

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on November 17, 2025.

1. *Call to Order*

Vice President Cejka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

Vice President Cejka established a quorum.

Trustees present: Jonathan Cottrell, President - ABSENT
 Jessica Cejka, Vice President
 Jeffrey Larson, Secretary
 Jay Cunningham, Trustee
 Arturo Sanchez, Trustee
 Jamieson Mackay, Trustee
 Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

Staff present: Karen Engle, Superintendent
 Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Public Hearing*

A. *State Financial Accountability Rating*

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report to the Board and the public. No members of the public made comments or had questions. Members of the Board made comments.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement*

A group of students from Ross Elementary Leader in Me Team led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. The students also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

5. *Recognitions*

A. *2025 Mark of Excellence National Winners*

This recognition is a bit overdue for a good reason. Last month, we honored several schools for receiving the Mark of Excellence Award, but the Lake team was in a competition. Congratulations to the Clear Lake High School Wind Ensemble for being named National Winners in the prestigious 2025 Mark of Excellence Awards.

This national music competition received 478 entries from 40 states, and only the top quarter of ensembles were selected as National Winners. The dedication to musical excellence and artistry has brought national recognition to CCISD. Congratulations to our student musicians and their directors.

B. Clear Brook High School Marching Band State Performance

The Wolverine Marching Band delivered a phenomenal season with their show “The Visitors”. Their season culminated in their fifth consecutive appearance at the UIL 6A State Marching Contest. These students have gone to State every year of their high school band careers which is an extremely uncommon achievement in the unbelievably competitive Texas band world. Special recognition to the leadership team:

- Drum Majors: Angela Ransom, Krystal Suarez, and John Pitcher
- Guard Sergeants: Anastyn Spencer, Jalyynn Lai, Kennedy Gray, and Amelia Moore

And of course, their Band Directors!

C. Clear Creek High School Boys Water Polo UIL State Championship

From the arts to athletics, the CCISD star shines bright. Congratulations to the Clear Creek High School Boys’ Water Polo team for winning their second consecutive UIL State Championship. This team demonstrated relentless determination, teamwork, and Wildcat pride throughout the season. Their hard work and unity have made history once again. Congratulations Champions!

D. Teacher of the Year Vickie Wright Day in CCISD

CCISD is thrilled to honor Ms. Vickie Wright, who has been named the Texas Teacher of the Year. Our School Board President, Mr. Jonathan Cottrell, read a special proclamation in her honor. In celebration of her incredible achievement, November 21st will be declared Vickie Wright Day in CCISD, and a parade will be held in her honor. Ms. Wright’s impact on education and her students is immeasurable. Thank you for inspiring excellence every day.

E. Clear Creek ISD Finance Awards

Congratulations to the CCISD Finance Department for earning two prestigious awards:

- ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024 – a testament to transparency and high-quality reporting.
- GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting.

These honors reflect the department’s commitment to integrity, accountability, and excellence in financial stewardship. Thank you to Ms. Alice Benzaia, Jeff Kohlenberg, and the CCISD Finance Team.

6. Program Spotlight

A. CCISD Beautification Projects by Clear Creek Community Church and Bay Area Church

Mr. Eric Davis, Bay Area Christian Church, Mr. Ryan Thomas, Clear Creek Community Church, Mr. Chris Pitts, Director of Maintenance, Mr. Paul Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, and Ms. Eva DeCardenas, Director of Marketing & Community Impact, presented the information on the partnership with Blessing of the Bay Area and The Hope Initiative. On November 2, 2025, for the third year in a row, two church communities volunteered for one great day of service of beautification to 31 CCISD work sites with over 524 volunteers.

7. Community Input

The following members of the Community addressed the Board during the community input portion of the meeting:

- Ms. Libby Johnson – Holiday in the Park Contest
- Mr. Glenn Freedman – Resolution Honoring CCISD and PTA Healthy Lifestyle Month

8. District Update

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding the Top Workplace in Houston, Children at Risk Ranking, CCISD Cares, and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Participation.

9. Action

A. Consent Agenda

Secretary Larson moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of Monthly Human Resources Board Report
3. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statement
4. Consider Acceptance of Donations
5. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
6. Consider Approval of Library Materials
7. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Hazardous Traffic Conditions for the 2026-27 School Year
8. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2026.603 Uniforms, Apparel, Screen Printing, and Embroidery
9. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2026.804 New Moving Drop Band Trailers
10. Consider Approval of DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances, FNG(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances, and GF(LOCAL) Public Complaints - FIRST AND ONLY READING
11. Consider Approval of BDB(LOCAL) Board Internal Organizations - Internal Committees - SECOND READING
12. Consider Approval of FDB(LOCAL) Admissions - Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments - SECOND READING
13. Consider Approval of FNA(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student Expression - SECOND READING.

B. Consider Approval of 2026 – 2027 Proposed New Secondary Courses

Dr. Angela Stallings, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Dr. Stallings and special guests answered the questions. Trustee Secretary Larson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the proposed new secondary courses as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider Vote Allocation and Resolution for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Trustee Cunningham moved to cast 289 votes for Matt Doyle, 289 votes for Thomas Farmr, one (1) vote for Robin Collins, and one (1) vote for James Ross for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and pass and approve the Ballot Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Consider Vote Allocation and Resolution for the Harris Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Trustee Cunningham moved to cast 30 votes for Martina Lemond Dixon on the Certification of Ballot for the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors and pass and approve the Certification of Ballot Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closed Session

There were no items for closed session during this meeting.

11. Adjournment

Vice President Cejka adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Jessica Cejka, Board Vice President

Jeffrey Larson, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon