



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office

CM: Sara Hensley

DATE: July 23, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton appointing a Primary Member and Alternate Member as official voting representatives to the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Council; and declaring an effective date.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a revision to its Bylaws and Operating Procedures to reflect changes in membership based on the NCTCOG's most recent population and employment figures. The revision included a provision to cluster the City of Denton with several Denton County municipalities with populations greater than 5,000 to meet an optimal population threshold of 208,000 per each RTC seat. The Cities of Denton, Sanger, Corinth, Lake Dallas, Aubrey, Krum, and Oak Point, and the Town of Hickory Creek have been grouped in the "Denton cluster." The RTC Bylaws allows for each seat on the RTC to have a Primary Member and an Alternate Member. The Alternate Member enjoys voting authority and may represent its appointing entity should the Primary Member not be able to attend a meeting.

Since the City of Denton maintains metropolitan planning organization status due to the population threshold established in the 1990 Census and reaffirmed in the 2020 Census, the City of Denton has primacy of appointing representatives to the RTC. On June 22, 2021, Council adopted Resolution 21-1105 appointing Council Members Alison Maguire and Gerard Hudspeth as Primary and Alternate Member, respectively, for an unexpired 2-year term ending June 30, 2022 (such applicable term covering the period of July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022). The appointments were necessitated as a result of the vacancies created following the May 2021 general election.

On June 28, 2022, necessitated by expiration of the prior 2-year term, Council adopted Resolution 22-1047 appointing Council Member Alison Maguire as the Primary Member and Mayor Gerard Hudspeth as the Alternate Member on the RTC to represent the aforementioned cluster of a town and cities. After Council Member Maguire was recalled on November 8, 2022, on December 6, 2022, Council adopted Resolution 22-2439 appointing Council Member Chris Watts as the Primary Member for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2024.

On May 14, 2024, City Council canvassed the results of the May 4, 2024 General Election whereby Jill Jester was elected of Place 6, replacing Chris Watts.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On July 12, 2024, Informal Staff Report 2024-25 was provided to Council requesting Council Members review their current assignments and notify City Secretary which bodies they are interested in serving on by Friday, July 19, 2024. On July 23, 2024, an overview will be provided to City Council regarding appointments to several external boards/committees. At that time, City Council consensus is sought to schedule the appointment of a Primary Member and an Alternate Member to the RTC, for the term ending June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends appointments be made to the Primary Member and Alternate Member positions on the RTC for the term ending June 30, 2026 (such applicable term covering the period of July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2 – Proposed Resolution

Respectfully submitted:

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