



BURNET COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Guy Stuart	Vicinta Stafford	Bryan Wilson	DeAnne Fisher	Tammy Hulum
<i>County Chair - Democratic Party</i>	<i>Vice Chair County Clerk</i>	<i>Chair County Judge</i>	<i>Secretary County Tax Assessor/ Collector</i>	<i>County Chair - Republican Party</i>

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026

MEETING TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**MEETING PLACE: Burnet County Courthouse, 1st Floor Courtroom, 220 S. Pierce,
Burnet, Texas 78611**

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum.

Judge Bryan Wilson/Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am as all members were present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

Invocation & pledges led by Judge Bryan Wilson/Chair.

3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to accept the resignation from the Elections Administrator, Michael Evans, and set effective date.

Motion made by Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, accepting Michael Evans resignation with effective date of April 17, 2026. Guy Stuart seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to appoint an Interim Elections Administrator, and set effective date.

Closed Session began at 10:15am, Stephanie Ellis was invited to attend the executive session.

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:48am.

Motion made by Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, to appoint Stephanie Ellis as the Interim Elections Administrator to become effective April 17, 2026. DeAnne Fisher, Secretary/Tax Assessor Collector, seconded the motion; The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the compensation for the Interim Elections Administrator during the period of interim service.

Motion made by Vicinta Stafford/Vice Chair, to change Stephanie Ellis' pay scale to the rate of Election Administrator position effective April 17, 2026 and continuing until the next Elections Administrator begins or the end of the pay period when new Elections Administrator begins their employment with Burnet County. Guy Stuart, Burnet County Democrat Party Chair, seconded the motion; The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to do the following:

a. Discuss and take action on the qualifications for applicants for the Elections Administrator position;

Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, made a motion to continue with the current applicants that have already been vetted and made it through to the 2nd round of interviews, in the event we do not pick a qualified applicant for the position then we post the job position again, Tammy Hulum, Burnet County Republican Chair, seconded the motion; The motion passed unanimously.

b. Discuss and take action on past interview questions and process; and Applicants to be interviewed are: 1) John Fisher, 2) Krista Mejias, and 3) Stephanie Cooper.

Vicinta Stafford made a motion that we would allow the applicants an opportunity to present their qualifications for the position. Motion seconded by Guy Stuart, Burnet County Democrat Chair; The motion passed unanimously.

c. By affirmative vote of the majority of the commission's membership, vote on the appointment of the Elections Administrator position.

6. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code – To discuss and deliberate about officers and employees of the governmental body relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, to wit:

a. Discuss and consider the qualifications for applicants for the Elections Administrator position;

Public comment:

A member of the public made a nomination for Violet Orosco to be interviewed and considered for Elections Administrator; public comment closed on 6a.

- b. Review past interview questions and process; and**
- c. Conduct Election Administrator position interviews.**

Judge Bryan Wilson, Chair established the order of which the interviews will be conducted, being the order he contacted the applicants: 1) John Fisher, 2) Krista Mejias, and 3) Stephanie Cooper.

Went into executive session at 11:01am.

7. Reconvene in Open Session.

Reconvened at 1:02 pm

- 8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to do the following:**
 - a. Discuss and take action on the qualifications for applicants for the Elections Administrator position;**
 - b. Discuss and take action on past interview questions and process; and**
 - c. By affirmative vote of the majority of the commission's membership, vote on the appointment of the Elections Administrator position. (Wilson)**

DeAnne Fisher, Secretary/Tax Assessor Collector, made a motion to offer the Election Administrator position to Stephanie Cooper. Motion seconded by Guy Stuart, Burnet County Democrat Chair; The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to appoint a new Elections Administrator, set the salary, and set effective date.

Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, made a motion to start Stephanie Cooper at the highest level beginning on first day of July 6, 2026, which will allow us to evaluate prior to the new fiscal year. Motion was seconded by DeAnne Fisher, Secretary/Tax Assessor Collector; The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to authorize the County Tax Assessor/ Collector and County Clerk to perform their statutory duties to file the resolution or order as designated by the Texas Elections Code, Section 31.032(c).

Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, made a motion to allow her to file with the Secretary of State for the Interim Elections Administrator and Appointment of Elections Administrator, Guy Stuart, Burnet County Democrat Chair, seconded the motion; The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Vicinta Stafford, Vice Chair/County Clerk, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 pm, seconded by Tammy Hulum, Burnet County Republican Chair; The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



DeAnne Fisher
Burnet County Election Commission Secretary