Minutes of Regular Meeting with Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees
Leander Independent School District

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Leander Independent School District was held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 6:15 PM in Linda Lippe Instructional Materials Center, 1775 W New Hope Drive, B1001.01 and B1001.02, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. The following members were present: Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun, Nekosi Nelson, Trish Bode (arrived at 6:19 pm), Paul Gauthier (Absent), Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia (arrived at 7:48 pm, left the meeting at 10:30 pm), and Laura Marques.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Spotlight on Operations: Professional Learning Communities
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   Two citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. Public Hearing on Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Under Texas Senate Bill 12
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN LAWS UNDER TEXAS SENATE BILL 12**

   No citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Adoption of the 2026-2027 Travis County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Memorandum of Understanding
   C. Consider Approval of School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Membership Recommendations

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed five in favor and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

   A. Empowered Student Learning

   B. Empowered Staff Learning

   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

9. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

   A. STUDENT LEARNING

      1. Discussion of Board Goal Report - Guardrail 5 (Department Plans)

   B. GOVERNANCE

      1. Consider Adoption of Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Under Texas Senate Bill 12

         I move that the Board adopt the Resolution Regarding Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Under Senate Bill 12 as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed five in favor and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

      2. Consider Approval of a Delegate and Alternate to the 2026 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly

         I recommend that the Board of Trustees name Dr. Laura Marques as the Official Voting Delegate and Anna Smith as the Alternate to the 2026 TASB Delegate Assembly. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Trish Bode, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

   C. OPERATIONS

      1. Discussion of Efficiency Audit in Conjunction with Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE)

      2. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment Fiscal Year (FY) 27 - #2

         I move the Board of Trustees approve FY27 Budget Amendment - #2 as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

3. Consider Approval of a Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the Office of the Governor

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed five in favor and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

    The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 9:49 PM after the Board President announced the right to do so under:

    A. Texas Government Code 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, and/or attorney client privileged matter

    B. Texas Government Code 551.074: personnel - deliberation regarding resignations, terminations, employment, reassignments, duties, and evaluation of personnel and public officers

    C. Texas Government Code 551.0821: deliberation regarding matters whereby personally identifiable information regarding one or more students will be disclosed

    D. Texas Government Code 551.074: personnel - House Bill 3372 Administrator Personal Services Contracts

    The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 11:33 PM.

11. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

    A. Consider Approval of House Bill 3372 Administrator Personal Services Contracts

       I move that the Board of Trustees approve the House Bill 3372 Administrator Personal Services Contracts as presented. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed five in favor and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

12. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Time: 11:33 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 1st day of October 2026.

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President Secretary

Copies of Board information referred to are attached to the official minutes or filed in the office indicated.