

8. 2026 TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

The Bylaws for the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) require the Chair to appoint a Nominating Committee of a minimum of three members prior to the first meeting of each calendar year for the purpose of bringing before the Council a slate of officers for consideration. The 2026 TPC Nominating Committee was approved at the TPC meeting on November 21, 2025, and includes the following members:

- Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County) – Nominating Committee Chair,
- Commissioner Lesley Briones (Harris County),
- Council Member Sally Branson (City of Friendswood),
- Commissioner Ryan Dagley (Chambers County),
- Mayor Kevin Cole (City of Pearland), and
- Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston).

The Nominating Committee recommends the following positions: TPC Officers, TPC at-large Smaller Cities, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at-large positions, Transportation Safety Committee members, and Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chairs. Please note that the 2026 Nominations cycle includes only one of two Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chair positions and does not include Transportation Safety Committee nominations due to two-year terms.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Nominating Committee met on January 5, 2026, to review and prepare recommendations for the available positions to be presented at the January 23, 2026 Transportation Policy Council meeting for approval. The attached page includes the proposed slate of nominees for TPC Officers (Table 6-1), TPC At-Large Smaller Cities (Table 6-2), Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chair (Table 6-3) and Technical Advisory Committee At-Large positions (Table 6-4).

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of 2026 TPC Nominating Committee Recommendations.

Table 6-1: TPC Officers

Chairman	Justin Beckendorff	Commissioner, Waller County
1st Vice Chair	Grady Prestage	Commissioner, Fort Bend County
2nd Vice Chair	Kevin Cole	Mayor, City of Pearland
Secretary	Lesley Briones	Commissioner, Harris County

Table 6-2: TPC At-Large Smaller Cities

Position #1 Primary	Joe Garcia	City of Pattison
Position #1 Alternate	Jerry Mouton	Deer Park
Position #2 Primary	John Escoto	Shenandoah
Position #2 Alternate	Dusty Thiele	City of Katy
Position #3 Primary	Sally Branson	City of Friendswood
Position #3 Alternate	Ross Gordon	City of Bellaire

Table 6-3: Greater Houston Freight Committee

GHFC Co-Chair	Callie Barnes	Port Houston
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Table 6-4: TAC At-Large Positions

Smaller Cities #1 Primary	Morad Kabiri	City of Friendswood
Smaller Cities #1 Alternate	Jil Arias	City of Friendswood
Smaller Cities #2 Primary	Joseph Peart	City of Shenandoah
Smaller Cities #2 Alternate	Lori Klein Quinn	City of Tomball
Smaller Cities #3 Primary	Andy Rogers	City of Mont Belvieu
Smaller Cities #3 Alternate	Chad Nesvadba	City of Needville
Smaller Cities #4 Primary	Lee Tipton	City of Cleveland
Smaller Cities #4 Alternate	Dan Davis	City of Manvel
Regional Toll Authority Primary	Robert Castaneda	Montgomery County Toll Road Authority
Regional Toll Authority Alternate	David Gornet	Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority
Transportation Management Organization Primary	Amy Skicki	BayTran
Transportation Management Organization Alternate	Philip Toups	BayTran
Regional Transportation Advocacy Group Primary	Christina Cabral	TAG Houston
Regional Transportation Advocacy Group Alternate	Marlissa Briggs	North Houston Association
Truck Freight Transportation Primary	Danny Schnautz	Clark Freight Lines
Truck Freight Transportation Alternate	Liz Castillo	Greater Houston Trucking Association
Active Transportation Primary	Sherry Weesner	Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 5
Active Transportation Alternate	Lisa Graiff	Houston Parks Board