Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Del Valle ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Del Valle Independent School District was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, beginning at 6:15PM in the Edward A. Neal Administration Center, 5301 Ross Road, Del Valle, Texas 78617. The meeting was videotaped.

Present: President Elvia Guadian, Secretary Darla Wegner, Trustee Chante Wright-Haywood, Trustee Susanna Ledesma Woody, Trustee Damian Pantoja, Trustee Charles Burton, Trustee Jason Sierra, and Dr. Matthew Gutierrez, Superintendent.

Absent: Vice President Melinda Cisneros, Trustee Samuel Franco

Also Present: Dina Edgar, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services; Dr. Mark Cantu, Deputy Superintendent of Governance and Education Services; Dr. Katrina Bailey, Chief of Leading and Learning; Danica Murillo, Chief Human Resources Officer; Nikki Elaine Bittings, Chief Student Services Officer; Mark Willoughby, Chief Operations Officer; Jeffrey Lee, Interim Chief Technology Officer; Christopher Weddle, Interim Chief of Communications; and Sandi Rhodes, Board Governance Coordinator.

Travis Cram, Chief Strategy Officer with edVantage Marketing Firm.

I. Call to Order

Board President Elvia Guadian called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and a quorum was established. The meeting of the Del Valle ISD has been duly called and notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.043 of the Texas Government code.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledges were led by President Guadian.

III. Public Comment

Individuals who wish to participate during the public comment shall sign up before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. Except as permitted by Board Policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.

No one signed up to address the Board.

IV. Information Items

A. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Gutierrez recognized the incredible work happening across the district to prepare for the new school year. Teams have been hard at work for students' return, from professional learning and curriculum planning to campus improvements, transportation, technology and countless behind the scenes efforts. He mentioned this has been a productive summer and he is grateful to every staff member to ensure we are ready for a great start to the school year. He also thanked the board of trustees who participated in the AVID District Leadership session. He appreciated the opportunity

to learn alongside them as the district prepares to launch AVID this fall at all three of the middle schools. Building a shared understanding of this work is an important step as we expand opportunities to help students develop skills and confidence to succeed in college, career, and life. Annual Leadership institute kicked off on Monday, July 20th bringing together principals, assistant principals, instructional leaders, and district leadership. He opened the Leadership institute by reflecting on our why and what we hope every DVISD graduate looks like when they walk across the stage and the responsibility, we as leaders have to prepare students for life beyond our classrooms. He introduced this year's theme; Ready, Connect, Fly. He introduced the leadership framework which will guide how we lead across the district by emphasizing ownership, alignment, developing others and building strong relations, solving problems proactively and continuously improving our work. This framework will truly be the way we lead together as one district moving in the same direction. There is a great deal of excitement and momentum across the district and he looks forward to celebrating the start of another outstanding year over the next few weeks and excited to see everyone at Convocation on August 7th continue sharing our vision and priorities for the year ahead as we come together to launch this next chapter. He also looks forward to welcoming students, families, and community members to the Back to School Bash on August 5th where school supplies will be provided. There will be food, fun and resources to help families prepare for a successful school year. He's excited for what lies ahead and looks forward to welcoming our students back on August 12th.

B. Marketing Firm for District Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) Campaign
Christopher Weddle, Executive Director of Communications
To ensure transparent, legally compliant voter education regarding the district's possible November 2026 Voter Approved Tax Rate Election, administration recommends partnering with an external marketing firm. The comprehensive communications strategy will partner with the district's team to provide:

- Voter Strategy & Timelines: including a campaign calendar, ethics training, project management, market data.
- Creative Content: Campaign branding, messaging, scripts, website plan.
- Print & Direct Mail: Design of signs, handouts, direct mailers.
- Digital & Text Outreach: Targeted social media and digital ad campaign, text message voter outreach.

This contract is included as Action in the Contracts over $50,000 item at the July 21, 2026 Meeting.

Presenter: Travis Cram, Chief Strategy Officer with edVantage Marketing Firm

All board comments and questions were addressed.

V. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes for:
June 02, 2026 - Special Board Meeting
June 16, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
June 25, 2026 - Special Board Meeting

B. Resolution to Designate a Tax Rate Calculation Officer for the 2026 Tax Year
Dina D. Edgar, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services
Section 26.04 of the Property Tax Code requires that an officer or employee designated by the

Board calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate to be electronically incorporated into the database created and maintained by the Chief Appraiser. This resolution designates the Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services of Del Valle ISD, Dina Edgar, as the responsible party for the current tax year.

C. Monthly Financial Reports
Dina D. Edgar, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services
Del Valle ISD is committed to transparency and strives to provide stakeholders with clear and relevant financial information. The Business Office prepares monthly financial reports available each month in the Board Regular Meeting packet.
The monthly financial reports include:
Investment Report
Tax Office Report
Budget Report
Fund Balance Report

D. Consider and Act on "For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under the 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, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding."
Dina D. Edgar, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services
In anticipation of the district being notified by the Texas Education Agency of the possibility of having excess local revenue based on early estimates calculated by the Agency and/or a successful Voter Approved Tax Rate Election, we are required to seek Board approval on the "Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (netting Chapter 48 funding)" in the event the district became eligible for recapture in the future. The agreement allows the Agency to net any recapture payment against Tier I state aid funding.
This agreement was presented and approved by the Board for the past three years (2023-2025).

E. Adopt Hazardous Route Designation for the 2026–2027 School Year
Mark Willoughby, Chief Operations Officer
We are requesting board action to approve the 2026-2027 Hazardous Routes Designation as defined by Texas Education Code 48.151(d) Transportation Allotment.
Administration has identified several bus routes that fall within the two mile Not Eligible for Transportation (NET) Zone and meet one or more of the TEA approved criteria for hazardous designation:
- A hazardous traffic condition exists where:
  - no walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross:
    - a freeway or expressway
    - an underpass, an overpass or bridge
    - an uncontrolled major traffic artery
    - an industrial or commercial area
    - or another comparable condition.
  - An area presents a high risk of violence if law enforcement records indicate a

high incidence of violent crimes in the area.

F. Approve Professional Development Waivers for 2026-2027 School Year
Dr. Katrina Bailey, Chief Academic Learning and Leadership
The Board of Trustees must annually approve the Staff Development Waiver in accordance with TEA's Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH). This waiver allows the district to utilize up to 2,100 minutes of professional development in place of student instruction.
To qualify, the professional development must occur within the regular instructional year (not before or after). The district must still meet the overall 76,500-minute annual requirement. Additionally, on partial days, schools must provide at least 120 minutes of student instruction to receive full Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding.
The 2026-2027 Academic Calendar applies these waiver minutes on the following dates:
- October 2nd: Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Secondary Staff Development)
- November 6, January 4, February 15, May 3: Full Staff Development Days
- Select Fridays: Early release for professional development

G. Optional Flexible School Day Program Application
Dr. Mark Cantú, Deputy Superintendent of Governance and Education Services
A school district may offer flexible hours and days of attendance for students who are at risk of dropping out or being denied credit due to excessive absences. The Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) allows districts to design nontraditional instructional schedules that better meet the needs of these students. Del Valle ISD plans to implement OFSDP at both the Del Valle Opportunity Center and Del Valle High School to support students who are credit-deficient, economically disadvantaged, or experiencing housing instability. The program will enable campuses to offer flexible options such as half-day schedules to support attendance, academic progress, and graduation goals.
Rationale:
The OFSDP will enhance Del Valle ISD's ability to serve at-risk and non-traditional learners by providing tailored instructional models that accommodate students' individual life circumstances. This flexibility encourages student engagement, supports credit recovery, and improves the likelihood of on time graduation. Instruction will be offered during the regular school year, ensuring consistent academic access and progress throughout the year. The administration recommends that the Board approve the 2026–2027 Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) application for Del Valle Opportunity Center and Del Valle High School. Early approval will ensure adequate time for scheduling and staffing to support credit recovery and graduation success for eligible students.

Trustee Pantoja made the motion to approve all consent items, it was seconded by Trustee Sierra. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

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VI. Action Items

A. Discuss, Consider and Possibly Act on Contracts over $50,000 for the 2026-2027 School Year

Dina D. Edgar, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services

As part of the budget adoption process for the 2026–2027 fiscal year, administration is seeking Board approval for certain recurring contracts that exceed $50,000 annually. These contracts are necessary to support the ongoing operations and services of the district/organization and are included within the adopted budget.

All board comments and questions were addressed.

Secretary Wegner made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 Contracts over $50,000 as presented, it was seconded by Trustee Wright-Haywood. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

B. College, Career and Military Ready (CCMR) - GPM Monitoring - Goal 4

Dr. Katrina Bailey, Chief of Learning and Leadership

The percentage of CCMR graduates will increase from 68% in August 2025 to 90% by August 2030. This session monitors progress toward GPMs 4.1–4.3, which measure postsecondary readiness aligned to Texas accountability expectations.

The data presented focuses on the Class of 2026 cohort, a lagging indicator that will directly impact 2027 accountability ratings.

Goal Progress Measures (GPMs):

- GPM 4.1: Graduates meeting TSI criteria in ELA and Math will increase from 22.6% (Aug 2025) to 25% (Aug 2028).
- GPM 4.2: Graduates earning an Associate Degree will increase from 2.9% (Aug 2025) to 5% (Aug 2028).
- GPM 4.3: Graduates earning an approved Industry-Based Certification (IBC) will increase from 12.7% (Aug 2025) to 22.7% (Aug 2028).

Monitoring this data helps evaluate current strategies, close access gaps, and ensure campuses intentionally support students across multiple CCMR pathways.

All board comments and questions were addressed.

Trustee Ledesma Woody made the motion to approve the College, Career and Military Ready (CCMR) - GPM Monitoring - Goal 4 update as presented, it was seconded by Secretary Wegner. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

C. Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 127, (LOCAL) Policies

Dr. Mark Cantú, Deputy Superintendent of Governance and Education Services

Periodically, TASB will propose changes to the District's local policies. Attached as exhibits are the recommendations for each policy.

Local Policy Codes:
BJCF - Superintendent: Nonrenewal
CAA - Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives: Financial Ethics
CFB - Accounting Inventories
DC - Employment Practices
DH - Employee Standards of Conduct
DP (delete) - Personnel Positions
DPA (add) - Personnel Positions - Principals
DPB (add) - Personnel Positions - other positions
EHBB - Special Programs: Gifted and Talented Students
FFF - Student Welfare: Student Safety

All board comments and questions were addressed.

Secretary Wegner made the motion to adopt Policy 127, (LOCAL) update as presented by TASB, it was seconded by Trustee Burton. The motion passes 6:0 (Trustee Wright-Haywood had stepped out)
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

D. Discuss, Consider and Possibly Act on Endorsing a Candidate for a Position on the TASB Board of Directors
Elvia Guadian, School Board President
TASB Board of Directors
• Terms: Directors serve 3-year terms, once elected to a 3-year term, can be elected to maximum of 3 additional terms
• Vacancies: Directors can be elected to a term of less than three years when a vacancy is created by resignation or a director leaving his or her local board
• Duties: supervise, control and direct affairs of TASB in accordance with Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Advocacy Agenda
• Board Meetings: Four annual meetings—Spring, Summer, Convention, December
Local school boards (Active Members) within a TASB Region containing a vacancy or expiring position can endorse a nominated candidate by submitting the TASB Endorsement Form on or before August 21 at 11:59 p.m.

Trustee Pantoja made the motion to endorse Anna Cortez for the TASB Board of Directors, it was seconded by Secretary Wegner. The motion passes 6:0 (Trustee Wright-Haywood had stepped out)
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

Board moved out of Open Session and into Closed Session at 7:44 p.m.

VII. Closed Session
A. TGC §551.074 Consider Nominees for Board Officer Position(s)

B. TGC §551.071 Consultation with Legal Counsel
1. Lone Star Governance

C. TGC §551.074 Discussion of Personnel
1. Superintendent Report Regarding Personnel Matters

2. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Director of the Child Development Center

3. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Assistant Principal at Del Valle High School

4. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Assistant Principal at Baty Elementary

5. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Assistant Principal at Creedmoor Elementary

6. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Associate Principal at Ojeda Middle School

7. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Director of Career and Technology Education (CTE)

8. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Math Coordinator

9. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of College, Career, and Military Readiness Coordinator (CCMR)

10. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Assistant Director of Child Nutrition

11. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Special Education Coordinator(s)

12. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Director of Mathematics

13. Consider Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Possible Hiring of Assistant Principal at Hillcrest Elementary

The Board ended its Closed Session at 8:46 p.m.
The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

VIII. Approve Action Items Discussed in Closed Session
A. Election of Board Officer(s)

Trustee Ledesma Woody nominated Elvia Guadian as Board President, it was seconded by Secretary Wegner. The motion passes 7:0

Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

Secretary Wegner nominated Susanna Ledesma Woody as Board Vice President, it was seconded by Trustee Wright-Haywood. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

Board President Guadian nominated Darla Wegner as Board Secretary, it was seconded by Trustee Ledesma Woody. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

B. Discuss, Consider and Possibly Act on Superintendent's Hiring Recommendations

Secretary Wegner made a procedural motion to make all the recommendations in one encompassing motion as how the consent agenda is approved, it was seconded by Trustee Pantoja. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

Secretary Wegner made the motion to accept all the hiring recommendations #s 2-5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13(from Closed Session Items), it was seconded by Trustee Ledesma Woody. The motion passes 7:0
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

2. Director of Child Development Center (North CDC) - Anna Reynero
3. DVHS Assistant Principal(s) - Desiree Stubblefield, Anthony Richart, Daja Powell and Stefan Bryant
4. Baty Elementary Assistant Principal - Kristian Espino
5.Creedmoor Elementary Assistant Principal - Summer Soto Keaslings
7. Director of Career & Technology Education (CTE) - Erica Hill
8. Math Coordinator - Katherine Sepeda
10. Assistant Director of Child Nutrition - Kimberly Roberts
11. Special Education Coordinator(s) - Lauren Martinez and Emily Wilder
13. Hillcrest Elementary Assistant Principal - Malessa Gomez

The Board took no action on recommendation #s 6, 9 and 12(from Closed Session Items) at this time

6. Associate Principal at Ojeda Middle School
9. College, Career, and Military Readiness Coordinator
12. Director of Mathematics

IX. New Business/Future Board Agenda Items

X. Adjourn

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THE BOARD WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ADJOURN OR RECESS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AT ANOTHER DESIGNATED TIME.

Trustee Pantoja made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. on July 21, 2026 motion to adjourn was seconded by Secretary Wegner, motion carries 7:0.
Ayes: Sierra, Pantoja, Ledesma Woody, Wegner, Guadian, Wright-Haywood, Burton,
Nays: None
Abstention: None

President/Elvia Guadian

Secretary/Darla Wegner