

## THE BARNHILL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's The Barnhill Center Advisory Board was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in The Barnhill Center, Morriss Hall in the Schulte Room, 106 Douglas Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Board Members present:

Jane Barnhill  
Tom Bullock, Jr.  
Tee Dippel  
Jennifer Eckermann  
Jon Hill  
Hal Moorman  
Tiffany Morisak  
Traci Pyle  
Margie Routt Young

### Board Members absent:

### The Barnhill Center Team presents:

Megan Mainer, Assistant City Manager; Tourism and Marketing Specialist Nancy Joiner; and Manager of The Barnhill Center, Alex Dill

### City of Brenham Staff present:

Jeana Bellinger, City Secretary

### Media Present:

No media present

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Hal Moorman, acting as interim board chair, called the meeting to order. This is the first meeting of the Barnhill Center Advisory Board.

#### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

#### **3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Appoint a Chair for The Barnhill Center Advisory Board**

A new chair needed to be appointed for the Barnhill Center Advisory Board. A motion was made by the Interim Board Chair, Hal Moorman, to nominate Jennifer Eckermann as Board Chair, and it was seconded by Board Member Traci Pyle.

Hal Moorman called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

**4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Appoint a Vice Chair for The Barnhill Center Advisory Board**

A motion was made by Board Member Hall Moorman to nominate Margie Routt Young as Board Vice Chair, and it was seconded by Board Member Tiffany Morisak.

Chair Jennifer Eckermann called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

**5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Appoint a Venue Preservation Committee**

A motion was made by Board Member Tee Dippel to nominate Tom Bullock, Jr., Hal Moorman, and Jane Barnhill to the Venue Preservation Committee, and it was seconded by Board Member Jon Hill.

Chair Jennifer Eckermann called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

**6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Appoint a Strategic Planning Committee**

A motion was made by Board Member Jon Hill to nominate Tee Dippel, Jennifer Eckermann, and Jon Hill to the Strategic Planning Committee, and it was seconded by Board Member Margie Routt Young.

Chair Jennifer Eckermann called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

**7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Appoint a Programming Committee**

A motion was made by Board Member Tee Dippel to nominate Traci Pyle, Tiffany Morisak and Margie Routt Young as the Programming Committee, and it was seconded by Board Member Jon Hill.

Chair Jennifer Eckermann called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

**WORK SESSION**

**8. Presentation and Training on the City of Brenham's Policies and Procedures for Advisory Boards and Commissions to Include, but Not Be Limited to, Board Meeting Procedures and Requirements, Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure, Conflicts of Interest, the Texas Open Meetings Act, and the Texas Public Information Act**

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented this training.

- Policy and Procedures for Boards and Commissions Effective January 1, 2026
- Texas Open Meetings Act

- The Basics of Parliamentary Procedure – commonly known as “Roberts Rules of Order.”
- Conflict of Interest
- The Basics of Public Information

This Board will need to have a quorum of five members at each meeting to proceed with meetings each month.

**9. Review and Discuss The Barnhill Center Strategic Plan Proposal from Parkhill**

Megan Mainer, Assistant City Manager, gave an update on this item. She met with them and gave a tour of The Barnhill Center. The Barnhill Center needs to develop a strategic plan for this historic building to ensure its long-term preservation, relevance, and sustainability while maximizing its value to the community. With a thorough assessment of facilities, programs, finance, and levels of service, a strategic plan will create a structured roadmap for maintaining the building’s historic character while improving usability, safety, and accessibility. Parkhill’s Eric James and Brian Griggs were contacted to do a walk-through and presented a proposal for professional services. They would also serve as the consultant team if the firm were retained. It’s possible that we could do some of the work ourselves, limiting the cost of the professional services. Once a decision is made, it will go before the City Council for approval.

**10. Administrative Report to Include Tourism Staffing Update, Concessionaire RFP, Barnhill Center Programming, Barnhill Center Budget Wrap-up, and 2026 Barnhill Center Advisory Board Meeting Dates**

Megan Mainer, Assistant City Manager, gave an update on these items. Tourism staffing update on the Director of Tourism & TBC is as follows: the position has been posted, applications are being accepted, and interviews will start in January. A second position titled “Visit Brenham Destination Manager” will be considered after the Director is recruited if funding is available for this fiscal year.

The City of Brenham is seeking proposals from qualified proposers to provide alcohol and concession services for events at TBC through the Concessionaire RFP. Dates are given for when the issuance, publication, RFP question, request submission, deadline for submission, and City Council consideration and award for concessionaire.

The Barnhill Center Programming has two events in January. They are the speaker series luncheon with Alice Gonzales Yates on January 13, 2026, and the Oak Ridge Boys concert on January 24, 2026, which is sold out.

The Barnhill Center Budget Wrap-up for Fund 249 ended with a larger than budgeted deficit of \$84,4668 for FY25. \$71,293 was on the programming and cultural arts side due to over-projected revenues. The cumulative negative fund balance is \$251,535. The revenue projections for FY26 are more conservative and reflect year-over-year actuals, so we anticipate the ability to reduce the negative fund balance annually and to achieve breakeven in FY26 and in future fiscal years. Fund 109 ended with a FY25 surplus of \$47,374 and has a balance of \$282,904. The target fund balance for Fund 109 is \$300,000 to allow for any unexpected repairs at The Barnhill Center, such as the roof repair. The original cost was \$125,000, but the bid was awarded to J&A Roofing for \$80,080.00

Dates for the 2026 TBC Advisory Board meetings are for the second Monday of each month at 4 pm at TBC in Morriss Hall. The dates are:

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

Juen 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

## 11. Adjourn

Jennifer Eckermann, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Board Member Jon Hill to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Board Member Margie Routt Young.

Jennifer Eckermann called for a vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jane Barnhill	Yes
Tom Bullock, Jr.	Yes
Tee Dippel	Yes
Jennifer Eckermann	Yes
Jon Hill	Yes
Hal Moorman	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Yes
Margie Routt Young	Yes

*Jennifer Eckermann*  
Board Chair

March 31, 2026

**ATTEST:**

*Nancy Joiner*  
Tourism & Marketing Specialist

March 31, 2026