

Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Huntsville ISD

A Public Hearing on the Huntsville ISD was held Thursday, August 21, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Hawkins Administration Building located at 441 FM 2821 E., Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Board Members Present	Ken Holland , President; Tracy Stoudt, Vice-President; Cathay Schweitzer, Secretary; Amanda Burris, J.T. Langley, and John Hendricks
Others Present	Marcus Forney, Deputy Superintendent, Nkrumah Dixon, Asst. Superintendent, Paul Brown, Chief Financial Officer, Josh Campbell Asst. Superintendent, and Paul Trevino, Asst. Superintendent
PUBLIC NOTICE Item I-B	Dr. Sheppard certified that public notice of the Board Meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code.
PUBLIC HEARING Item II A-C	2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET AND TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING A. Presentation of the proposed 2024-2025 School Year Budget and Tax Rate Presented by: Paul Brown, CFO B. Public Hearing: 2024-2025 School Year Budget and Tax Rate-an opportunity was provided for district taxpayers to address the Board of Trustees regarding the Budget and Tax Rate.
Adjournment Item III	There being no other business pertaining to the Public Hearing, the Board adjourned the Session at 6:09 pm
REGULAR BOARD MEETING	A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville ISD was held Thursday, August 21, 2025, beginning at 6:09 PM at the Hawkins Administration Building located at 441 FM 2821 E., Huntsville, Texas 77320.
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PUBLIC NOTICE Item IV-B	Dr. Sheppard certified that public notice of the Board Meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code.
INVOCATION Item V-A	Ken Holland gave the Invocation.
PLEDGES Item V-B	Pledges were led by Shannon Hollis
BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS Item VI	Several trustees and leaders expressed appreciation for the positive start to the school year. They highlighted the collaborative effort of teachers, administrators, and staff who had prepared thoroughly for the academic year. The general sentiment was one of optimism and confidence in the district’s ability to deliver quality education and support for students. JT Langley commended the district leadership and team—especially the Superintendent and Mr. Brown—for achieving nine consecutive years of pay raises for staff. This is particularly notable given the many Texas school districts currently facing budget deficits. The trustee emphasized the district’s financial stability and praised the leadership’s ability to prioritize staff compensation, which directly benefits teachers and, ultimately, students. District Convocation was praised for its professionalism, use of technology, and the inspiring atmosphere created by student performances. The event was described as special, with a focus on celebration and motivation for the staff returning to work.
SUPERINTENDENT BRIEFING Item VII-A	<p>Dr. Shepherd provided an update on the current school year, emphasizing that Huntsville Independent School District (HISD) was off to a strong start. Key points from his report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attendance: Daily attendance rates have met expectations, signaling good student engagement.● Attendance Boundaries: Adjustments to attendance boundaries have successfully eased overcrowding at Sandy Walker Houston Elementary. These changes also balanced student-teacher ratios across elementary campuses, which is a challenging but essential task given the district’s high mobility rate.● Traffic and Safety: Student drop-off and pick-up procedures were smoother than in previous years, thanks to adjustments made by campuses and quick adaptation by families. Although the first days of school saw longer lines, the superintendent expressed confidence that traffic flow would continue to improve. <p>Dr. Shepherd also echoed gratitude toward the convocation organizers and highlighted the excitement and engagement of the staff during the event. He noted that new employees were particularly impressed, often remarking that they had never experienced such a dynamic and well-produced welcome back event. The media team, led by Matthew and Jonathan, received special recognition for their professionalism and ability to create a seamless event experience through</p>

high-quality production and coordination. The student performers were praised for their outstanding contributions, which included an increased number of participants this year. The elementary choir's video performance from the previous year was also highlighted as a meaningful part of the convocation.

MONTHLY DIGITAL
REPORT
Item VIII

The monthly digital report produced by Matthew Lahey was viewed highlighting the 1st days of school and the leadership

RECOGNITIONS
Item IX-A

Huntsville ISD Technology team was introduced by the Executive Director Maron Samuel, for their outstanding performance and commitment to Huntsville ISD

Recess
Item X

Brief break taken from 6:36 pm to 6:42 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT
Item XI A-B

Mr. Ken Gobble made a comment in regards to home school students should be allowed to participate in UIL activities. Bridgett Maloney gave thanks and appreciation to HISD for allowing her to volunteer and give back to the community.

ITEMS REQUIRING
BOARD ACTION
CONSENT AGENDA
Item XII A 1-9

JT Langley made a motion to approve of the consent agenda which consisted of minutes from Board meetings held on July 17, 2025, 2024; monthly financial statement; Budget Amendment #8; Texas Reading Academies contract, T-Tess Approvers and Calendar, Special Education contract renewals for 25-26 to include AIM Therapy, Aspire, Amergis, and Leah Minter, Purchasing Cooperative fees paid by Huntsville ISD for the 2024-2025 school year, Local Policy Update - CFB, 2025-2026 School Year Budget, Ordinance 25-01 setting the 2025-2026 School Year Tax Rate, and Amend Board Policies FM (Local) and FD (Local).

Tracy Stoudt seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Item XII-B

Tracy Stoudt made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Budget.

Amanda Burris second the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Item XII-C

Amanda Burris made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-01 setting the 2025-2026 School Year Tax Rate.

John Hendricks second the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Item XII-D JT Langley made a motion to approve and amend Board Policies FM (Local) and FD (Local)

Tracy Stoudt second the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

REPORT/DISCUSSION A. PBK Bond Project Update-written report only

INFORMATION B. Monthly Newsletters - Written report only

Item XIII-A

NEXT MEETING/ A. Team of 8 Training - Thursday, September 04, 2025 - 6 PM

EVENT NOTICE B. Regular Board of Trustee Meeting-September 18, 2025 6:00 pm

Item XIV C. September 24, 2025 - Homecoming Parade - 6 PM

CLOSED SESSION Closed Session was not held

Item XV-XVI

ADJOURNMENT There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular
Item X Session at 7:13 pm.

Ken Holland , Board President

Cathay Schweitzer, Board Secretary
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