

# **KILLEEN ISD**

# **CALL FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS**

## **Texas Partnership Update**

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026





# Context & Purpose

## Texas Partnership Overview

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In fall 2025, Killeen ISD initiated the process to become a charter authorizer. During this time, the administration presented the authorizing framework and initial partnership opportunities to the Board of Trustees, including an overview of Third Future Schools.

Since then, the district has taken deliberate action to strengthen its authorizing role, including updating governance policies, adopting an authorizer mission and vision, filing its intent to request SB 1882 benefits with TEA, launching an official Call for Quality Schools, and evaluating a potential operating partner.

Tonight's update provides an overview of the district's progress in the Call for Quality Schools process.



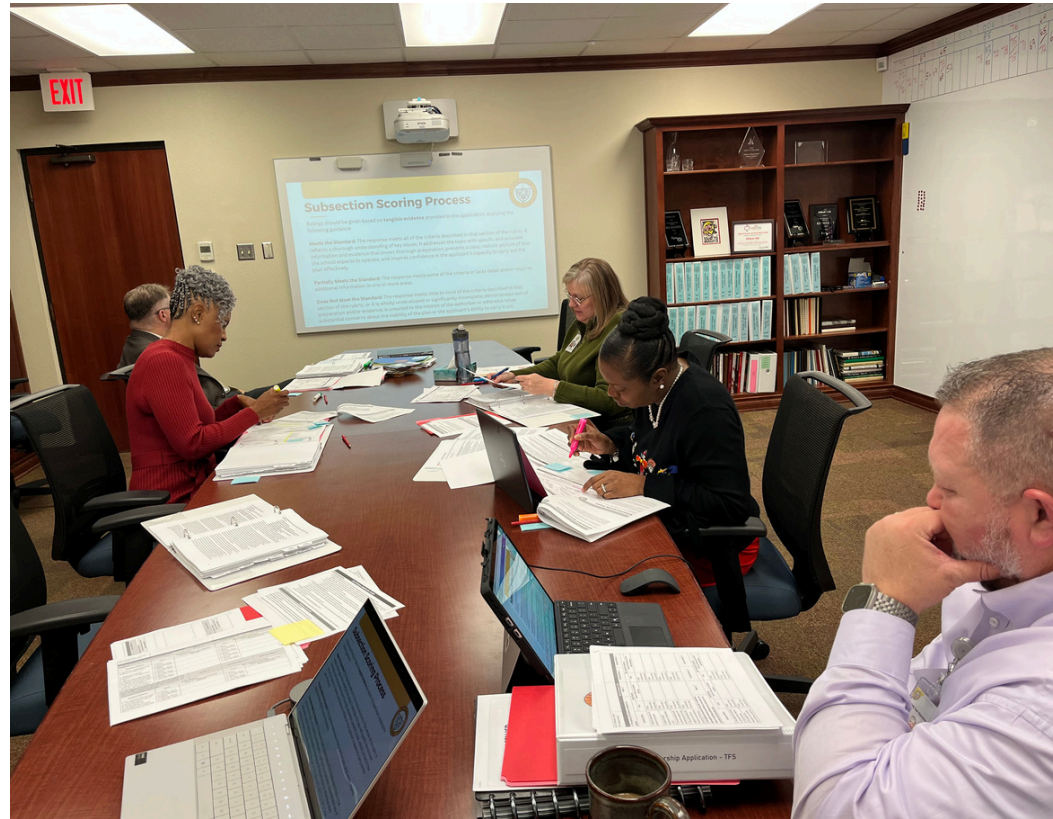
# Application Evaluation

## Due Diligence & Capacity Interview

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- **Evaluation team composition:** Members were selected based on demonstrated expertise in Academics, Operations, Finance, Human Resources, and Parent/Community Partnerships.
- **Evaluation framework:** The team evaluated the application using the TEA model rubric, which includes 82 success criteria across multiple domains.
- **Domains reviewed:** Academic Plan, Financial Plan, Governance & Operations, and Existing Partnerships.
- **Rating approach:** Each criterion was assessed and rated as Meets, Partially Meets, or Does Not Meet.





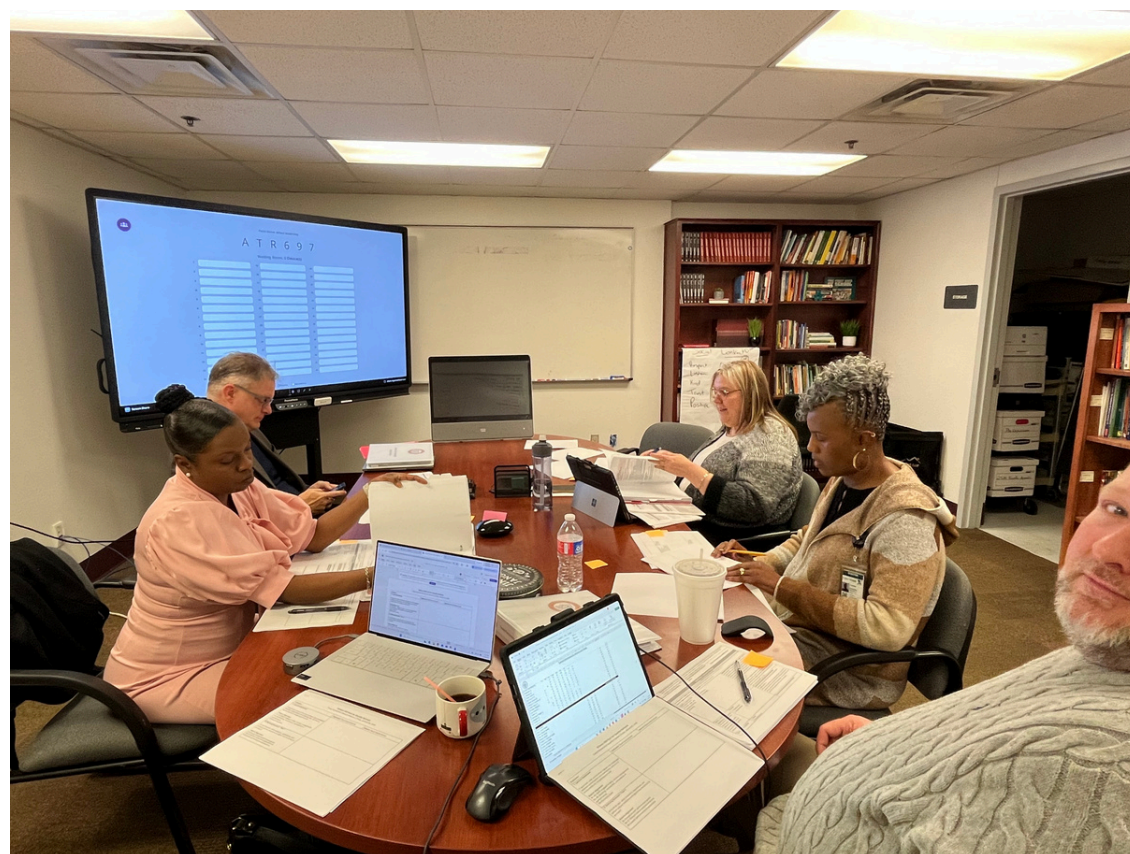
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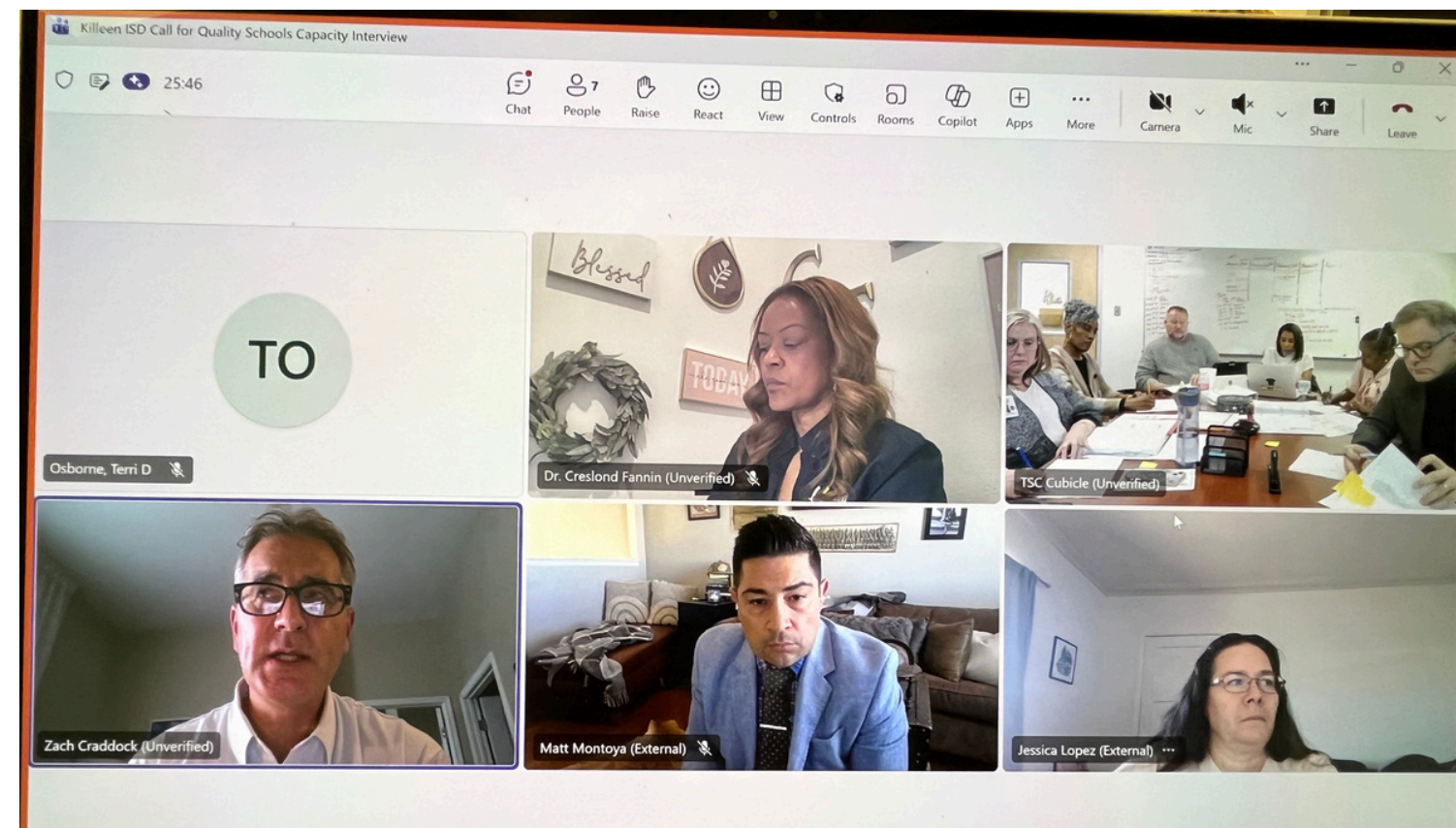
Interview Preparation



Technology Setup



Capacity Interview Debrief



**Third Future Representatives:**  
 Superintendent  
 Chief of Staff  
 Chief of Strategy & Innovation  
 Senior Director for TX & LA  
 Director of Special Programs





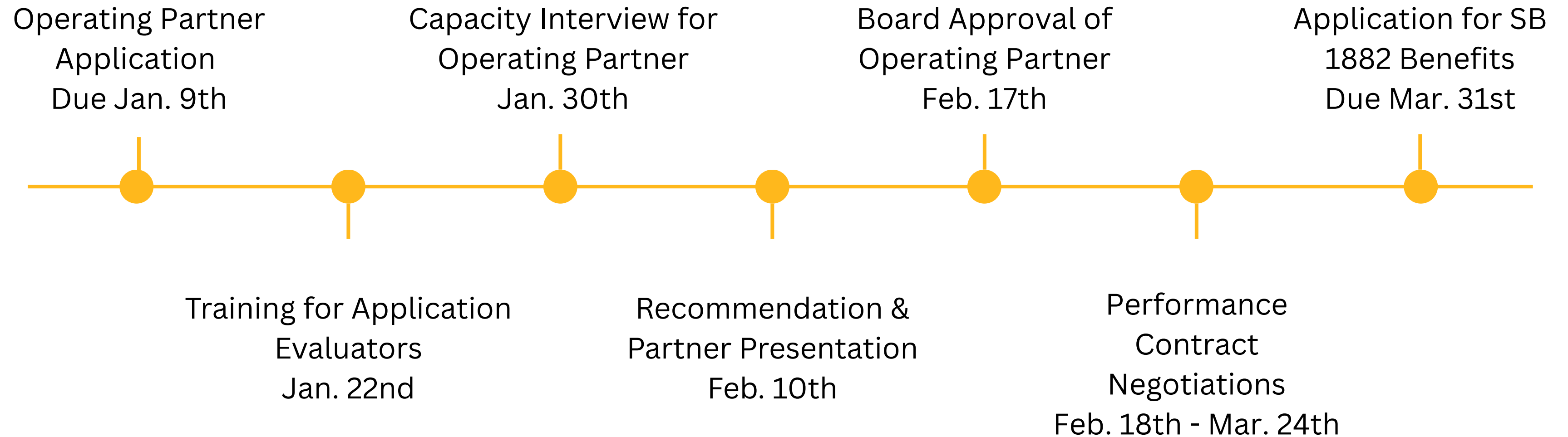
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## Operating Partner Recommendation

- Based on the preponderance of evidence from the application and capacity interview, the evaluation team rated Third Future Schools (TFS) as meets or partially meets in all domains.
- As a result, the evaluation team recommends that the Killeen ISD Board of Trustees approve engaging Third Future Schools as the operating partner for Manor Middle School.



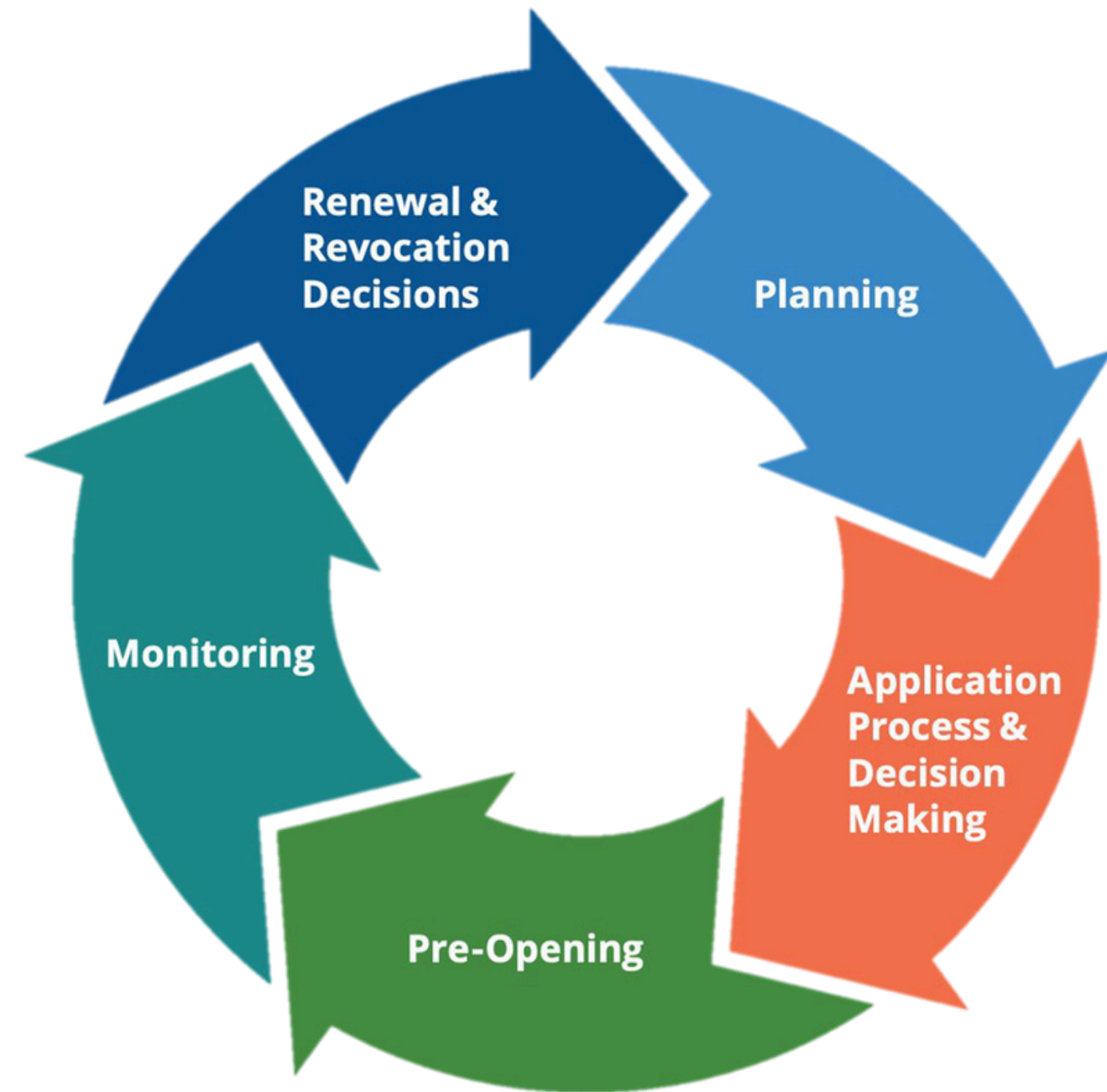
# Texas Partnership Charter Authorizing Timeline





# Next Steps in the Charter Authorizing Process

- Board consideration for action: February 17
- Engagement of legal counsel to support contract negotiations
- Menu of Services development
- Performance contract draft and approval
- Pre-Opening Checklist development
- Submission of the SB 1882 Benefits Application



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

