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 22, 2026, beginning at 6:18 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, Trish Bode, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia (left the meeting at 9:51 PM), and Laura Marques. Sade Fashokun and Nekosi Nelson arrived at 6:21 PM. Paul Gauthier arrived at 7:21 PM and left the meeting at at 9:51 PM.

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: Westside Elementary School
   - B. Video Recognitions
     1. School Board Recognition Month - January
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

   I move we approve the Consent Agenda 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: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

   - A. Consider Adoption of Local Policies BBFA, CKC, EIF, FDB and FFH
   - B. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Single Audit Report
   - C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment FY26 - # 6
   - D. Consider Approval of External Auditor for 2025-2026 Audit Services
   - E. Consider Approval of Library Resources
   - F. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

G. Consider Approval of Financial Advisor Contract with PFM Financial Advisors LLC and Nickel Hayden Advisors LLC

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. Discussion of 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Academic Calendars
2. Discussion of Annual House Bill 3 (HB3) Update
3. Discussion of Instructional Materials Adoption Process Update

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Listening Circles Update
2. Consider Approval of Leander ISD Interim Legislative Priorities

I move we approve the Leander ISD Interim Legislative Priorities as stated here in the meeting. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed six in favor and one opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Opposed, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate Bond Funds for the Replacement of Artificial Turf at AC Bible and Monroe Regional Stadiums

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation to reallocate up to $1,600,000 from 2023 Bond Project Line Item: Baseball & Softball Turf - Cedar Park, Leander, Rouse, Vandegrift, and Vista Ridge to new bond project line items for Artificial Turf at AC Bible and Monroe Regional Stadiums. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one opposed. Trish Bode: Opposed, 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 and Consider Approval of Pfluger Architects for Architectural Design Services Related to the Repurposing of Faubion Elementary School

I move that the Board approve Pfluger Architects for the repurposing of Faubion Elementary as part of the 2023 Bond program and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts. This motion, made by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed six in favor and one opposed. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Opposed, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: In favor, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

3. Discussion of 2025-2026 Budget Projections
4. Discussion and Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget Assumptions

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Assumptions to be used in preparing the preliminary General Fund budget for 2026-2027, covering all estimated revenues and proposed expenditures, as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed four in favor, one opposed, and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: Opposed, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

5. Discussion and Consider Approval of a Resolution Nominating an Individual(s) to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution Nominating an Individual(s) to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors, indicating a nomination for Elizabeth Montoya. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Nekosi Nelson, passed five in favor, and two absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: Absent, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, Dr. Laura Marques: In favor, Nekosi Nelson: In favor, Anna Smith: In favor.

6. Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 11:04 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. exas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Early Childhood Center Principal

   E. Texas Government Code 551.089: discussion of district-wide intruder detection audit report findings

   The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 11:24 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

   A. Consider employment of Early Childhood Center Principal

      No action was taken on this agenda item.

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 11:24 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 5th day of February 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.