

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a work session meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:13 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Martinez-Strickland, Petolick, Stafford, and Wright

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: O’Bara, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

Team of 8 Training Dr. Susannah O’Bara reviewed the overall goal of the Team of 8 training. District leadership has been developing a list of collective commitments along with goals for the year. Dr. Rick Westfall, Educational Planner and Facilitator with VLK, is present to connect the Superintendent’s 2026-27 Strategic Flight Plan and Collective Commitments, built with Board feedback, to the Board Operating Procedures so governance and operations move in the same direction.

The agenda for Team of 8 training revolves around the Board Operating Procedures six ethics standards:

- Equity in Attitude
- Trustworthiness in Stewardship
- Honor in Conduct
- Integrity of Character
- Commitment to Service
- Student-centered Focus

The Board and Superintendent worked through six lessons/scenarios in fixed small groups. Each trustee worked on the scenario individually first before the table compared notes and settled on one statement. From these statements, the trustees adopted the following lens to guide their work going forward:

“Every decision we make as the Team of Eight passes through one lens. We COMMUNICATE by honoring board members and the consensus we reach together. We LEARN by listening with open minds and respecting every idea in the room. We SUPPORT one another by staying in the lens of governance, not management, and following through – doing the work we promised. We LEAD with the integrity and good judgement it takes to

uphold our standards, so every decision serves student success within the framework of the district as a whole.”

This item was for information only. No action is required.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

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President

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Secretary