

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD was held Monday, February 16, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Terrell ISD Professional Development Center, 201 East Alamo Street, Terrell, Texas 75160.

After calling the meeting to order and recognizing Terrell ISD staff and students as well as Terrell community members, the meeting was relocated to the Terrell ISD Boardroom at the Central Administration Building, 700 N. Catherine Street, Terrell, Texas 75160, where the remainder of the meeting resumed after a brief recess.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish that a Quorum is Present

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dena Risiger and established that a quorum was present. Ann McDonald, Tonya Derrick, Nick Alford, Kenneth Baker, and Ashley Fivecoat were present. Monty Westbrook was absent.

2. Recognitions

The Tiger of the month, Support Staff, Students and Community Members were recognized.

3. Recess

A brief recess was taken at 5:57 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Room.

A motion was made by Nick Alford and seconded by Tonya Derrick to go into closed session at 6:05 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

4. Closed Session

A. The Board of Trustees Will Convene in Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Which Authorizes Certain Deliberations About Officers and Employees of the Government Body to be Held in Executive Session

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to reconvene into open session at 6:20 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

5. Consider Any Action as a Result of Closed Session
There was no action taken as a result of the closed session
6. Pledges of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Board President Dena Risinger led the pledges of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.
7. Public Comments
There were no public comments
8. Superintendent's Report
 - A. ***Paul Cash, Zonda Demographics Representative, provided an update on the current status of the demographics.***
 - B. ***Mr. Matt Warnock provided an update on TIA.***
 - C. ***Mr. Billy Kidd provided the monthly bond update.***
 - D. ***Dr. Warnock provided the district update.***
9. Report and Public Hearing
 - A. Report and Public Hearing on the 2025 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) and Texas Academic Annual Performance Report for Terrell ISD
Dr. Tracie Washington presented item A.
10. Consent Agenda
 - A. Consider Approval of the Election of Personnel
 - B. Consider Approval of the Employee Reporting Conflict of Interests and Disclosures
 - C. Consider Acceptance of Financial Reports: December 2025 Tax Report; December 2025 Financial Summary; Head Start December 2025 Financial Report; Head Start December 2025 Credit Card Report; Budget Amendment #2
 - D. Consider Approval of Gilbert Willie, Sr. Elementary School and Furlough Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan
 - E. Consider Approval of Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Nick Alford to approve the consent agenda.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent
11. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
There were no items removed from the consent agenda.
12. Items for Discussion and Action
 - A. Consider Approval of Resolution to Pay Employees During School Closures for Severe Weather on January 26–30, 2026
Mr. Gabriel Munoz presented item A.

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Kenneth Baker to approve item A as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

B. Consider Resolution to Provide Students and Employees with an Opportunity to Participate in a Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text on Each School Day, as Required by SB11

Dr. Warnock presented item B.

Nick Alford recommended to decline item B. Tonya Derrick seconded the recommendation.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The recommendation was carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

C. Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 TEA Missed School Days Waiver and Low Attendance Waiver

Mr. Gabril Munoz presented item C.

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Kenneth Baker to approve item C as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

D. Consider Approval of the Plan to Delay DOI Certifications to 2030

Mr. Gabril Munoz presented item D.

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item D as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

E. Consider SHAC's Approval of Opt-In Personal Safety Guidance Lessons

Dr. Tracie Washington presented item E.

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Ann McDonald to approve item E as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

F. Consider Resolution of the Kaufman Central Appraisal District (KCAD) Board of Directors Proposing Purchase of Real Property and Authorization by Taxing Entity Governing Body

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented item F.

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item F as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Kenneth Baker to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, in accordance with applicable law, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). The Board shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Ann McDonald, Secretary of TISD
Board of Trustees

Dena Risinger, President of TISD
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