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, December 12, 2024, beginning at 6:15 PM in Concordia University Texas, 11400 Concordia University Drive, Austin, TX 78726. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Nekosi Nelson, and Francesca Romans. Sade Fashokun arrived at 6:24 PM. Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier were absent.

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: River Ridge Elementary School
   - B. Video Recognitions
     1. UIL Band State Finalists
     2. UIL Cross Country State Finalists
     3. UIL Volleyball State Finalist
     4. School Resource Officer (SRO) Recognition Week, December 2-6
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   One citizen addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed five in favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.
   - A. Consider Adoption of the 2024 Property Tax Roll
   - B. Consider Adoption of Board Resolution to Designate Certain Non-Business Days for the Purpose of the Texas Public Information Act for the 2025 Calendar Year
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   - A. Empowered Student Learning

B. Empowered Staff Learning

C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Impactful Family Engagement Formative Review

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Committee Update
2. Legislative Listening Circles Update
3. Discuss and Consider Approval of Leander ISD's Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session

   Anna Smith recommended amending "special needs" to "diabilities" under 4. Equitable Access, b. Voucher Opposition, i.

   I move to approve Leander ISD's Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session as amended in section 4B1. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith, passed five in favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.

C. OPERATIONS

1. Discussion of Naming Charter Process for the Special Education 18+ Transition Services & Science Materials Center
2. Discussion of Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Development Calendar & Budget Pre-Assumptions
3. Consider Approval of a Resolution Casting Votes for an Individual(s) to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution casting its 155 votes to John Havenstrite to serve on the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors as presented. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith, passed five in favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.

4. Consider Approval of Donating Bus #1258 (a Surplus 2006 International School Bus) to the City of Leander Fire Department for Training Purposes

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the donation of the 2006 school bus #1258 (vin # ending in 0268) to the City of Leander Fire Department for Training purposes. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed five in favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.

5. Consider Approval of FY25 Budget Amendment - #6

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve FY25 Budget Amendment - #6 as presented. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed five in

favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.

6. 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 8:55 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: deliberation and consideration of employment of Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Innovation

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: Board Member Representation on Board and District Administrative Committees

The Board of Trustees returned from closed session at 9:12 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Innovation

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Chris Clark for Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Innovation 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 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith, passed five in favor and two, Trish Bode and Paul Gauthier, absent.

B. Consider Approval of Board Member Representation on Board and District Administrative Committees

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 9:13 PM

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