Minutes of Regular Meeting with Public Hearing

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, May 21, 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, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, and Laura Marques. Paul Gauthier 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: Grandview Hills Elementary School
   B. Spotlight on Student Empowerment: Stiles and Leander Middle Schools C2 Clubs
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   Three citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. Discussion of Federal Funds Overview and Public Hearing
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING**
   No citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, minus item 7G. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one (Paul Gauthier 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 Approval of Early Release of Critical Positions
   B. Consider Adoption of Local Policies CY, DGBA, FNG, and GF
   C. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contract Renewal
   D. Consider Approval of an Independent Auditor for Efficiency Audit

E. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

F. Consider Approval of a Missed School Day Waiver for the 2025-26 School Year

G. Consider Approval of Leander ISD Superintendent Guardrails

I move the Board approve the Leander ISD Superintendent Guardrails, as presented. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Dr. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one (Paul Gauthier) 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.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Empowered Student Learning

B. Empowered Staff Learning

C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

9. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Discussion of 2026-2027 Instructional Materials, K-5 Math

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Board Policy Committee Update

C. OPERATIONS

1. Citizen Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) Process Overview
2. Discussion of 2025-2026 Budget Projections
3. 2026 Property Value Overview, Discussion of 2026-2027 Proposed Budgets for Adoption, and House Bill 1522 Required Taxpayer Impact Statement
4. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Budget Amendment - #12

I move the Board of Trustees approve FY26 Budget Amendment - #12 as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Dr. Laura Marques, passed six in favor and one (Paul Gauthier) 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.

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 10:27 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 551.076 and 551.089: review of District Vulnerability Assessment (DVA) results

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

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

G. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Innovation

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 11:19 PM.

11. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of North Elementary School Principal

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Gina Freeman for Principal at North 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 Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor and one (Paul Gauthier) 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 Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Innovation

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Angela Hodges for Deputy Superintendent for Learning and Innovation 2-year term 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 (Paul Gauthier) 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.

12. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 11:21 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 4th day of June 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.