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## MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING May 26, 2026

A Special Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Council Chambers, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #4, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; Assistant City Secretary Irene Chavez

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Opening Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas. (Mayor Rodriguez)**

Mayor Rodriguez provided the opening prayer and the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas.

### **Hearing of Residents**

*This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.*

*All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body, and not to any individual member thereof. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be requested to leave the meeting.*

*All handouts and/or USB devices must be submitted to the City Secretary no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting. Handouts will be provided to each Councilmember prior to the start of the meeting by the City Secretary. All USB devices will be vetted by City IT staff to ensure City property is protected from malware.*

Mayor Rodriguez recognized the following residents:

**Tiffany Gibson**, 6939 Hallie Loop, paid homage to outgoing City Councilmember Allison

Heyward stating her service since 2018 has strengthened both the City of Schertz and communities across Texas. Through her leadership, advocacy for first responders and city infrastructure, and historic service as the first Schertz official to serve as President of the Texas Municipal League, she has exemplified servant leadership, putting people, progress, and purpose above all else.

**Bob Jameson**, 4504 Brush Creek Drive, thanked Ms. Heyward for her service to the community.

**Dana Eldridge**, 2628 Gallant Fox Drive, commended Schertz EMS for their outstanding response to a medical emergency at his church involving a 90-year-old man, congratulated Sarah Dietz on her election and new role, and expressed deep appreciation for Councilmember Allison Heyward's years of service to Schertz and Texas. Recalling her first campaign victory, he praised her leadership, accomplishments, and representation of the city, thanking her for her dedicated public service.

**Chrys Hecox**, 768 Clearbrook, expressed gratitude to Councilmember Allison Heyward not for her public accomplishments, but for her character and compassion, recalling how she offered support during a difficult personal time without expecting anything in return. She praised her servant's heart, integrity, and the positive example she has set through her service to both her office and the City of Schertz.

**Brent Bolter**, 2633 Cloverbrook Lane, congratulated Councilmember Sarah Dietz on joining the council and acknowledged Councilmember Allison Heyward's service. Mr. Bolter reflected on a lifetime of service in the Air Force and community organizations, emphasizing that leadership is about serving others, not personal interests. He urged the City Council to represent all residents of Schertz equally, focus on the community's collective well-being, and make decisions that move the entire city forward.

## **Discussion and Action Items**

1. **Resolution 26-R-064**-Approving the canvassing of the election returns and declaring the results of the May 16, 2026 Runoff Election for Place 6 (Mayor/S.Edmondson)

Mayor Rodriguez recognized City Secretary Sheila Edmondson who presented Resolution 26-R-064 approving the canvassing of the May 16, 2026, Runoff Election for City Council Place 6. There were two candidates in the Runoff Election, Ms. Sarah Dietz and Ms. Raquel Gutierrez.

Ms. Sarah Dietz received 887 votes or 59.05% of the vote total.

Ms. Raquel Gutierrez received 615 votes or 40.95% of the vote total.

The total votes cast during early voting by personal appearance and absentee votes was 1205. On the Runoff Election Day there were 298 votes cast. The total number of votes cast in the May 16, 2026, Runoff Election was 1503.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-R-064 with the vote total showing Ms. Dietz receiving the majority of the vote.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Paul Macaluso

AYE: Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis, Councilmember Michelle Watson, Councilmember Ben Guerrero, Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Passed

**2. Oath of Office (S.Edmondson/S.Courney)**

Oath of Office for Councilmember Place 6 was administered to Sarah Dietz by Mayor Ralph Rodriguez.

Following the Oath of Office, Councilmember Dietz expressed gratitude to the voters of Schertz for their trust and pledged to serve the community with integrity, transparency, and dedication. She also thanked the Schertz Police and Fire Associations for their support and acknowledged the importance of their service to the city.

Ms. Dietz offered heartfelt appreciation to her family for their encouragement, sacrifices, and unwavering support throughout her campaign, giving special thanks to her husband for standing beside her every step of the journey. She concluded by expressing her excitement to work with the mayor and council to continue strengthening the Schertz community.

**3. Pin Presentation for Newly Elected Councilmember (Councilmember Allison Heyward)**

Councilmember Allison Heyward presented a Schertz lapel pin to newly elected Councilmember Sarah Dietz, sharing that the tradition began in 2018 when she received her own pin. She has since continued the practice for each new councilmember, and noted that pinning Ms. Dietz would be her final official act before inviting her to take her seat on the council.

**4. Presentation for Councilmember Allison Heyward**

Mayor Ralph Rodriguez honored Councilmember Allison Heyward with a commemorative street sign signed by colleagues and supporters, as well as a plaque recognizing her dedicated and selfless service as City Council Place 6 from 2018 to 2026. The plaque thanked her for leading with integrity and helping make Schertz one of the safest and most desirable communities in the nation.

City Manager Steve Williams reflected on their years working together, praising Ms. Heyward's vision, leadership, and role in elevating Schertz's profile across Texas. He highlighted her accomplishments as Texas Municipal League President, particularly her efforts to strengthen municipal advocacy during the legislative session, and presented her

with a City Manager Coin in recognition of her outstanding service and contributions.

In her farewell remarks, Councilmember Heyward reflected on her seven years of service to the City of Schertz, expressing gratitude to residents for their trust and thanking her family, friends, fellow councilmembers, and city staff for their unwavering support. She praised the council's ability to work together despite differences and emphasized that their shared focus was always doing what was best for the city.

While acknowledging the bittersweet nature of leaving office, Ms. Heyward expressed confidence in her successor, Sarah Dietz, and encouraged her to lead in her own way. She closed by looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and continuing to serve the community through volunteer work, emphasizing that her commitment to Schertz will continue beyond her time on the council.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheree Courney, TRMC  
Deputy City Secretary