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, August 6, 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, Trish Bode (participated virtually and arrived at 6:20 pm), Paul Gauthier (left the meeting at 6:26 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**
   Three citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Adoption of the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct
   B. Consider Adoption of the 2026-2027 Williamson County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Memorandum of Understanding
   C. Consider Adoption of Updates to Local Policies BJCF, DFBB, and DH
   D. Consider Approval of an Amended Resolution Claiming a Good Cause Exception to House Bill 3
   E. Consider Approval Amending a Resolution Designating the Tax Rate Calculation Officer for Truth in Taxation
   F. Consider Approval of Library Resources
   G. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   H. Consider Approval of PreKindergarten Partnership Pass Through Funding Waiver
   I. Consider Approval of Resolution Designating Investment Officer for Leander ISD and Amend Investment Pool Resolutions
   J. Consider Approval to Transfer Funds from the Workers' Compensation Fund and Assigned General Fund Balance to the Self-Insured Healthcare Fund

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion, made by Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six 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.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

   A. Empowered Student Learning

   B. Empowered Staff Learning

   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

   A. GOVERNANCE

      1. Consider Endorsement of a Candidate for Region 13, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors

      I move the Board of Trustees endorse the candidacy of Ana Cortez for Region 13, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques passed five in favor and two absent. Trish Bode: Temporarily absent due to technical difficulties and vote not seen/recorded, 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.

   B. OPERATIONS

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

      2. Discussion of an Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Property Tax Rate

      3. Discussion to Consider All Matters Incident and Related to Calling an Election Ratifying a Voter-Approval Tax Rate to be Held by the Leander Independent School District, Including the Adoption of an Order Pertaining Thereto

      4. Discussion to Consider All Matters Incident and Related to Calling a Bond Election to be Held by the Leander Independent School District, Including the Adoption of an Order Pertaining Thereto

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 7:59 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 551.089: Three-Year Safety and Security District Audit Report

   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Deer Creek Elementary School Principal

F. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Larkspur Elementary School Principal

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 8:58 PM.

8. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of Deer Creek Elementary School Principal

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Allison Brown for Principal at Deer Creek Elementary School 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: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

B. Consider Employment of Larkspur Elementary School Principal

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Michael Blackmon for Principal at Larkspur Elementary School 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 Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed six 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: 9:00 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 17th day of August 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.