



East Chambers Independent School District

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MINUTES – BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2026

Board Members Present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President; Charlotte Edwards; Secretary; Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner; Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Board Members Absent:

Present: 7. Absent: 1.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation

3. PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Emily Bridgers reviewed the information. There was no public comment.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS:

4.A. Certified Appraisal Rolls for Tax Year 2026 for the East Chambers Independent School District

The 2026 Certified Value is \$462,871,664.00

5. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable):

There was no closed session.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.A. Consider Budget Amendments for 2025-2026

I move to approve the budget amendments as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

162/11/Instruction decreased by \$2,100 Amended Budget \$47,900

162/33/Health Services increased by \$2,100 Amended Budget \$242,265

166/00/Child Care increased by \$50,000 Amended Budget \$50,000 (Operating Transfers In)

199/00/General Fund decreased by \$50,000 Amended Budget \$50,000 (Operating Transfers Out)

199/11/Instruction increased by \$50,000 Amended Budget \$12,389,959

199/13/Staff Development/Curriculum decreased by \$20,000 Amended Budget \$293,279

199/23/School Leadership increased by \$40,000 Amended Budget \$1,196,455

199/31/Guidance decreased by \$30,000 Amended Budget \$560,515

199/ 36/Co-Curricular Activities increased by \$20,000 Amended Budget \$1,482,457

199/41/Administration increased by \$50,000 Amended Budget \$1,201,542

199/53/Data Processing decreased by \$40,000 Amended Budget \$140,525

199/81/Facilities/Construction decreased by \$90,000 Amended Budget \$1,121,335.

6.B. Consider Payments Over \$50,000

I move to approve payments over \$50,000 as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

CDW-G \$83,100



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6.C. Consideration and Approval of Designation of Officer Resolution

I recommend the approval of the Designation of Officer Resolution designating Director of Finance, Emily Bridgers, as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

6.D. Consideration and Approval of a Budget for 2026-2027

I recommend approval of the 2026-2027 Budget as presented at \$22,916,850. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.E. Consider Approval to Accept the No-New-Revenue (NNR) Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate (VATR) Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service and Approval to Propose Interest & Sinking Rate for Debt Service that Exceeds the Minimum Amount Required For Tax Year 2026 For the East Chambers Independent School District

I move that East Chambers Independent School District approve the proposal of an interest and sinking (I&S) rate to pay debt service that exceeds the minimum debt service tax rate as defined by the Texas Tax Code and the Texas Education Code. The Board finds that the District's minimum debt service tax rate is \$0.3200 per \$100 valuation, and that the proposed interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.32500 used to pay debt service exceeds the minimum debt service tax rate by \$0.0050 per \$100 valuation. Additional revenue generated by the proposed rate will be used for lawful debt service purposes, including: establishment or maintenance of prudent debt service reserves. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.F. Consideration and Approval of an Resolution Adopting a Tax Rate for 2026-2027

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.1119, which is effectively a 0.66 percent increase in the tax rate. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.G. Consider MOU With Chambers County Regarding Soccer Fields

I move to approve the Interlocal Agreement with East Chambers County for the development of soccer fields on District property and to delegate authority to the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the Interlocal Agreement and any additional documents related thereto. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

7. TEAM BUILDING AND GOAL SETTING

Kelly McBride with Region 5 ESC led the board in a Team Building and Goal Setting Workshop.

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date