

Minutes of Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Lake Travis Independent School District

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lake Travis Independent School District was held on August 19, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 RR 620 North, Austin, Texas 78734.

Call to Order

Board President Lauren White called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Quorum Determination

Trustees in attendance were Lauren White, Jonathan Bove, Erin Archer, Dr. Tiffany Bennett, and Kris Woodcock. Trustee Dr. Phillip Davis was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Michael Drinkwater led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was then observed.

Recognitions

- **Texas Art Educators Association 2025–2026 District of Distinction**

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) recently announced that Lake Travis ISD is the recipient of a 2025-2026 District of Distinction Award.

According to TAEA, the state's largest professional organization for art educators in the United States, the prestigious award recognizes districts for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social emotional learning. Specifically, the recognition places Lake Travis ISD among the top 9% of school districts in Texas for visual arts education—and marks the fourth consecutive year the district has earned this honor.

Out of more than 1,200 eligible districts, only 109 met the rigorous 14-point rubric required for distinction. This comprehensive evaluation highlights excellence in areas such as student participation, educator involvement in TAEA, exhibitions, competitions, community engagement, and cross-curricular collaboration. LTISD's visual arts programs continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to providing high-quality learning experiences for students at all grade levels.

Lake Travis ISD will be officially recognized on November 13 during the TAEA Fall Conference in Galveston.

Special Recognition.

- **Lake Travis High School Baseball – Coach of the Year – Ryan Rogers**

Lake Travis High School Head Baseball Coach Ryan Rogers has been named the 2025–2026 Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Baseball Coach of the Year, THSCA Boys Coach of the Year, THSCA Region 8 6A Coach of the Year, and the Austin

American-Statesman 2026 All-Central Texas Coach of the Year. He was also named District 26-6A Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year (2024–2026).

In his fifth year as head coach, Rogers led the Cavaliers to three consecutive district championships and the program's first-ever appearance in the state championship game, finishing as the 2026 Class 6A State Runner-Up. The achievement marked Lake Travis' fourth trip to the Texas state tournament and Rogers' third appearance with the program.

With nearly two decades of coaching experience, Rogers has recorded 113 wins (.720 winning percentage) as head coach, including 23 playoff victories, and has been part of 194 total wins during his eight seasons with the Lake Travis program.

Special Recognition.

- **Lake Travis High School FFA – Advisor of the Year – Kelly White**

Lake Travis High School FFA Advisor Kelly White was honored with the prestigious E.R. Alexander Volunteer Leadership Award at the 98th Annual Texas FFA Convention held in July in Fort Worth.

Named for Dr. E.R. Alexander, recognized as the father of Texas FFA, the award honors individuals whose lifelong dedication, leadership, and service have made a lasting impact on agriculture and agricultural education.

Mr. White is recognized for his commitment to developing student leaders and his longstanding service to the Lake Travis High School FFA program. His dedication continues to positively impact generations of Cavaliers and exemplifies the values of leadership and service celebrated by the E.R. Alexander Award.

Special Recognition.

- **Lake Travis Education Foundation (LTEF) Check Presentation**

The Lake Travis Education Foundation (LTEF) is a nonprofit organization and valued partner of Lake Travis ISD that supports the District's mission by funding enrichment programs, classroom grants, student scholarships, and instructional enhancement tools that fall outside the core requirements established by the Texas Education Agency.

During the 2025–2026 school year, LTEF expanded its mission to include funding district staff positions in response to the challenges facing Texas public school finance and the needs of Lake Travis ISD. At the request of Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null, LTEF provided \$250,000 to preserve seven full-time staff positions during the 2025–2026 school year, marking a significant first step in this expanded mission.

LTEF President Kris Devlin will present a \$500,000 check to the Lake Travis ISD Board of Trustees in support of the District's ongoing efforts to provide quality educational programs and retain talented educators.

LTEF Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 school year include the following volunteers:

- Kris Devlin, President
- Anthony Eppert, President Elect
- Christy Black, Secretary
- Brian Prehn, Treasurer
- Amy Hanken, Vice President
- Courtney Hohl, Vice President
- Glenn Robertson, Vice President
- Anant Bafna, Board Member
- Blair Beard, Board Member
- Samantha Bloomquist, Board Member
- Ross Breau, Board Member
- Erin Brown, Board Member
- Tamara Crawford, Board Member
- Heather Davis, Board Member
- Dave Delaria, Board Member
- Christol Farris, Board Member
- Ashley Gilbert, Board Member
- Katie Herries, Board Member
- Annmarie Hatfield, Board Member
- Sara Jenkins, Board Member
- Kelti Late, Board Member
- Brandon Lester, Board Member
- Tracy Mendez, Board Member
- Kyle Morgan, Board Member
- Myles Naso, Board Member
- Guy Oberg, III, Board Member
- Ian Powell, Board Member
- Lee Sawyer, Board Member
- John Severance, Board Member
- Tom Wiri, Board Member
- Gary Wolff, Board Member

Special Recognition.

Public Comments/Citizen Participation

1. Vivian Belew – Kindness Campaign

Discussion/Presentation Items

- **Presentation and Discussion of 2026 State Accountability Ratings**
Kathy Burbank, Director of Accountability and Assessment, presented a review of the state accountability system, ratings and data for the 2025–2026 school year. Accountability information was released to the public by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on August 14, 2026. Reports can be found at <https://txschools.org/>.

Presentation Only.

- **Presentation and Discussion of the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) Three – Year District Audit Report (DAR)**
Dr. Bethany Medford, Deputy Superintendent, presented the results of the District's safety and security audit to the Board. In accordance with Texas Education Code § 37.108(b), at least once every three years each district shall conduct a safety and security audit of the district's facilities that includes a security review for each district facility.

The District must report the results of the audit to the Board and, in the manner required by the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC), to the TxSSC, and must maintain a copy of the report signed by the Board and the Superintendent. Tex. Educ. Code §§ 37.108(c),

37.2091(b-1). Presentation of the District Audit Report (DAR) at this meeting satisfies the reporting requirement to the Board.

The substance of the audit is confidential by law. Except for the limited verification information described in Education Code § 37.108(c-2), any document or information collected, developed, or produced during a safety and security audit is not subject to public disclosure. The open session presentation is accordingly limited to confirming that the audit was completed, the date it was conducted, the entity who conducted it, and the date the results are presented to the Board. Detailed findings, including specific vulnerabilities, facility-level results, and the security measures the District has taken or plans to take in response, will be presented and deliberated in closed session.

Although referred to as an “audit,” the audit is best understood as an ongoing self-assessment rather than a one-time inspection. It identifies district, campus, and facility hazards, threats, and vulnerabilities, and drives improvements to the District's safety and security plans and processes. The TxSSC School Safety and Security Audit Toolkit supplied the audit procedures and facility checklists used, and the District's review was conducted by a third party listed on the approved TxSSC registry in collaboration with local first responders.

Presentation Only.

- **Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Local Policy Updates - First Reading**

Chad Crowson, General Council, presented that the LTISD Administration recommends adjustments to the following LOCAL policies in accordance with guidance received from TASB in Numbered Policy Update 127, together with one locally initiated revision to CO(LOCAL).

BJCF(LOCAL) – SUPERINTENDENT: NONRENEWAL

Recommended revisions align this policy with language at DFBB(LOCAL) regarding accommodation of disability and add the two nonrenewal reasons adopted in Update 126 that were prompted by Senate Bill 12 from the 89th Legislature.

**CAA(LOCAL) – FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:
FINANCIAL ETHICS**

A cross-reference in the Note has been updated to reflect the restructuring of the DH series of policies described below. No substantive change.

CO(LOCAL) – FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

This is a locally initiated revision to ensure our policy is properly aligned to standard district practice. Education Code § 33.908 requires a district that uses meal cards or accounts to adopt a grace period policy allowing a student whose balance is exhausted or insufficient to continue purchasing meals for a period determined by the Board. The proposed revision extends the grace period beyond the time limit of four days set in the current version of CO(LOCAL). The requirement that no fees or interest be charged is retained, as Education Code § 33.908 does not permit the District to charge either. The

revision also adds a new Notification section directing the District to provide notice of the policy to parents and to District staff responsible for enforcement in accordance with recently developed administrative procedures.

DC(LOCAL) – EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The cross-reference at Employment Assistance Prohibited has been updated to reflect changes to the DH series. Because BJA(LOCAL) already establishes that the Superintendent may delegate responsibilities while remaining accountable to the Board, TASB recommends removing "or designee" from the Posting Vacancies section.

DH(LOCAL) – EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The two cross-references to DH(EXHIBIT) have been revised to reflect the restructuring of the DH series described below.

DH(EXHIBIT) – EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

This exhibit is recommended for deletion. The Educators' Code of Ethics it contained is being recoded to the new DHA(LEGAL).

DP(LOCAL) – PERSONNEL POSITIONS

This policy is recommended for deletion. Its content is being split between two new codes: the principal qualification language moves to DPA(LOCAL) and the school counselor language moves to DPB(LOCAL).

DPA(LOCAL) – PERSONNEL POSITIONS: PRINCIPALS

This new policy houses the principal qualification language formerly at DP(LOCAL). Minor revisions at Qualifications align the text with the model job description provided by TASB HR Services. The list states the minimum items any principal posting would include, and additional qualifications may be added under the final item.

DPB(LOCAL) – PERSONNEL POSITIONS: OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

This new policy houses the school counselor language formerly at DP(LOCAL).

EHBB(LOCAL) – SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Recommended changes at Identification Criteria result from amendments to 19 Administrative Code 89.1.

FFF(LOCAL) – STUDENT WELFARE: STUDENT SAFETY

The definition of misconduct has been amended to incorporate provisions from Senate Bill 571 from the 89th Legislature and reformatted to improve readability. The subtopic name changes from Campus Safety to Student Safety.

FOCA(LOCAL) – PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING: DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM OPERATIONS

This policy is recommended for deletion because House Bill 6 from the 89th Legislature removed a district's authority to exempt itself from Chapter 37 student discipline requirements through a District of Innovation plan.

Presentation/Discussion only.

Consideration Items

- **Consideration of and Request for Adoption of Resolution 081926-01 regarding the 2026 Tax Rate**

The Board must adopt a tax rate by official action and set it out in an ordinance, resolution, or order. Under Policy CCG(LEGAL) - Local Revenue Sources: Ad Valorem Taxes, the Board must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the District. The vote setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the budget. Tex. Tax Code § 26.05(a), (b). The levy funds the maintenance and operations and the debt service of the District.

The Texas Education Agency has certified the District's maximum compressed rate at \$0.6254, which produces a voter-approval maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7054. The Travis County Tax Office has calculated and submitted to the District the following 2026 rates:

- No-New-Revenue Tax Rate \$1.0113
- Voter-Approval Tax Rate \$1.0800
- Calculated Debt Rate \$0.3746

	Proposed 2026-27	Current 2025-26
General Fund (M&O)	\$0.7054	\$0.7122
Debt Service (I&S)	\$0.3275	\$0.3275
Total Tax Rate	\$1.0329	\$1.0397

Because the proposed rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, the motion to adopt the new tax rate must be made in the form prescribed by Tex. Tax Code § 26.05(b), the vote must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the Board must vote in favor. Tex. Tax Code § 26.05(a).

Tex. Tax Code § 26.05(b) requires that the motion take the following form: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0329, which is effectively a 2.14 percent increase in the tax rate."

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Erin Archer and seconded by Trustee Jonathan Bove to adopt Resolution No. 081926-01 setting the District's 2026 total tax rate at \$1.0329 per \$100 of taxable value, consisting of a maintenance and operations rate of \$0.7054 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.3275, as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

- **Consideration of and Request for Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lakeway and Lake Travis ISD regarding Lakeway Police Department Access to LTISD Surveillance Cameras In Case of Emergency**

This Memorandum of Understanding sets the terms under which the Lakeway Police Department's Communications Division may access the District's video surveillance camera systems. It supplements and controls over the Communications Division's Standard Operating Guideline governing that access. Because the MOU is an agreement between two local governments to perform a governmental function, it must be authorized by the governing body of each party under the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The District has already received a copy executed by Tom Kilgore, Mayor of Lakeway, attached.

The MOU is drafted to keep control of the systems with the District. LTISD retains exclusive ownership and control and may modify, restrict, suspend, or revoke access at any time. Access is limited to individually named personnel approved by the LTISD Chief of Police. The Communications Division may view live feeds only and may not retain any footage. The District may audit access logs at any time, and the City must produce requested records within five business days. The term is one year with automatic one-year renewals, either party may terminate without cause on thirty days' notice, and the District may terminate immediately for a material breach.

Approving the MOU gives the Lakeway Communications Division the situational awareness it needs during an emergency on a District campus while keeping ownership, access control, retention, and records release decisions with the District.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Tiffany Bennett and seconded by Trustee Natalie Nugent to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake Travis ISD and the City of Lakeway regarding Lakeway Police Department access to LTISD surveillance camera systems, as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 6- 0.

- **Consideration of and Possible Endorsement for the TASB Board of Directors - Region 13, Place B**

Overview of TASB Board of Directors Roles and Responsibilities:

- Terms: Directors serve 3-year terms, once elected to a 3-year term, can be elected to maximum of 3 additional terms
- Vacancies: Directors can be elected to a term of less than three years when a vacancy is created by resignation or a Director leaving his or her local board

- Duties: supervise, control and direct affairs of TASB in accordance with Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Advocacy Agenda
- Board Meetings: Four annual meetings—Spring, Summer, Convention, December

Three candidates have been nominated for this position: Ana Cortez, Edward "Ed" Navarette, and Stephen Mackey. Biographical information for each candidate is attached for the Board's review in making its endorsement.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Erin Archer and seconded by Trustee Kris Woodcock to endorse Stephen Mackey for the TASB Board of Directors - Region 13, Place B.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Proposed 2026-2027 School Library Advisory Council (SLAC) Membership**
- B. Approval of 2026-2027 Lake Travis ISD Student Code of Conduct**
- C. Approval of the July 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
- D. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Lake Travis ISD and Texas State University regarding a Student Teacher Placement Agreement**
- E. Approval of a Travis County 4-H Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Extracurricular Resolution**
- F. Approval of a Burnet County 4-H Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Extracurricular Resolution**

A MOTION was made by Trustee Erin Archer and seconded by Trustee Natalie Nugent to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

Information Items

- **July 2026 Monthly Financial Reports**

This item provides the Board and the community with a financial update on the position of the District for the period ending July 31, 2026. The financial highlights for the period are as follows:

- The financial reports reflect activity through 8.33% of the fiscal year with recorded General Fund expenditures of 2.74% of the budget.
- Salaries and benefits paid during summer months to the 10-month employees (teachers, aides, professionals, auxiliary staff) are accrued monthly and are included in recorded expenditures. The total of \$7,974,794 is held in the accrued wages payable account on the balance sheet representing days worked but not paid out since their contract start date in August 2025.

- The cash and temporary investments balance for all governmental and proprietary funds totals \$259,679,528. Investment instruments, focused on security and liquidity, include Local Government Investment Pools and money market funds approved under the Public Funds Investment Act.
- Monthly tax collections totaled \$476,798 representing a collection rate of 99.20% of 2025 total adjusted tax levy, in comparison to the prior year of 98.58%.
- The total 2023 bond expenditures are approximately \$198.3 million with remaining funds of approximately \$144.2 million.
- The total 2024 bond expenditures are approximately \$32.2 million with remaining funds of approximately \$6.2 million.

Information Only.

- **Board Notification Under Board Policy CH (LOCAL) – Technology Bond Expenditure**

The 2023 Bond Program provided funding to purchase technology items, including classroom educational and instructional equipment, infrastructure, and operational equipment. Decisions about educational technology and infrastructure equipment have been discussed, planned, and vetted with District stakeholders and with the District's Long Range Facilities Planning Committee.

The LTISD Data Center requires additional compute capacity to support current production workloads and anticipated growth. To meet that need, the District is expanding its existing Dell PowerFlex infrastructure with additional PowerFlex nodes. The expansion increases the capacity of the District's production environment and provides resources for future applications and increased demand without requiring a separate infrastructure platform to be implemented and supported.

The PowerFlex nodes were purchased directly from Dell Technologies, and The Redesign Group will provide installation and integration services to incorporate the new nodes into the District's existing production PowerFlex environment. The purchase was made through the Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative contract at volume purchase pricing, for a total of \$266,330.74. Because the purchase was made through a cooperative purchasing program, it falls within the second exception above and is reported to the Board rather than presented for approval.

Information Only.

- **Board Notification Under Board Policy CH (LOCAL) – IXL Digital Learning Platform**

For budget cycle July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027, Lake Travis ISD has the following budgeted purchase that requires Board notification:

- IXL (Year 2) – \$166,275
- IXL (Spanish 1, K-2 Science, K-2 Social Studies) – \$29,575
- Total: \$195,850

IXL is a personalized digital learning platform that offers a suite of resources to support student learning through targeted skills practice, assessment, and analytics. Features like real-time diagnostics, adaptive learning technology, and instructional resources measure student progress and help support success for every learner. In Lake Travis ISD, IXL is used to support learners from K-12 and is an approved resource for Accelerated Instruction.

Information Only.

- **Board Notification Under Board Policy CH (LOCAL) – Emergent Tree 2026-2027**

For the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 budget cycle, the District is reporting the following budgeted purchases from Emergent Tree:

- Emergent Tree Tier 1 MTSS-B – \$71,030
- Emergent Tree Tier 3 MTSS-B – \$51,995
- Total: \$123,025

LTISD partners with Emergent Tree to build proactive instructional systems for student behavior. Services include resource access for all campuses, onsite framework training, implementation coaching, progress monitoring, and access to on-demand virtual courses.

Information Only.

- **Board Notification Under Board Policy CH (LOCAL) – TASB Risk Management Fund**

The District is reporting the annual renewal of its coverage with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund, a self-insured, not-for-profit risk pool whose members are Texas public education organizations. The annual amount is \$1,278,326 and the coverage includes property, auto liability and physical damage, cyber liability and security, and school liability.

Information Only.

Closed Session

Trustees recessed into a closed session at 7:04 p.m. as permitted by the Texas Government Code 551.071, Section 551.074, and Section 551.076.

Trustees returned from Closed session at 8:12 p.m. on August 19, 2026.

- **Consideration of and Potential Action to Accept the Resignation of Dr. Phillip Davis, Trustee, Place 1**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Erin Archer and seconded by Trustee Jonathan Bove to accept the resignation of Dr. Phillip Davis from Place 1 of the Lake Travis ISD Board of Trustees.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

- **Consideration of and Potential Action to Reorganize the Officers of the Board of Trustees**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Natalie Nugent to nominate Erin Archer for Board Vice President.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Kris Woodcock to nominate Jonathan Bove for Board Secretary.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

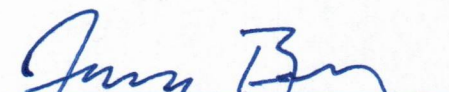
- **Consideration of and Protentional Action Regarding the Method of Filling the Vacancy in Place 1 on the Board of Trustees**

No action needed to be taken this evening, due to the board deciding not to fill the vacancy.

Adjournment

There being no further action, the August 19, 2026 Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned on August 19, 2026 at 8:19 p.m.


Lauren White, Board President


Jonathan Bove, Board Secretary