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 23, 2026, beginning at 6:17 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 (arrived at 6:19 PM), Trish Bode, Paul Gauthier, and Laura Marques. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia was 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 Place Elementary School
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   No citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Hazardous Routes
   B. Consider Approval of Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Survey 2026-2027
   C. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Budget Amendment- #10
   D. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #4 for Leander High School Master Plan – Phase 1
   E. Consider Approval of Instructional Material Tier 1 K-3 Phonics
   F. Consider Approval of Library Resources
   G. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed six in favor and one (Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia) absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, 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. Special Education Update
   B. GOVERNANCE
      1. Discussion of Board Goals
   C. OPERATIONS
      1. Discussion of 2026-27 Total Compensation Recommendations
      2. Discussion of Senate Bill 546 - School Bus Seat Belts
      3. Discussion of 2025-26 Budget Projections
8. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 6:35 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: discussion of district-wide intruder detection audit report findings
   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of River Ridge Elementary School Principal

   The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 7:48 PM.
9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**
   A. Consider Employment of River Ridge Elementary School Principal

      I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Marcia Fields for Principal at River Ridge 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 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one (Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia) absent. Trish Bode: In favor, Sade Fashokun: In favor, Paul Gauthier: In favor, Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia: Absent, 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: 12:07 AM on Friday, April 24, 2026.

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 7th day of May 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.