



**NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF SAN BENITO CITY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2026
12:00 PM**

**SAN BENITO MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CESAR GONZALEZ MEETING HALL
401 NORTH SAM HOUSTON BOULEVARD
SAN BENITO, TEXAS 78586**

During the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with its legal counsel on legal matters relating to any item on this agenda when the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. The City Commission reserves the right to consider and address any of the items in this agenda in any order during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member of the governing board.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Speaker remarks limited to three minutes)

- **Non-Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a "Public Comment Form" stating the City business or City policy you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Forms are not reserved for anyone nor may time be deferred to anyone. PowerPoint presentations may not be accommodated. This period is limited to five (5) speakers with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.
- **Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a "Public Comment Form" stating which item(s) on the agenda you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Speakers will be allowed to address the Commission on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- **Time Limits:** The City Commission shall have the discretion to modify its regulations regarding time limits on public comment if necessary. For example, the time limit may be shortened to accommodate a lengthy agenda or it could be lengthened to allow additional time for discussion on a complicated matter or if there is a need for an interpreter.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

1. Consideration and possible action to approve Order Number 2026-002 calling the City of San Benito Special Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner, Place 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The City of San Benito does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (956) 361-3800, Extension 103, by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

Dated: February 13, 2026

CITY OF SAN BENITO

Ricardo Guerra

**Honorable Ricardo Guerra
Mayor**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

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I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Special Meeting of the City of San Benito City Commission is a true and correct copy of said Notice posted on the front outdoor bulletin board cabinet for agendas at the San Benito Municipal Building, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, in San Benito, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times which has been continuously posted for a period of three (3) working days prior to the date and time said meeting was convened. This agenda may be downloaded by accessing: <http://cityofsanbenito.com/AgendaCenter>.

ATTEST:



Ruth McGinnis

**Ruth A. McGinnis
City Secretary**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REQUEST:

Consideration and possible action to approve Order Number 2026-002 calling the City of San Benito Special Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner, Place 3.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Administration recommends approval of Order Number 2026-002 calling the City of San Benito Special Election on May 2, 2026, for the election of a Commissioner Place 3.

RATIONALE:

Approval of Order Number 2026-002 is required to formally call the City's Special Election in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Adoption of the order establishes the election date, authorizes the election, and ensures that qualified voters of the City of San Benito have the opportunity to elect a candidate. Timely approval allows election preparations to proceed in compliance with all statutory deadlines.

There is no extra cost to run the Special Election during the General Election.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No additional.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary

EXHIBITS: DOC021326-02132026162555

PREPARED BY: Ruth A. McGinnis
City Secretary

02/13/2026
Date

Fred R. Sandoval

Fred Sandoval
City Manager

RICARDO GUERRA
Mayor

FRED R. SANDOVAL
City Manager



THOMAS W. GOODMAN II
Mayor Pro Tempore,
Commissioner, Place 1

DEBORAH A. MORALES
Commissioner, Place 2

PEDRO A. GALVAN, PHARM. D.
Commissioner, Place 3

JOE E. NAVARRO
Commissioner, Place 4

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 3.004, 3.006, 85.004, 85.007, 201.054 Texas Election Code
9/2023

ORDER NUMBER 2026-002
(ORDEN NUMERO 2026-002)

ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, TEXAS
(ORDEN DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN BENITO, TEXAS)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on **May 2, 2026** for the purpose of voting on:
*(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el día **2 de mayo 2026** con el propósito de votar sobre:)*

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: February 20, 2026 from 1:00pm to March 3, 2026 at 5:00p.m.

A deadline is required to be stated in order for a special election.
(Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán presentadas por: 20 de febrero de 2026 a la 1:00pm hasta el 3 de marzo de 2026 a las 5:00p.m)
(De acuerdo con la orden de elección especial se requiere una fecha límite)

Voting to elect a Commissioner to Place 3, the position being a three-year term.
(Votar para elegir un Comisionado a Lugar 3, la posición siendo término de tres años.)

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each **Weekday** at:
*(La **Votación Adelantada** en persona se llevara a cabo **de lunes a viernes** en:)*

The Main Early Voting Location (Sitio Principal de Votacion Adelantada)
San Benito Community Building, 210 East Heywood, San Benito, Texas 78586
Location (Sitio)

Monday, April 20, 2026 to Friday, April 24, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(el lunes, 20 de abril, 2026 hasta el viernes, 24 de abril, 2026 de 9:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.)

Monday, April 27, 2026 to Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(el lunes, 27 de abril 2026 hasta el martes, 28 de abril 2026 de 9:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.)

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each **Weekend** at:
*(La **Votacion Adelantada** en persona se llevara a cabo de **el fin de semana** en:)*

The Main Early Voting Location (Sitio Principal de Votacion Adelantada)
San Benito Community Building, 210 East Heywood, San Benito, Texas 78586
Location (Sitio)

Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(el sabado, 25 de abril 2026 de 10:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.)

May 2, 2026 Election Day Polling Places from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Dia de Eleccion, 2 de mayo de 2026, Ubicacion de Casillas Electorales, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.)

<u>Precinct (Precinto)</u>	<u>Site (Sitio)</u>	<u>Address (Direccion)</u>
19, 21, Part 25, Part 49	San Benito Community Building	210 East Heywood
Part 50, Part 51, 57, 101	San Benito Community Building	210 East Heywood
Part 18, Part 22	Sullivan Elementary School	900 East Elizabeth
40	Fred Booth Global Leadership Academy	705 Zaragosa

Applications for Ballots by Mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Remi Garza, Cameron County Elections Administrator

Name of Early Voting Clerk (*Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votacion Adelantada*)

P.O. Box 3587

Address (*Direccion*)

Brownsville, Texas 78523

City (*Ciudad*) Zip (*Codigo Postal*)

Remi.Garza@co.cameron.tx.us

E-Mail Address (*Direccion de Correo Electronico*)

www.cameronvotes.com

Early Voting Clerk's Website (*Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votacion Adelantada*)

Applications for Ballot by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on:

(Las solicitudes para Boletas que se Votaran Adelantada por Correo deberan recibirse no mas tardar de las horas de negocio el:) **April 20, 2026**

Date (fecha)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on **April 23, 2026**. *(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberan recibirse no mas tardar de las horas de negocio el 23 de abril del 2026.)*

Issued this **20th** day of **February, 2026**. *(Emitida este dia el 20 de febrero del 2026.)*

Honorable Ricardo Guerra
Mayor (Alcalde)

Honorable Thomas W. Goodman
Mayor Pro Tempore,
Commissioner, Place 1 (Concejal)

Honorable Deborah A. Morales
Commissioner, Place 2 (Concejal)

Honorable Pete A. Galvan, Pharm. D.
Commissioner, Place 3 (Concejal)

Honorable Jose E. Navarro
Commissioner, Place 4 (Concejal)