

## Regular Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025 6:30 PM

Dalton L. James Administration Board Room, 200 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Discussion:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Chasiti McKissic.

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** 6:31 PM - 6:36 PM

#### 2.A. Welcome, Invocation, Pledges, District Mission Statement and Emergency Statement, Establish Quorum

Invocation: Pastor Peter DeJesus, Victory Hill Church

**Discussion:** Trustees Present: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr., Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks, Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell

Invocation by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr., Elijah Fellowship Community Church and Pastor Peter DeJesus, Victory Hill Church

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

**Discussion:** 6:38 PM

There were no public comments on agenda items.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

**Discussion:** 6:38 PM

There were two public comments on non-agenda items.

### 5. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** 6:47 PM

There was no need for Closed Session.

#### 5.A. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.071 (Legal advice with school attorney)

#### 5.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)

### 6. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)

#### 6.A. Quarterly Investment Report

**Discussion:** 6:47 PM - 6:51 PM

**Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

#### 6.B. Emergent Bilingual 2024-2025 Program Evaluation and Update

**Discussion:** 6:51 PM - 7:00 PM

**Presenter:** Carminia Moreno, Director of Bilingual and ESL

#### 6.C. Bond Updates

**Discussion:** 7:00 PM - 7:08 PM

**Presenter:** Bond Program Manager, Procedeo

### 7. CONSENT ITEMS (All items may be acted upon at the same time by Board of Trustees)

**Discussion:** 7:08 PM - 7:08 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve Consent Items 7A - 7D / 2nd by Abe Cooper Jr. Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes  
Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks - Yes  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Vote passed 7/0

7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval to Purchase Production Support and Audiovisual Services provided by Sound Design **Presenter:** Tiffanie Blackmon-Jones, Chief Communications Officer

7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract with Texas Instruments for Secondary Math and Science Teachers Professional Development **Presenter:** Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

7.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract with EGT for Formative and Summative Assessment of the Gear Up Next Gen Grant (no-cost extension) **Presenter:** Anita Perry, Executive Director of CCMR

7.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes **Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, President of Board of Trustees

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested)**

8.A. Consideration and Possible Approval Resolution Authorizing the DeSoto Independent School District Board of Trustees' Allocated Votes for Appointment on the Dallas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors **Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, President of Board of Trustees

**Discussion:** 7:08 PM - 7:09 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to table item 8A until a later date/ 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes  
Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks - Yes  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Vote passed 7/0

8.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Superintendent's Constraint Progress Measures **Presenter:** Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

**Discussion:** 7:09 PM - 7:20 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve Superintendent Constraints Progress Measure / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes  
Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks - Yes  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Vote passed 6/1

8.C. Consideration and Possible Approval to **Presenter:** Dr. Elexia

Reestablish the Next Gen - Gear Up Project  
Director position due to receipt of no-cost  
extension

Davidson, Director of  
Human Capital  
Management

**Discussion:** 7:20 PM - 7:22 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to  
Reestablish the Next Gen - Gear Up Project  
Director Position / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper  
Jr.

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Duren will remain the Project Director.

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

Vote passed 7/0

8.D. Consideration and Possible Approval to  
Reestablish one Next Gen- Gear Up Site  
Coordinator position due to receipt of no-cost  
extension

**Presenter:** Dr. Elexia  
Davidson, Director of  
Human Capital  
Management

**Discussion:** 7:22 PM - 7:23 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve  
the reestablishment of the Next Gen -Gear Up Site  
Coordinator Position / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper  
Jr.

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

Vote passed 7/0

#### 9. **ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee James Durham /  
2nd by Abe Cooper Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

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Board Secretary