



2027 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Charter

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District Vision & Mission

Vision Statement: Inspiring Dreams. Empowering Futures.

Mission Statement: Empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities.

Background & Context

Over the past decade, Belton ISD experienced sustained enrollment growth that required constant facility expansion. As enrollment stabilizes, our focus must pivot from new construction to stewardship. Many of our current facilities require major maintenance, safety enhancements, and capital improvements to support instruction and programmatic needs. The goal of this process is simple: preserve current taxpayer investments, elevate older campuses to district-wide standards, and ensure our buildings efficiently serve students for years to come.

Committee Purpose & Intended Outcomes

The Belton ISD Citizens Bond Advisory Committee will review demographic information, growth trends, facilities assessment data, long-range plans, and financial implications. Through a comprehensive evaluation of this data and insights gathered from facility tours, the committee will collaborate to develop a fiscally responsible set of recommendations to address district needs.

Roles & Responsibilities

- **Belton ISD Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:** Acting as an objective voice for the community, members will balance the educational needs of students with the fiscal responsibilities of taxpayers. Members commit to attending scheduled meetings, collaborating to find common ground, and providing a realistic, consensus-based list of recommendations to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. The committee will include Board nominees, community members, parents, principals, and teachers
- **Administrative Support:** Support the committee as a resource of relevant information and provide answers to the committee members' questions and concerns.
- **Superintendent:** Work with the committee and administration to refine the recommendations, ensuring projects address the highest needs and are feasible before presenting them to the Board.
- **Board of Trustees:** Nominate 2 community members to serve, be informed of the committee's progress, review the final proposals, and ultimately decide if a



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bond election will be called.

Parameters & Decision-Making Process

- **Alignment:** Recommendations must align with our *Destination 2031 Strategic Plan* and the *Journey of a Graduate*.
- **Authority:** Only the Board of Trustees has the authority to call for a Bond Election.
- **Consensus:** The committee's goal is to reach consensus when developing recommendations for the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. Consensus is achieved when members are willing to support a recommendation as the best overall decision for the district, despite individual preferences for alternative options. A project must receive a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the committee to be included in the final recommendation package.

Proposition Scope & Statutory Boundaries:

- To maintain focus on the core facility priorities outlined in this charter and ensure full alignment with state statute, the committee's scope of study and final recommendations are strictly restricted to a single General-Purpose Bond Measure (Proposition A).
- Under Texas Education Code § 45.003(g) and Texas Government Code § 1251.052, Texas law mandates that specific types of projects be separated into standalone ballot propositions (Propositions B, C, D, etc.).
- The committee will not consider, evaluate, or include projects requiring separate statutory propositions.

Meeting Timeline

Committee members are expected to attend the following planned meetings. We will provide agendas and resources, and there will be opportunities for broader community input throughout the process.

- **Meeting #1:** Thursday, September 17 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #2:** Thursday, October 1 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #3:** Saturday, October 17 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Facility Tours)
- **Meeting #4:** Wednesday, October 28 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #5:** Thursday, November 19 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #6:** Thursday, December 3 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.