Regular Meeting

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Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 15th day of September 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in regular session in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

This meeting was duly called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees, Jacci Hotzel, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Jacci Hotzel	President
George Arroyos	Vice President
Vanessa Marsters	Secretary
Suzanne Box	Member
Monica Henderson	Member
Zach Lambert	Member
Jon Welch	Member

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Dr. Marlon Waites	Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Julia Andrews	Chief Human Resources Officer
Greg Buchanan	Chief Financial Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Christi Cottongame	Chief Learning Officer
Dr. Charles Ryan	Chief Operations Officer
David Dennison	Director, Kroll
Dr. Rosemary Anthony	Director of Multilingual Education
Dr. Perry Daniel	Vice President, K12
Elizabeth Nelson	Senior Director, K12
Dr. Jon Maxwell	Executive Director of Enrollment Management

OPENING OF MEETING

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag were recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

The new Lamar CISD Chief of Police and General Counsel were introduced.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice President Arroyos recognized campuses for hosting Grandparents Day events. He also visited the Eternal Gandhi Museum of Houston.

Trustee Welch attended Velasquez Elementary School's 20th anniversary and Foster High School's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Trustee Lambert recognized staff for its work on the Paul Scherer Stadium dedication.

Trustee Henderson acknowledged staff for their responsiveness and contributions to District operations.

Secretary Marsters recognized Foster High School for presenting certificates of appreciation to Board members and attended the Banks Junior High School's Grandparents Day events.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary Marsters reported on the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nivens recognized CTE Center teachers and highlighted the hands-on learning opportunities available to students through the CTE Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two speakers shared comments regarding Ag Barn #3.

A speaker shared comments regarding bullying.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Tax Rate for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

President Hotzel opened the hearing on the proposed tax rate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Greg Buchanan presented information on the proposed tax rate and the levies for property taxes for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed tax rate and the levies for property taxes for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

President Hotzel closed the hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate for the 2026-2027 school year at 7:16 p.m.

Notice of Public Hearing regarding application for Taxable Value Limitation on Eligible Property filed by Tesla, Inc., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Application No: J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter T

President Hotzel opened the hearing on the application for Taxable Value Limitation on eligible property filed by Tesla, Inc., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts application No: J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter T at 7:17 p.m.

Greg Buchanan and David Dennison presented information on the application for Taxable Value Limitation on eligible property filed by Tesla, Inc., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts application No: J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter T.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the application for Taxable Value Limitation on eligible property filed by Tesla, Inc., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts application No: J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter T.

During the Public Participation portion of the hearing, ten speakers shared comments on the application for Taxable Value Limitation on eligible property filed by Tesla, Inc., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts application No: J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter T.

President Hotzel closed the hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Certificate of Compliance with Certain Laws Required by Texas Education Code Section 39.008

President Hotzel opened the hearing on the Certificate of Compliance with certain laws required by the Texas Education Code Section 39.008 at 8:17 p.m.

Dr. Julia Andrews presented information on the Certificate of Compliance with certain laws required by the Texas Education Code Section 39.008.

President Hotzel closed the hearing on the Certificate of Compliance with certain laws required by the Texas Education Code Section 39.008 at 8:22. p.m.

The Board of Trustees recessed at 8:22 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL

It was moved by Trustee Welch and seconded by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda with the exception of item *10.E. Consider approval to submit a State waiver to Texas Education Agency (Class Size)* which was pulled by Trustee Box. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes from August 18 Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the August 18 Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

Consider approval of budget amendment requests

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

Consider approval of resolution amending authorized representatives

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution amending authorized representatives.

Consider approval of library materials that have been donated or proposed for procurement

The Board of Trustees approved the library materials that have been donated or proposed for procurement.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Character Counts Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Character Counts Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Custodial Worker Appreciation Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Custodial Worker Appreciation Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Human Resources Day

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Human Resources Day.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Red Ribbon Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Red Ribbon Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Safe Schools Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Safe Schools Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Bus Safety Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Bus Safety Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Lunch Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Lunch Week.

Consider approval of amendment to contract with Direct Energy to add four schools/locations and traffic signals/overhead lights

The Board of Trustees approved the amendment to the contract with Direct Energy to add additional schools/locations and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.

PULLED ITEMS

Consider approval to submit a State waiver to Texas Education Agency (Class Size)

It was moved by Trustee Lambert and seconded by Trustee Welch that the Board of Trustees approve submitting a State waiver to Texas Education Agency regarding class size. During discussion, Trustees reviewed information regarding class sizes. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For

Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Instructional Update: Discussion of addition of Avant World Languages Assessments for Acceleration and Course Credit

Dr. Rosemary Anthony presented information on adding Avant World Languages Assessments for acceleration and course credit.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed Avant World Languages Assessments for acceleration and course credit.

Discussion and possible action on naming of new Red Track Secondary Schools along Spur 10

Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information on the naming of the new Red Track Secondary Schools along Spur 10.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the naming of the new Red Track Secondary Schools along Spur 10.

Discussion of Lamar CISD Online Academy Pilot

Dr. Perry Daniel and Elizabeth Nelson presented information on the Lamar CISD Online Academy Pilot.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Lamar CISD Online Academy Pilot.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider approval of documents relating to 2026 tax year assessment and levy of property taxes

It was moved by President Hotzel and seconded by Trustee Box that the Board of Trustees approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.1390, which is effectively a 1.96 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

Consider adoption of resolution concerning the District's agreement to proceed with a Taxable Value Limitation on Eligible Property agreement with Tesla, Inc. and the Governor's Office, regarding Comptroller of Public Accounts Application No. J0050 under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act, Texas Government Code § 403, Subchapter T

It was moved by Trustee Welch and seconded by Trustee Henderson that the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District adopt the resolution on the application for Taxable Value Limitation on Eligible Property filed by Tesla, Inc. under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act (Application No. J0050) as proposed. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

Consider action to approve Certificate of Compliance with certain laws required by Texas Education Code Section 39.008

It was moved by Trustee Box and seconded by Secretary Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificate of Compliance with Certain Laws Required by Texas Education Code Section 39.008. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

Consider approval of design development for new Red Track School

It was moved by Trustee Welch and seconded by Secretary Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve exterior option # 3 for the new Red Track High School. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

INFORMATION ITEMS

Lamar CISD Demographics Report and Enrollment Projections

Dr. Jon Maxwell presented the Lamar CISD demographics report and enrollment projections.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Lamar CISD demographics report and enrollment projections.

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

There were not any Future Consent items pulled for discussion at the October 2026 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

A. Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:

   1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

   2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
      a. Land

   3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
      a. Any item listed on the agenda

B. Discussion of interlocal cooperation contract with University of Texas at Austin for Regional Security Operation Center Services

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:11 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:09 p.m.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

It was moved by Trustee Henderson and seconded by Secretary Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of elementary site #2 in The George and authorize the superintendent or designee to negotiate the contract. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
George Arroyos	For
Vanessa Marsters	For
Suzanne Box	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Jon Welch	For

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

The above minutes were voted on and approved at the Lamar CISD School Board Meeting held on October 20, 2026.

Signed:

Jacci Hotzel
President of the Board of Trustees

Vanessa Marsters
Secretary of the Board of Trustees