Minutes of Regular Meeting

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, October 15, 2026, beginning at 6:16 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, Paul Gauthier (arrived at 6:17 pm), Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia (arrived at 6:36 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 Learning: Wiley Middle School - Mathematical Thinkers
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   Three citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   - A. Consider Approval of Library Resources
   - B. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   - C. Consider Adoption of Local Policies FFAC, FFB, FFF, and FO
   - D. Consider Approval of Remote Homebound Waiver

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed seven in favor and none opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   - A. Empowered Student Learning
   - B. Empowered Staff Learning
   - C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT LEARNING

1. Discussion of Global Languages & Cultures Annual Update
2. Discussion of Board Goal Report Interim Goal 1-3 (Mathematics)
3. Discussion and Consider Approval of the 2026-27 District Improvement Plan, Campus Improvement Plans, and Local Improvement Plans Objectives

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Objectives included in the 2026-27 District Improvement Plan, Campus Improvement Plans, and Local Improvement Plans as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed seven in favor and none opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Discussion of Board Learning from Campus Visits
2. Annual Announcement Regarding Continuing Education of Board Members

   Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. The 2026 annual announcement regarding continuing education of Board Members, attached, was made by the Presiding Officer. Six Board Members have completed or exceeded all required training. Board Member Paul Gauthier is deficient in completing the required training.
3. Consider Approval of the Completion of the September 30, 2025, Resolution Regarding Sustainability and Long-Range Planning for Leander ISD

   This item was not discussed during the meeting.

C. OPERATIONS

1. 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Budget Updates
2. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 27 Budget Amendment - #3

   I move the Board of Trustees approve FY27 Budget Amendment - #3 as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed seven in favor and none opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.
3. Consider Approval to Purchase Attendance Credit and Delegation of Authority to Obligate the District

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit for the 2026-2027 school year, and further move that the Board delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). This motion, made by

Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed seven in favor and none opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**
   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 551.089: discussion of district-wide intruder detection audit report findings
   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: Superintendent Formative Evaluation
9. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 12:04 AM on Friday, October 16, 2026.

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 29th 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.

2026 Annual Report on Continuing Education of Board Members

Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member.

To the extent applicable to each board member, the Board President or Presiding Officer is required to annually report the name of each board member who:

- Has completed the required continuing education;
- Has exceeded the required continuing education; and
- Is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.

Whether a board member has completed, exceeded, or is deficient is measured from the anniversary of the date of each board member's election or appointment to the board or two-year anniversary of his or her previous training, as applicable. Meaning of Deficient: The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) interprets deficient to mean that the board member has failed to complete the required continuing education in the time period provided for by law.

Per Texas Education Code § 11.159 — Member Training and Orientation, the minutes of the last regular meeting of the board of trustees held before an election of trustees must reflect whether each trustee has met or is deficient in meeting the training required for the trustee as of the first anniversary of the date of the trustee's election or appointment. If the minutes reflect that a trustee is deficient, the district shall post the minutes on the district's Internet website within 10 business days of the meeting and maintain the posting until the trustee meets the requirements.

There are nine training areas for board member continuing education:

1. Local District Orientation (new members)
2. Orientation to the Texas Education Code (new members)
3. Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code (after regular legislative sessions and special sessions related to education)
4. Team Building (annually with entire board and superintendent)
5. Additional Continuing Education (10 hours first year, 5 hours subsequent years)
6. Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals (every two years)
7. Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (every two years)
8. School Safety (every two years)
9. Parental Rights (annually)

- **Local District Orientation**
  The following first-year board member has completed the local district orientation training:

  - Laura Marques

- **Orientation to the Texas Education Code**
  The following first-year board member has completed the Orientation to the Texas Education Code training:

  - Laura Marques

- **Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code**

  - No board members were required to complete Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement.

- **Team Building Session**
  The entire board and the Superintendent must participate in the annual team-building Session. The following board members have completed the annual team-building training:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Nekosi Nelson
  - Trish Bode
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
  - Laura Maques

  The following board member is deficient in meeting the required annual team-building training:

  - Paul Gauthier

- **Additional Continuing Education**
  New board members must complete 10 hours of continuing education during their first year of service, while returning Board members must complete five hours annually in subsequent years. The following board members have completed the additional continuing education requirements:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Nekosi Nelson
  - Trish Bode
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia

- Laura Marques

The following board member is deficient in meeting the additional continuing education requirements:

- Paul Gauthier

- **Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals**
  The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Nekosi Nelson
  - Trish Bode
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
  - Laura Marques

  The following board member is deficient in meeting the required biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals:

  - Paul Gauthier

- **Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children**
  The following board members have completed the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Nekosi Nelson
  - Trish Bode
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
  - Laura Marques

  The following board member is deficient in meeting the required biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking:

  - Paul Gauthier

- **School Safety**
  The following board members have completed the biennial training on school safety:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun

- Nekosi Nelson
- Trish Bode
- Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
- Laura Marques

The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on school safety:

- Paul Gauthier

- **Parental Rights**
  The following board members have completed the annual training on parental rights:

  - Anna Smith
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Nekosi Nelson
  - Trish Bode
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
  - Laura Marques

  The following board member is deficient in meeting the required annual training on parental rights:

  - Paul Gauthier

- **Exceeding Required Continuing Education**

  Board Member Anna Smith exceeded the required five hours of continuing education for experienced Board Members training by 14.25 additional hours.

  Board Member Sade Fashokun exceeded the required five hours of continuing education for experienced Board Members training by 6.0 additional hours.

  Board Member Trish Bode exceeded the required five hours of continuing education for experienced Board Members training by 2.0 additional hours.

  Board Member Laura Marques exceeded the required ten hours of continuing education for new Board Members training by 21.0 additional hours.