creek watershed.”

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Vice Chair Bristol and seconded by Chair Krueger.

The amendment was to include the following to read:

“Whereas, the property is located in the Bull Creek Watershed and the Edwards Aquifer and Trinity Aquifer recharge zones.”

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The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

The amendment was to replace "support" with "regulate" to read:

"Whereas, the Environmental Commission passed Recommendation 20260401-004 on April 1, 2026, advising Council and the City Manager on policies the City should adopt to regulate the Data Center industry"

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Secretary Qureshi.

The amendment was to revise the energy use from 50 megawatts (MW) of IT load and 70 MW of total power to 20 MW of total power to read:

"Cap the energy use of the facility at 20 MW of total power unless a public hearing is held to request an increase in power consumption."

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Vice Chair Bristol.

The amendment was to include "and the Balcones Canyonland Preserve property line" in the following section to read:

"Direct the City Manager to establish 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year noise and vibration monitoring system within one mile of the facility with stations specifically located at River Place Elementary School, Four Points Middle School, Vandergrift High School, and the Balcones Canyonland Preserve property line. Quarterly reports shall be made to Council and the Environmental Commission."

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Vice Chair Bristol.

The amendment was to include "and during Golden-Cheeked Warbler nesting season from March to August annually" in the following section to read:

"Require the facility to curtail operations during periods of electrical emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Texas, ERCOT, and/or Local Authorities and during Golden-Cheeked Warbler nesting season from March to August annually."

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

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The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

The amendment was to include the following section to read:

"Rectify the vesting date in all documents – in particular, the Vested Rights Determination Letter – and direct City Council to audit vested rights determinations."

The amendment was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Morrison was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Krueger adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. without objection.

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