



Town of Elizabeth

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting **UPDATED** - Record of Proceedings

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Town Hall, 151 S. Banner Street

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Elizabeth was called to order on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm by Mayor Angela Ternus.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Angela Ternus

Mayor Pro Tem Tracy Hutchins

Trustee Dave Conley

Trustee Michael Schroder

Trustee Steve Gaither

Trustee Tony Atencio

Absent:

Trustee Loren Einspahr

There was a quorum to do business.

Also in Attendance:

Interim Administrator Chris Lowe

Town Clerk Michelle Oeser

Public Works Director Mike DeVol

Police Chief Jeff Engel

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ternus led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

This is a meeting of the Board of Trustees held in public. We welcome you here and thank you for your time and concerns. When you are recognized, please stand and state your name and address to the Board. Your comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If many speakers are anticipated, the Mayor may (a) shorten the time limit; (b) ask speakers to limit themselves to new information and points of view not already covered by previous speakers; and/or (c) limit the total time of public comment to allow the Board to proceed to consider items set on the regular meeting agenda. The Board of Trustees may not respond to your comments during this meeting, but rather take your comments and suggestions under advisement and your questions will be directed to the appropriate person or department for follow-up. Personal attacks against Board Members, Administrative Staff, or Employees will not be recognized. If a response from Staff is requested, the Mayor will direct Staff to have a response at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Paul Schwartzkop - Town of Elizabeth Resident
Peter Hatfield - Town of Elizabeth Resident

Agenda Changes

No changes from Administration.

No changes from the Board.

Agenda set.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Gaither, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026.

Voting Yes: Mayor Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, Trustee Conley, Trustee Schroder, Trustee Gaither, Trustee Atencio

Voting No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously (6-0)

Mayor Ternus closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Public Hearing

2. Dads of Elbert County Special Event Application – Michelle Oeser

Ms. Oeser provided a Staff report.

Justin Hundley spoke as the representative for the applicant.

Mayor Ternus opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Ternus closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Meeting at 7:23 pm.

New Business

3. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Dad's of Elbert County Special Event Application – Michelle Oeser

Motion by Trustee Conley, seconded by Trustee Gaither, to approve the Dad's of Elbert County Special Event Application.

Voting Yes: Mayor Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, Trustee Conley, Trustee Schroder, Trustee Gaither, Trustee Atencio

Voting No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously (6-0)

4. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 26R13, a Resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement between the Town and Wags and Walks Colorado Pet Ranch regarding the proving of placement of stray, lost, injured, or impounded dogs for the Town of Elizabeth – Chief Engel

Motion by Trustee Conley, seconded by Trustee Gaither, to approve Resolution 26R13, a Resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement between the Town and Wags and Walks Colorado Pet Ranch regarding the proving of placement of stray, lost, injured, or impounded dogs for the Town of Elizabeth.

Voting Yes: Mayor Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, Trustee Conley, Trustee Schroder, Trustee Gaither, Trustee Atencio

Voting No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously (6-0)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract for the Town Administrator Executive Search Consultant— Michelle Oeser

Motion by Trustee Conley, seconded by Trustee Schroder, to approve a contract for the Town Administrator Executive Search with Duffy Consultant Group, with a \$30,000 not to exceed clause, and giving authority for the Mayor to sign the contract once approved by the Town Attorney.

Voting Yes: Mayor Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, Trustee Conley, Trustee Schroder, Trustee Atencio

Voting No: Trustee Gaither

Motion Unanimously (5-1)

Management Monitoring Reports

6. Management Monitoring Reports

- Interim Town Administrator Chris Lowe:
 - Discussion on how to add items to the agenda.
 - Discussion on adding an agenda line item - Items for Consideration.
 - Discussion on opening the community garden.
- Police Chief Jeff Engel:
 - Discussion on Police Officers and take home vehicles.
 - Elizabeth Police Officers assisted the Elbert County Sheriff with a homicide.
 - Elizabeth Police Department is working on crash reduction strategies for Highway 86.
 - The Annual Police report will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
 - Discussion on E-bikes in Town.
- Public Works Director Mike DeVol:
 - Discussion on completion of the trail project and final reporting to the State.
 - Discussion on upkeep of the Boy Scout trail benches, and the possibility of installing shade covers along the trail.
 - Discussion on the split rail fence surrounding the detention pond.
 - Discussion on trees for Running Creek Park.
 - Discussion on the Town's Clean-Up Day.
- Town Clerk Michelle Oeser:
 - Discussion about in-kind sponsorship for the Library Foundation Brewfest event.
 - Discussion about in-kind sponsorship for the Meet on Main Street Event.
 - Discussion on Food Truck Parking at the Gesin Lot.
 - Trustee Schroder inquired about the Colorado Municipal League Conference.
 - Mayor Ternus said that people attending the Elbert County Chamber Business Expo were interested in the Alzheimer's discussion being presented at the next Senior Luncheon.
 - Discussion on the possible cancellation of the Fundraising Flower Sale this year.

Board of Trustees Report

7. Board Reports

- Trustee Tony Antenico:
 - Follow-up discussion on the topic of senior transportation grant opportunities.
- Mayor Angela Ternus
 - Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, and Trustee Antenico for helping at the Business Expo.

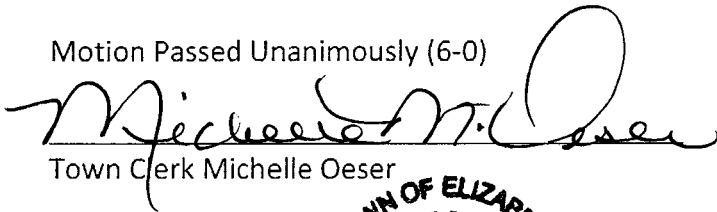
Adjournment

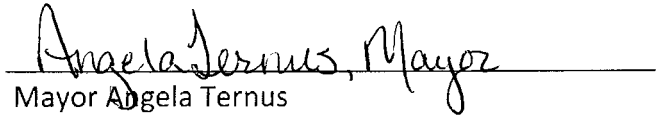
Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Antenico, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Voting Yes: Mayor Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, Trustee Conley, Trustee Schroder, Trustee Gaither, Trustee Antenico

Voting No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously (6-0)


Town Clerk Michelle Oeser


Mayor Angela Ternus

