Minutes of Regular Meeting with Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees
Leander Independent School District

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Leander Independent School District was held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, beginning at 6:15 PM in Cedar Park Middle School Library, 2100 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613. The following members were present:, Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun (virtual), Nekosi Nelson, Trish Bode, Paul Gauthier, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and Francesca Romans (virtual – at 6:19 PM).

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   49 speakers addressed the Board of Trustees.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

   No speakers addressed the Board of Trustees for the Public Hearing.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed seven in favor and none opposed.
   A. Consider Approval of Leander Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Renewal
   B. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Empowered Student Learning
   B. Empowered Staff Learning
   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Committee Update

B. OPERATIONS

1. Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations

a. Consider Approval of the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate Bond Funds for a LED Lighting Conversion at Select Facilities Project

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation to move $3,000,000 of the 2017 Bond Interest Earnings to a new LED Lighting Conversion at Select Facilities project as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed five in favor and two (Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier) opposed.

b. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate 2023 Bond Funds for Software-as-a-Service Expenses

I move that the Board approve to reallocate up to $8,000,000 of the 2023 Interactive Panel Installation Bond Project to the 2023 Bond Project Savings fund, which will then be reallocated to a new Software-as-a-Service project to fund software expenses as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed five in favor and two (Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier) opposed.

c. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate Bond Funds for the Replacement of Forklift for Information Technology Services

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation to move $65,000 of the 2021 Bond Interest Earnings for the Replacement of Forklift for Information Technology Services project as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed five in favor and two (Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier) opposed.

d. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate Bond Funds for Construction Management Internal Audit Project

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation to reallocate $174,742 of the 2017 Bond Interest Earnings to a new Construction Management Internal Audit project as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed five in favor and two (Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier) opposed.

e. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Change the Scope of 2017 Bond Project: Secondary Access Road at Vandegrift High School Line Item

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation of the scope change for the 2017 Bond Secondary Access Road at Vandegrift High School line item to incorporate "Emergency Access Improvements at Four Points Middle School and Vandegrift High School" as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one (Paul Gauthier) opposed.

2. Consider Approval of Efficiency Audit

   This agenda item was not discussed nor action taken.

3. Discussion of 2024-2025 Budget Projections Report

4. Consider Approval of the 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendment

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the final budget amendment for the General Operating, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service funds for 2024-2025, as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Trish Bode, passed seven in favor and none opposed.

5. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Accelerated Instruction Budget

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve $289,051 of the 2025-2026 proposed budget to be utilized for additional accelerated instruction in the 2025-2026 school year, to comply with the requirements of House Bill 5 from the 83rd Legislative Session. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed seven in favor and none opposed.

6. Consider Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget

   I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2025-2026 General Fund, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service Fund budgets, as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one, Paul Gauthier, opposed.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 9:14 PM after the Board President announced the right to do so under:

   A. Texas Government Code 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, and/or attorney client privileged matter

   B. Texas Government Code 551.074: personnel - deliberation regarding resignations, terminations, employment, reassignments, duties, and evaluation of personnel and public officers

   C. Texas Government Code 551.0821: deliberation regarding matters whereby personally identifiable information regarding one or more students will be disclosed

   D. Texas Government Code 551.074: Superintendent Formative Evaluation Quarterly Review

   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Denise Geiger Compass Center Principal

   The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 9:55 PM.

10. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

    A. Consider Employment of Denise Geiger Compass Center Principal

       I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Justin Pine for Principal 1-year probationary employment contract for personnel addition(s) as presented in

accordance with the salary scale, policies and contract of Leander Independent School District for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Trish Bode, passed seven in favor and none opposed.

11. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Time: 9:55 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 31st day of July 2025.

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President Secretary

Copies of Board information referred to are attached to the official minutes or filed in the office indicated.