Minutes of Special Meeting Board Workshop

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, July 23, 2026, beginning at 6:17 PM in Linda Lippe Instructional Materials Center, 1775 W New Hope Drive, B1001.01 and B1001.02, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. The following members were present: Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun, Nekosi Nelson (attended virtually), Trish Bode (arrived at 6:19 PM), Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, and Laura Marques. Paul Gauthier was absent.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   One citizen addressed the Board of Trustees.
3. **CONSENT**
   A. Consider Approval of Gibson Consulting Group Governance Audit
   B. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia passed 6 in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.
4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Entry Plan Review and Update
   B. Empowered Student Learning
   C. Empowered Staff Learning
   D. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
5. **GOVERNANCE**
   A. Discussion of Strategic Alignment of Board Goals and Operations
   B. Discussion and Consider Approval of the 2026-27 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

   I move the Board approve the 2026-27 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument, as stated during tonight's meeting. This motion made by Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun passed 6 in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

6. **OPERATIONS**

   A. Discussion of Potential Bond and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE)

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 6:57 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: 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

   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Area Superintendent

   The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 8:43 PM.

8. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

   A. Consider Employment of Area Superintendent

   I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Britteny Clifford for Area Superintendent 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 2026-27 school year. This motion made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Trish Bode, passed 6 in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

9. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 11:03 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 30th day of July 2026.

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President Secretary

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