

Minutes of the August 24, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Denver City Independent School District

A Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held Monday, August 24, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Denver City Independent School District, 501 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX.

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

Members Absent: Danny Escalante

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Lisa Robinson, Kristi Ivy, Elizabeth Calk, Chris Brattain, Randy Butler, Katy Duncan, Kathy Wilde, Denis Gonzales, Barbara Woods, Brad Woods, Cody Hogan, Lynette Gonzales, BJ Green, Peri Kaye Padgett, and Carol Fifer.

Visitors Present: Dag Azam, Cesar Yanez, Jennifer Ables, Richard Dominguez, and Aracely Dominguez.

School Board President Cody Ellison called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

CFO Kristi Ivy presented the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year and reviewed the proposed tax rate. The presentation included an overview of projected revenues and expenditures, budget priorities, and the financial considerations supporting the proposed tax rate. The public hearing provided an opportunity for board members and community stakeholders to receive information and ask questions regarding the district's financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

The following individual addressed the Board during the Public Hearing:

- Dag Azam

School Board President Cody Ellison called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:23 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag, and Alan Peters led the invocation.

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Dag Azam
- Richard Dominguez

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Alan Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2026, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 10, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The following information items were presented for the Board's review: Financial Report, Investments, and Enrollment Report.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Janet Gibson to approve naming the district football field in honor of Coach Jeffry Steve Taylor, effective August 24, 2026, in recognition of his service, leadership, and contributions to Denver City ISD students, athletics, and the community. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Bo Wells to approve the transfer students as presented for school year 2026-2027. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Janet Gibson and seconded by Ashli Galvan to claim a good cause exception to the armed security officer requirement for the 2026-2027 school year and to approve the district's alternative security standard as presented. The motion carried unanimously,

6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the proposed library materials for Kelley Elementary School and Dodson Elementary School as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Bo Wells and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the pipeline easement agreement with Plains All American Pipeline relating to District property north of the high school near the agricultural instruction barn/farm, authorize the Board President to execute the agreement, and authorize the Board President or Superintendent to complete all necessary actions and documents related to the easement. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Janet Gibson to approve the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Spending Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to approve the Budget Amendment. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to adopt the Denver City ISD budgets for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Debt Service Fund for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve a defeasance resolution to reduce future interest costs associated with the District's outstanding bonds. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Alan Peters to approve a debt service tax rate of \$0.4354 per \$100 of taxable value. The Board acknowledged that this rate exceeds the District's debt service rate determined under Texas Education Code Section 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b) of \$0.2362 by \$0.1992, and that the excess revenue collected will be used for defeasance. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to adopt an order, ordinance, or resolution setting the District's 2026-2027 tax rate at \$1.16820 per \$100 valuation, with \$0.73280 allocated for maintenance and operations and \$0.43540 allocated for debt service. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0. The adopted tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate.

A motion was made by Bo Wells and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the following personnel recommendations, new hires, resignations, and reassignments as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

New Hires:

- Andrea Moreno, Self-Contained Special Education Aide, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026
- Nayeli Escoto, Self-Contained Special Education Aide, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026
- Guadalupe Franco, Food Service Worker, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026
- Gage Carter, Inclusion Aide, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026
- Teresa Stone, Registered Nurse, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026
- Brianna Moreno, Pre-K Aide, effective August 4, 2026
- Jordon Garcia, Junior High Library Aide, effective August 4, 2026
- Kimberly Rodriguez, ISS Aide, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026

Resignations:

- Lile Sanchez, Junior High Inclusion Aide, effective July 22, 2026
- Jana Barriga Morrison, High School Aide, effective July 15, 2026
- Gage Carter, Kelley Elementary Inclusion Aide, effective July 29, 2026
- Jose Mata, Transportation Department, effective August 21, 2026

Reassignments:

- Ileana Rodriguez, reassigned from High School Aide to Kelley Elementary Secretary, effective August 4, 2026
- Kyleigh Williams, High School Teacher Inclusion, replacing Deborah Sellers, effective August 4, 2026
- Janie Rios, Inclusion Aide, High School, effective August 4, 2026

- Elizabeth James, Inclusion Aide, Kelley Elementary, effective August 4, 2026

District and campus administrators provided reports regarding the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, including enrollment, staffing, campus operations, student activities, and other back-to-school updates. The Board received the reports and engaged in discussion. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rick Martinez reported on the Following:

- ❖ Bond Election
- ❖ Honor Board Itinerary
- ❖ Lonestar Governance Training

At 7:32 p.m., motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Alan Peters to convene in executive session to discuss the 3-Year Safety Audit Review and Findings. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Approved: 09/21/2026

Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board