Devine Independent School District
Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: November 16, 2026
Agenda Item: Designate Nonbusiness PIA Days

Background Information:

HB 3033, passed during the 88th legislative session in 2023, amends the Public Information Act (PIA) by limiting the number of "nonbusiness" days for school districts. This legislation will greatly reduce response times for PIA requests when Districts are closed for business. It will require Board action to designate nonbusiness PIA days and to update district calendars for purposes of responding to PIA requests. The new law took effect September 1, 2023.

Administrative Consideration:

While there was no change to the 10 business-day deadline for a governmental body to respond to a PIA request or to request an Attorney General opinion, there was a significant change as to what constitutes a nonbusiness day for PIA requests. Prior to HB 3033, days when districts were closed (such as holiday breaks) were not counted in the deadline calculations. Now, the statute expressly limits nonbusiness day exclusions to weekend days, national and state holidays, and the Friday or Monday after a holiday which falls on a weekend and is earlier/later observed.

Authority to designate districts' nonbusiness days is provided solely to the board of trustees. *It is important to note that this change in the calculation of business and nonbusiness days only applies to requests under the Public Information Act and does not apply to any other timeline that includes only District business days.

Budgetary Consideration:

None.

Supporting Documents:

Email from Walsh Gallegos

Recommendation:

Set nonbusiness PIA days as follows: January 4, 2027; March 10, 2027; March 11, 2027; March 12, 2026; November 22, 2027; November 23, 2027; November 24, 2027; December 20, 2027; December 23, 2027; December 31, 2027.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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