

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, BEGINNING AT  
6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM  
HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Tammy Hawkins  
Christopher Stanley  
Robert Thayer  
Wayne Woodall

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** Dr. Keeley Boyer, Mike Adkins, Albessa Chavez, Mauricio Marquez, Jessica Redman, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Dr. Matt Spivy, Dr. Lauren Tavarez, Dr. Robert Trejo

**Others:** Alex Reynolds, Maria Segura, Robert Segura, Adriana Ontiveros, Dora Flores, Maggie Aguilar, Aaron Hawley, Karl Miller, Cheryl Wilson, Anthony Garcia, Francisco Morales, Dallas Kennedy, Ravi Shakamuri, Stacey Nunez, Kristen Vesely, Taylor Laing, Julie Marshall, Tracey Borchardt, Morgan Eaton, Berta Saldibar, Jose Masonsong, Honorable Judge Dustin Fawcett, Rita Lopez, Sandra Talavera, Nory Leachon, and Mary Franco

**27740** **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**27741** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President verified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**27742** **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Adela & Gilbert Vasquez Middle School Student Braxton Batten.

**27743** **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Children's Pastor Burke Millard, Crossroads Church.

**27744** **Special Presentations:**

**Introduction of Teacher Incentive Allotment Level Up Teachers:** Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins presented this item. The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) is a state program that provides incentive funding to recognize highly effective teachers. In ECISD last year, TIA awards ranged from \$3,393 to \$22,825, with 532 teachers receiving more than \$6.3 million in total incentive funding. The group recognized at the meeting included 80 "Level Up" teachers who advanced their TIA designation from Recognized to Exemplary or from Exemplary to Master.

Designated teachers also serve as mentors and coaches to support colleagues in pursuing TIA designations and help foster a culture of collaborative excellence across ECISD campuses.

**Announcement of AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, and AP Scholars with Distinction:** Mike Adkins, Chief Communications Officer proudly announced that 148 students have been recognized as AP Scholars this year. At the end of each Advanced Placement (AP) course, students have the opportunity to take a corresponding AP Exam, which is scored on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. In Texas, all public colleges, and universities - and most private colleges and universities - offer college credit to students who earn a score of 3 or higher, known as a "Qualified" designation.

These AP Scholar honors are based on exam scores from the previous academic year. Of the 148 students recognized, 70 were seniors at the time and have since graduated. Today, we are proud to introduce you to the current students who have earned this distinction.

**AP Scholars with Honor:** Students who receive an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Carolina Miranda, New Tech Odessa  
Isabella Ontiveros, NTO  
Felix Ruiz Osorio, NTO  
Giovanni Reynoso, NTO  
Yassandra Trevizo, Odessa HS  
Adrian Zubia, OHS  
Maximillan Lange, OHS  
Mia Aguirre, Permian HS  
Micaela Elizondo, PHS  
Kristan Legaspi, PHS  
Andrea Segura, PHS  
Ciara Villarreal, PHS

**AP Scholars with Distinction:** Students who receive an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Antonio Apodaca, NTO  
Neftali Lopez, NTO  
Elizabeth Oyebanji, NTO  
Paulo Andrade, OHS  
Ajay Gundlapalli, OHS  
Grayson Collins, PHS  
Marcelo Contreras, PHS  
Angel Diaz, PHS  
Jaslynn Espinoza, PHS  
Ava Hall, PHS  
Andrea Olisea, PHS

**AP Scholars:** Student with scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

New Tech Odessa | AP Scholars (Photo)

Lazaro Alberto

Alejandro Becerra  
Lizette Gutierrez  
Alex Pineda Porras  
Manuel Rivera  
Darla Tercero  
Zoey Terrazas  
Carson Thayer

Odessa HS | AP Scholars (Photo)

Kyndall Blair  
Samhitha Borra  
Amberlee Chance  
Genesis Fabela  
Ariela Flores  
Aaron Gonzalez  
Anthony Hoppins  
Benjamin Mares  
Ellie Mourning  
Noel Delgado  
Amica Larbi  
Amir Larbi  
Dhruv Miryala  
Diya Reddy  
Luis Rosas

Permian HS | AP Scholars (Photo)

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| Ethan Burney       | Diego Carrasco          |
| Joaquin Carrillo   | Nathaly Cruz Valle      |
| Erick Gonzalez     | Carson Hernandez        |
| Maxwell Johnston   | Parker Jordan           |
| Emmanuel Kengkoh   | Aaden Loya              |
| Cereniti Lozano    | Grant Maples            |
| Aniya O'Connell    | William Ochoa           |
| Jared Padilla      | Stephanie Perdomo       |
| London Preslar     | Tesio Prieto            |
| Jeremiah Rodriguez | Lynette Rodriguez       |
| Ximena Rodriguez   | Daniel Russell-Martinez |
| Matthew Sandell    | Diego Sandoval          |
| Noah Schenkel      | Ava Sellers             |
| Dorothy Vanderburg | Hadlee Zartner          |
| Hannah Zubiate     | Hudson Bird             |
| Brianda Ocanas     | Andrea Porras           |

**Class of 2026 AP Scholars:**

GHWB New Tech Odessa Class of 2026

Julian Baeza, AP Scholar  
Alexandra Crissinger, AP Scholar  
Andrew Escobar, AP Scholar  
Leroy Faulkenberry, AP Scholar  
Isabella Galindo, AP Scholar  
Maria Losoya, AP Scholar

Shruthi Rajaprakash, AP Scholar  
Blake Richards, AP Scholar  
Sarahi Rodriguez, AP Scholar  
Aryssa Salazar, AP Scholar  
Joli Swilling, AP Scholar  
Benjamin Wills, AP Scholar  
Sophia Bao, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Javier Hernandez, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Denize Dawn Majella Querikol, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Kole Rivas, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Esteban Zubia, AP Scholar with Distinction

Odessa HS Class of 2026

Ernesto Almance, AP Scholar  
Nicomedes Carrasco, AP Scholar  
Vanessa Chavez, AP Scholar  
Angel Gonzalez, AP Scholar  
Savion Juarez, AP Scholar  
Carlos Lopez, AP Scholar  
Luis Marin Garcia, AP Scholar  
Branner Marroquin, AP Scholar with Honor  
Lindsay Natividad, AP Scholar  
Fabian Porras, AP Scholar  
Rudy Salcido, AP Scholar  
Shijay Sivakumar, AP Scholar  
Mia Valderaz, AP Scholar  
Branner Marroquin, AP Scholar with Honor  
Nancy Vargas, AP Scholar with Honor  
Alberto Castro, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Ricardo Valderaz, AP Scholar with Distinction

Permian HS Class of 2026

Alexander Bava, AP Scholar  
Braddock Bird, AP Scholar  
Jayden Bonilla, AP Scholar  
Hiram Brito, AP Scholar  
Valerie Cervantes, AP Scholar  
Barbara Cordero, AP Scholar  
Camila Cordova, AP Scholar  
Jimena Corrales, AP Scholar  
Katelyn Dickerson, AP Scholar  
Yasmine Figuigui, AP Scholar  
Serenity Galindo, AP Scholar  
Chloe Gray, AP Scholar  
Danielle Hamilton, AP Scholar  
Kelsea Keen, AP Scholar  
Jacob Knight, AP Scholar  
Devin Martin, AP Scholar  
Alexander Mejia, AP Scholar  
Victoria Miranda, AP Scholar  
Jillian Mitcham, AP Scholar  
Wesley Ochoa, AP Scholar  
Kiara Ontiveros, AP Scholar

Emmanuel Peralez, AP Scholar  
Rolando Price, AP Scholar  
Averyx Ramirez, AP Scholar  
Brooklyn Rodriguez, AP Scholar  
Charlette Rose, AP Scholar  
Arely Salas Rodriguez, AP Scholar  
Yadhira Sanchez, AP Scholar  
Madison Valadez, AP Scholar  
Dillon Wagner, AP Scholar  
Abigail Wells, AP Scholar  
Lilian Windham, AP Scholar  
Angela Greer, AP Scholar with Distinction  
Nishi Handawela, AP Scholar with Honor  
Yaelin Herrera, AP Scholar with Honor  
Gavin Hinojos, AP Scholar with Honor  
Cristian Velasco, AP Scholar with Honor

**Trustees' Swearing-In Ceremony**

**27745** **Administration of Board of Trustees' Oath of Office:** The Honorable Judge Dustin Fawcett administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board of Trustee Rosalita Garcia. On September 1, 2026, the Board of Trustees appointed Mrs. Garcia to fill the vacant seat for SMD Position 1. Mrs. Garcia is a former ECISD teacher with more than 25 years of experience in education. During her career, she served as an elementary Gifted and Talented Bilingual teacher, third-grade Bilingual teacher, library clerk, and classroom aide. Her appointed term will run through May 2027 when she will be required to run for election if she would like to continue serving in the position. Following the administration of the Oath of Office, she assumed her seat at the dais.

**27746** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In opening remarks, Superintendent Dr. Keeley Boyer welcomed Mrs. Garcia to the Board, announced that ECISD had received the Innovative STEM Initiative Award from the Mexican American School Boards Association over the weekend, and recognized Hispanic Heritage Month, observed September 15 through October 15. She then introduced the Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho, which performed for the Board and meeting audience.

**27747** **Public Comment:** Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item on which they wish to address the Board. *BED(LOCAL)*

In public comment, Dallas Kennedy thanked the school board for reducing the tax rate and for working through what he called a lack of adequate funding by the state for public education.

Francisco Morales also addressed the board, congratulating new Trustee Rosalita Garcia and asking her to remain true to her oath. He asked the board to table item

10-C related to Senate Bill 12 and asked the board to reconsider its policy on public comment at board meetings.

### **Bond 2023**

**27748** **Bond 2023 Update:** Chief Operations Officer Dr. Anthony Sorola and Chief Financial Officer Albessa Chavez provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the progress of Bond 2023 projects.

#### **ATLAS Career & Technical Education Center:**

- Structural steel installation is complete.
- Electrical, HVAC, and Roofing work are ongoing

#### **Adela & Gilbert Vasquez Middle School:**

- The school is open.
- Work continues with the landscaping and auditorium.

#### **Transition Learning Center:**

- Pre-engineered metal building is complete.
- Metal stud framing is in progress.
- Installation of the exterior waterproof panels is nearing completion.

#### **PHS JROTC Facility:**

- In final stages of construction.
- The six-lane pellet catcher (firing range) and furniture are expected to be delivered this week, followed by water meter installation and inspection.

#### **Agricultural (Ag) Farm Facility:**

- Roof installation and straps are complete.
- Walls are being installed in the barn
- Duct hangers are also being installed

#### **New Transportation Facility:**

- Demolition of five structures is complete.
- Additional site renovations are beginning.

#### **Priority 1 & 2 Renovation/Replacement Projects:**

- Roofing Package 1 is in the closeout phase.
- Fall and winter renovation packages include complete roofing renovations at Cameron Elementary, Noel Elementary, and San Jacinto Elementary; plumbing renovations at Hays Elementary, Jordan Elementary, and Pease Elementary; and rooftop unit (HVAC) replacements at the Alternative Center, Austin Montessori, Bonham Middle School, Crockett Middle School, Goliad Elementary, and Gonzales Elementary.

#### **Finance:**

- Slightly more than \$200 million has been spent on Bond 2023 projects.
- An additional \$125.8 million encumbered for specific project costs.
- Approximately 23 percent, or \$98 million, remains available.

No action required.

**27749**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Revise the Estimated Cost for the Job Order for Bond 2023 Priority 1 & 2 Construction – Carver EEC:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Thayer to approve the revised Estimated Cost for Job Order for Bond 2023 Priority 1 & 2 Construction – Carver EEC as presented.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

**Action Items**

**27750**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$100,000:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Thayer to approve the Purchases over \$100,000 as presented. The only item on this month's list is for Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper for facility condition and education adequacy assessments with long-range capital planning.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

**27751**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Ordinance to Set 2026 Tax Rate for 2026-2027:** Moved by Thayer, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9939, which is effectively a 5.33 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Abalos that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9939, which is effectively a 5.33 percent increase in the tax rate.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, we will proceed with a vote.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

The motion carries. The Board has adopted the 2026 tax rate consisting on a M&O rate of \$0.7395, an I&S rate of \$0.2544, and a total tax rate of \$0.9939 per \$100 valuation as reflected in the tax rate ordinance.

Motion unanimously approved.

**27752**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws under Texas Education Code §39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session):** Moved by Thayer, seconded by Woodall to approve the Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws under Texas Education Code §39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session) as presented.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

- 27753**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Donation of Obsolete School Buses to Odessa College:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Donation of two (2) Obsolete School Buses to Odessa College for a new school bus licensure program to train school bus drivers as presented. The two buses are no longer part of ECISD's active fleet.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

- 27754**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2026-2027 ECISD Campus Improvement Plans:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Abalos to approve the 2026-2027 ECISD Campus Improvement Plans as presented. Each campus, regardless of rating, is required to build a CIP annually. That plan serves as the blueprint for how each school will uniquely address campus-specific needs identified in their comprehensive needs assessment.

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

- 27755**     **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Stanley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meetings
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of Recommendations of Library Materials
- E. Request for Approval to Amended Resolutions for Police Grants from the Office of the Governor
- F. Request for Approval of Initial Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Canyon University for Preparing and Retaining Educators through Partnership Grow Your Own (PREP GYO) Program
- G. Request for Approval of Board T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisers for 2026-2027
- H. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin (GOPB), Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy - Children with Disabilities
- I. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin (GOPB), Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy - Parent Power Program
- J. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin (GOPB), Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy - Transition
- K. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Star Tech Group LLC for the Access College and Career Online Platform

- L. Request for Approval of Personal Services by Perla Quintana for an ESL Instructor for Odessa College Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.006 (c)
- M. Request for Approval of the Updated 2026-2027 Dual Credit Matrix
- N. Request for Approval of Odessa High School Dance Student Out-of-State Travel to Los Angeles, CA

**For:** Abalos, Brown, Garcia, Hawkins, Stanley, Thayer, Woodall

Motion unanimously approved.

**27756** **Possible Request for Approval to Move to Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District; or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]; Consultations with Attorney – Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act [The Board will meet in Closed Session in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding all Matters as Authorized by Law.]:**

There was no closed session.

**27757** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchases Over \$100,000 Informational Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Added and Reclassified Memorandum September 2026.

**27758** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

**27759** **Adjournment:** Dr. Steve Brown adjourned the Board meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Christopher Stanley*