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, April 2, 2026, beginning at 6:15 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, Paul Gauthier, 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. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Spotlight on Learning: Akin Elementary School
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   One citizen addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Resolution Designating Investment Officers for Leander ISD
   C. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Budget Amendment- #9

   I make a motion that we approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by 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
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 Adoption of 2026-2027 Instructional Materials Update, K-3 Phonics & K-5 Math

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Discussion and Consider Approval of Amendment to District of Innovation Plan

   I move that the Board adopt the amendment to the District of Innovation Plan, as presented. This motion, made by Laura Marques and seconded by Sade Fashokun, 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 Board Goals

3. Board Policy Committee Update and Consider Adoption of Policy CV(LOCAL)

   I move that the Board adopt the proposed revisions to Policy CV(LOCAL), as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by 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

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Reallocate 2017 Bond Funds into 2017 Bond Project Savings

   I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation to reallocate of $16,590,627 from 2017 Bond Project line items to the 2017 Bond Project Savings, as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Trish Bode, 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. Consider Approval of Early Release of Critical Positions

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve 9.0 new positions for the 2026-2027 school year at an estimated cost of $785,796, and approve the hiring of one Senior Administrative Assistant during the current school year. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Trish Bode, 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

3. Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Amended Budget Assumptions

   I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2026-2027 Amended Budget Assumptions, to be used in developing the General Fund budget for 2026-2027, which includes increasing the budget parameter to 3.0%, as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one abstained. Trish Bode: Abstained, 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

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 6:33 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: personnel - consideration of Term, Probationary, and employment contract renewals for administrators

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Running Brushy Middle School Principal

F. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation regarding Superintendent candidates, finalist(s), and possible Superintendent contract terms

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 8:14 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Approval of Administrator Contracts

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) for probationary and term for administrator contract renewals as presented, in accordance with salary scales, policies, and contracts of Leander Independent School District for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Sade Fashokun, 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

B. Consider Employment of Running Brushy Middle School Principal

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Dr. Dionne Dansby-Clark for Principal at Running Brushy Middle 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 Nekosi Nelson and seconded by Sade Fashokun, 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

C. Discussion and Take Action to Approve Contract and Employ Superintendent of Schools

I move that the Board hire Dr. Chris Clark as Superintendent of Leander ISD according to the terms as negotiated. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Sade Fashokun, 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

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.
Time: 9:40 PM

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