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 18, 2026, beginning at 6:16 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 and left at 9:50 PM), Trish Bode, Paul Gauthier (arrived at 6:19 PM), Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, and Laura Marques.

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

   Two citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE**

   No citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

      I move the Board approve the minutes, as presented. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed five in favor, one opposed, and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Opposed, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor.
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Empowered Student Learning
   B. Empowered Staff Learning
   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Consider Approval of 2026-27 Optional Flexible School Day Program Application to the Texas Education Agency

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the 2026-2027 Optional Flexible School Day Program application for New Hope High School to the Texas Education Agency, as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed seven in favor and none opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor

2. Discussion of Leading Measures

B. OPERATIONS

1. 2025-2026 Budget Projections
2. Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026, as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor.

3. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Accelerated Instruction Budget

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve $295,164 of the 2026-2027 proposed budget to be utilized for additional accelerated instruction in the 2026-2027 school year, to comply with the requirements of HB 5 from the 83rd legislative session. This motion, made by Dr. Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor.

4. Consider Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget

   I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2026-2027 General Fund, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service Fund budgets, as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor.

5. Consider Approval of a Resolution Revising the Assigned Fund Balance for Self-Insured Healthcare

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution reducing the General Fund Self-Funded Healthcare Assigned Fund Balance from $10 million to $6 million. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed. five in favor, one opposed and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Opposed, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 8:45 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: deliberation and consideration of employment of Area Superintendents

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 9:52 PM.

10. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of Area Superintendent

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Jessica Schock 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 Dr. Laura Marques and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor

B. Consider Employment of Area Superintendent

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Terri Osborne 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 Dr. Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: Absent, Anna Smith: In favor

11. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 10:16 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 23rd 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.