Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **October 26, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, Board Room, 955 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77024, with the following Board members present: Walker Agnew Jr., Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Jennifer Hyland, David Slattery, and Ted Tredennick.

Board President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting that Trustee Chris Earnest would arrive soon and confirmed that a quorum of Board members was present.

President Anderson certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Trustee Caroline H. Bennett**

2. **Opening Prayer: Secretary Ted Tredennick**

3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
   Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine announced that ten Spring Branch ISD schools were recognized in the 2027 U.S. News and World Report rankings. She congratulated Team Tennis at Memorial High School on winning the state championship and expressed pride in the outstanding achievements of all four high school bands. Dr. Blaine provided an update on the 2022, 2017 and the 2025 Bond Programs. She shared an update regarding the ongoing Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings, noting that discussions will continue through the fall and into early spring and confirmed that the district would host a community meeting on October 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial High School to discuss the City of Houston proposed detention project at Memorial Middle School.

4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
   No one signed up to speak on special presentations.

5. **Special Presentations**
   A. Sights and Sounds Around Spring Branch ISD
      Secretary Tredennick introduced a short video highlighting the grand opening of the new Guthrie Center and the incredible community support that made this facility possible through the 2022 Bond Program.

B. Recognition of #IAMSBISD Award Recipients
Trustee Walker Agnew Jr. presented the #IAMSBISD award to longtime Wilchester Elementary School bus driver, Bene Pena, for the special relationships built during thirteen years of dedicated service to SBISD.

C. Recognition of National Merit Semifinalists
Trustee Bennett recognized the sixteen outstanding students that were recently named National Merit Semifinalists from Memorial High School, Spring Branch Academic Institute, and Stratford High School.

D. Recognition of National MathCON 2026 Champion
Trustee Jennifer Hyland announced that Spring Branch Academic Institute student, Zachary Allen, was named the National MathCON 2026 Champion.

E. Recognition of Students honored in the 2026 "I am America" iWRITE contest
Vice President David Slattery recognized the Spring Branch Academic Institute students whose works are being published as winners of the 2026 iWRITE Annual Publishing Contest.

F. Recognition of Memorial High School Sinfonia Orchestra and Stratford High School Symphony Orchestra as National Winners in the 2026 Mark of Excellence Competition
Secretary Tredennick presented The Mark of Excellence, national music competition music ensemble winners for outstanding performance. Memorial High School Sinfonia Orchestra won the highest honor as a Mark of Excellence National Winner and Stratford High School Symphony Orchestra was a commended winner.

G. Recognition of National Dyslexia Awareness Month
Trustee Hyland recognized October as National Dyslexia Awareness Month to raise public awareness about dyslexia and increase understanding for affected individuals.

6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items**
Andrew Moore spoke about the proposed detention project at Memorial Middle School.

7. **Public Hearing**
A. Public Hearing on the District's 2026 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)
Presenter: David Bender, Associate Superintendent for Finance

President Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m., and with no one signed up to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

8. **Reports and Discussions**
A. Discussion of Legislative Priorities
Presenters:
Vice President David Slattery and Trustee Jennifer Hyland, Legislative Liaisons

9. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policy**
   A. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - FINANCIAL ETHICS
   B. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
   C. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DCE(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES - OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS
   D. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
   E. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS
   F. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DPA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - PRINCIPALS
   G. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: DPB(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS
   H. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: EHAD(LOCAL): BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM - ELECTIVE INSTRUCTION
   I. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: EI(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
   J. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy: FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SAFETY

   Motion was made by Trustee Hyland and seconded by David Slattery that the Board adopt the ten local policies.

   Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

10. **Executive Session**
    President Anderson recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. under Section 551.074, Section 551.0821, Section 551.076, and Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purposes listed below.

    A. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers
    B. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Discussion of the Timing and Format of the Superintendent's Evaluation
    C. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
    D. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
    E. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as

Authorized by Law, including, but not limited to, discussion of *Elizondo v. Spring Branch ISD*, Civ. Act. No. H-21-1997, and Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Anderson reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:39 p.m. and stated that no action was taken while in closed session.

Trustee Chris Earnest arrived during Executive Session.

11. **Action as Needed from Executive Session**
    A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items
    Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Bennett that the Board approve the routine personnel items as recommended by the administration.
    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

    B. Request for Approval of Superintendent Appraisal Instrument
    Motion made by Trustee Hyland and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board approve the Superintendent Appraisal Instrument.
    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

12. **Action**
    A. Discussion and Possible Action on DIT Academic Calendar Recommendations for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029
    Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board approve the DIT Academic Calendar Recommendations for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.
    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

    B. Request for Approval of the Chapter 49 Contract Option 3 (Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit) and Board Delegation of Authority to Obligate the School District Under Chapter 49 to the Superintendent
    Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board approve, for the 2025–2026 school year, the delegation of 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 included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit.
    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

    C. Request for Approval of the 2026-2027 Campus Performance Objectives
    Motion made by Trustee Hyland and seconded by Secretary Tredennick that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Campus Performance Objectives.
    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

D. Request for Approval of the 2026-2027 House Bill 3 Board Goals
Motion made by Secretary Tredennick and seconded Vice President Slattery by that the Board approve the 2026-2027 House Bill 3 Board Goals.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

13. **Consent Agenda Action Items**
    A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendment as of September 30, 2026
    B. Request for Consideration of Administrator Requests for Outside Employment in Accordance with House Bill 3372, 89th Legislative Session
    C. Request for Approval of Student Absences to Participate in Activities Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service (4H) as Extracurricular Absences and Recognition of the County Extension as Adjunct Staff Members
    D. Request for Approval of the 2026-2027 Targeted Improvement Plans
    E. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Gifts
    F. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - September 2026
    G. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings
        1. September 14, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
        2. September 16, 2026 - Special Meeting
        3. September 28, 2026 - Regular Meeting

    President Anderson read the rules for adoption of the consent agenda action items.

    Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Bennett that the Board approve the consent agenda action items.

    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

14. **Information**
    A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of September 30, 2026
    The Board had no questions.

15. **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent**
    Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

16. **Meeting Adjourned**
    President Anderson adjourned the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Courtney Anderson
President, Board of Trustees

Ted Tredennick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: November 16, 2026