

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, May 19, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Candace Esparza, Alixana Buvinghausen (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Chris Davis (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

Guests Present: Max and Rita Fancher, Maxie and Brandon Fancher, Jame Rodriguez, Stacy Guzman, James Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Sue Plasencia, Denise Morales, Priscilla Rosas, Jessica Alexander, Randi Kendrick, Savannah Dendrick, John & Griffin Blouin, Nick & Courtney Pinson, Sherry Haass, Dan Newberg, Sean Mills, Jennifer Billalobos, Joe Guajardo, Tanya Garcia, Jennifer Marquez, Anton Rieher, Mary Joyer Ramon, Elleann and Arena Casias Ronda Shelton, Shelby Spivey, Evan Eads, Joslyn Wilson, Kandy Stein, Pablo Carmona, Doug Erwin, Samantha Erwin, Paula Carmona, Randi Kendrick.

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of Student Services), Blain Martin (Interim DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Shannon Ramirez (Finance Director), Geri Woods (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

I call this meeting of the Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:29 p.m. and stated for the record that a quorum of board members was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Let the record show that trustees Henry Moreno, Keri James, Carl Brown, and Nancy Pepper were present. (Candace Esparza joined the dais after being sworn in; Ali Buvinghausen arrived at 6:39 p.m. and Chris Davis arrived at 8 p.m. both after quorum had been established).

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Nancy Pepper **and Invocation** by Pastor Dan Newberg.

3. **Administer Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to District 2, and At-Large Trustees.** Newly elected board members Carl Brown and Candace Esparza signed the statement of elected officer and were sworn in by Notary Public, Geri Woods.

President Pepper took items out of order at this time to accommodate those present to speak during public comment.

4. Citizen Communication

A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

The following people signed up and spoke regarding bringing soccer to Devine ISD: Pablo Carmona, Doug Erwin, Samantha Erwin, Paula Carmona, Randi Kendrick.

B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

5. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:22 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed

under Texas Government Code Section 551.074. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A. Personnel (TGC 551.074)

1. Deliberate appointment of a public officer

6. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in Open Session at 7:31 p.m.

7. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session

A. Personnel

1. Reorganization of Board Officers

- a. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Ali Buvinghausen to nominate Nancy Pepper for school board president. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- b. Ali Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Carl Brown to nominate Henry Moreno for school board vice-president. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- c. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to nominate Keri James for school board secretary. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to appoint Board Governance Committee Members as follows: Executive Committee: Nancy Pepper and Todd Grandjean; Facilities Committee Carl Brown, Henry Moreno, and Chris Davis; Audit Committee Nancy Pepper, Keri James, and Ali Buvinghausen; Policy Committee Candace Esparza, Ali Buvinghausen, and Keri James. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Recognize Outgoing Board Member

Todd Grandjean said a few words to recognize Renee Frieda's service. Ms. Frieda was not in attendance due to a work commitment.

9. Public Hearing on Accelerated Instruction Program

Evan Eads reported on how the high school meets the requirements of HB 1416.

10. Legislative Update Report

Dr. Grandjean provided this report in Mrs. Hagdorn's absence.

11. Administrative Reports and Discussion

A. Central Office Reports

- a. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, Bond Projects Update, Safety & Security Report, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar

2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report

3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports

B. Business Office Monthly Reports on taxes, cafeteria, investments, cash flow, and Payment of Bills

C. Principals' Reports on Campus Activities

1. Devine High School Principal's Report

2. Devine Middle School Principal's Report

3. Devine Intermediate School Principal's Report

4. JJ Ciavarra Elementary School Principal's Report

5. Devine Learning Center/DAEP Principal Monthly Reports

D. Directors' Monthly Reports

12. Consent Agenda

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Keri James to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A. Minutes of April 29, 2025 Board Meeting, Budget Workshop Meeting on May 5, 2025, and Called Meeting to Canvass the Election on May 13, 2025.

13. Action Item(s):

A. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno that the Board approve the resolution of surety claims with Merchants Bonding Company for Stair Replacement project as presented by Administration and authorize the

Superintendent to execute any paperwork as needed in a form approved by legal counsel to finalize the matter. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Keri James moved and seconded by Candace Esparza to set June 16, 2025 for public hearing to adopt the budget as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:51 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed under Texas Government Code Section 551.074, and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Chris Davis arrived at this time.

15. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 8:47 p.m.

16. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session

A. Personnel

1. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Candace Esparza to increase the superintendent's salary as discussed in closed session. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Carl Brown to rescind employee resignation as discussed in closed session. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

17. Adjournment

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary