

Minutes of August 10, 2026, Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Denver City Independent School District

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, beginning at 5:15 PM in the Board Room of the Denver City Independent School District, 501 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX.

Members present: Cody Ellison, Alan Peters, Danny Escalante, Ashli Galvan, Janet Gibson, Bo Wells, and Brad Woosley

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Kristi Ivy, Lisa Robinson, Elizabeth Calk, Randy Butler, Katy Duncan, Doug Duncan, Kathy Wilde, Chris Brattain, Lynette Gonzales, Brad Irons, Brad Woods, BJ Green, and Cody Hogan.

Visitors Present: Dennis Gonzales, Bubba Mull, Jennifer Ables, Jennifer Gonzalez, April Barrientes, Eric Mendoza, Lisa Clinton, Macey Aguilera, Kyle Fluche, Sebastian Reyes, and Jarod Galvan. Present via Microsoft Teams: Victor Quiroga, Keith Bryant, Orlando Jay Juarez, and Matthew Hines

School Board President Cody Ellison called the Board Meeting to order at 5:15 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag, as well as led the invocation.

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Jennifer Ables
- Dennis Gonzales
- April Barrientes
- Eric Mendoza
- Bubba Mull

Information Item: Administration presented the Student Handbook, Employee Handbook, and Administrative Procedures Manual for the Board's review and information. No action was taken.

Chief Financial Officer Kristi Ivy presented information on Senate Bill 1453 and its implications for setting a higher Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate prior to the Board's adoption of the 2026-2027 tax rate. This item was presented for Board information and discussion in advance of the August 24 meeting to adopt the budget and tax rate.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Danny Escalante to adopt an Order calling a bond election to be held by Denver City Independent School District on November 3, 2026, making provisions for the conduct of the election, and resolving other matters related to the election. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Cody Ellison, Alan Peters, Danny Escalante, Ashli Galvan, Bo Wells, and Brad Woosley voting in favor and Janet Gibson voting against.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Bo Wells to approve the TEA Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board delegated contractual authority to obligate the District under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the District under TEC §48.257 and TEC Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC §49.006. This action included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding), or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding. The motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

Motion was made by Janet Gibson and seconded by Alan Peters to appoint Ann Saxon, Yoakum County Tax Assessor, as the primary designee for the District's 2026 tax rate, and Kristi Ivy, Chief Financial Officer, as the secondary designee. The Board approved the appointments to ensure compliance with the Texas Property Tax Code and Truth-in-Taxation provisions and to authorize the designees to coordinate with the Yoakum County Tax Assessor's Office and the Texas Comptroller's Office regarding the calculation, certification, submission, and adoption of the District's tax rate. The motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

Motion was made by Bo Wells and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the 2026-2027 student Code of Conduct. The motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

There being no further business, the motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Alan Peters to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously. 7-0.

Approved: 08/24/26

Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board