Minutes of Regular Meeting

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, January 9, 2025, beginning at 6:19 PM in Cedar Park Middle School Library, 2100 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun, Trish Bode, Paul Gauthier, Nekosi Nelson, and Francesca Romans.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Spotlight on Learning: Canyon Ridge Middle School
   B. Video Recognitions
      1. School Board Recognition Month - January
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   Eight citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Francesa Romans passed seven in favor and none opposed.
   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Science Materials Center Naming Charter
   C. Consider Approval of Special Education 18+ Transition Services Facility Naming Charter
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Empowered Student Learning
   B. Empowered Staff Learning
   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
   A. OPERATIONS

1. Long-Range Planning Committee Update
2. Consider Approval of External Auditor for 2024-2025 Audit Services

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve Whitley Penn be engaged to provide audit services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Anna Smith passed seven in favor and none opposed.
3. Discussion of an Option to Call for a Voter Approved Tax Rate (VATRE) in the Fall of 2025 to Achieve Leander ISD's Strategic Plan
4. Business and Finance Monthly Reports
   a. Monthly Bond Status Report
   b. Monthly Financial Report
   c. Monthly Investment Report
   d. Monthly Tax Collection Report

8. **CLOSED SESSION**
   The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 10:37 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

   The Board of Trustees returned from closed session at 10:57 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**
10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 10:57 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 13th day of February 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.