

## Regular Meeting

Monday, October 27, 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 McKissic.

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** 6:31 PM - 6:38 PM

Trustees in Attendance: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr., Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks, Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell

Trustees Absent: Trustee Traci McNairy

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

Invocation: Pastor Larry Williams of Dallas First Church of the Nazarene

#### 2.B. Resolution DeSoto Eagles Girls Flag Football Team

**Presenter:** Dr. Tiffany Clark, State Board of Education

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

**Discussion:** 6:39 PM

There were no public comments on agenda items.

### 4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** Trustees entered closed session at 7:03 PM / Trustees returned from closed session at 8:08 PM

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

##### 4.A.1. Discussion Regarding Potential Settlement of Matter Related to EEOC Charge No. 450-2025-10114

#### 4.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)

### 5. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)

#### 5.A. Financial Updates

**Discussion:** 8:08 PM - 8:22 PM

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

#### 5.B. Timeline for FY 27 Budget Process

**Discussion:** 8:22 PM - 8:29 PM

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

#### 5.C. Parent Services Update

**Discussion:** 6:39 PM - 7:03 PM

This agenda item was presented before Trustees entered Closed Session.

**Presenter:** Gene Morrow, Executive Director of Student Support Services

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

**Discussion:** 8:29 PM - 8:31 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve

agenda items 6.A - 6.I / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Cytnhia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Absent

Vote passed 6/0

6.A. Consideration and Possible Approval to Accept the Phone Free School Grant	<b>Presenter:</b> Elizabeth Bostic, Grants and Budget Manager
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6.B. Consideration and Possible Approval to Accept the Dallas County Coaching Summit Stipend	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
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6.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Network Services and Licensing Agreement with Economic Mobility Systems (EMS)	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
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6.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Purchase of Laptop Carts from CDW-G	<b>Presenter:</b> Micheal White, Executive Director of Information Technology
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6.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Crowd Strike Protection Renewal	<b>Presenter:</b> Micheal White, Executive Director of Information Technology
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6.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of FUYL Tower Smart Lockers	<b>Presenter:</b> Micheal White, Executive Director of Information Technology
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6.G. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Purchase Lenovo Student Chromebooks	<b>Presenter:</b> Micheal White, Executive Director of Information Technology
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6.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of Facility Use Agreement Between DeSoto ISD and University of Texas at Arlington	<b>Presenter:</b> Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools
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6.I. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes	<b>Presenter:</b> Chasiti McKissic, Board President
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7. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested)**

7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Second Quarter Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 School Year	<b>Presenter:</b> Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
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**Discussion:** 8:31 PM - 8:31 PM

Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. to approve the second quarter budget amendment / 2nd by

Trustee Chasiti McKissic

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Cytnhia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Absent  
Vote passed 5/1

- 7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Policy Committee Members  
**Discussion:** 8:31 PM - 8:32 PM  
Motion made by Trustee Chasiti McKissic to table items 7.B until after the Board Workshop / 2nd by Trustee James Durham  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Cytnhia Watson Banks - Yes  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Absent  
Vote passed 6/0

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

- 7.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Superintendent's Constraint Progress Measures  
**Discussion:** 8:32 PM - 8:33 PM  
Motion made by Trustee Chasiti McKissic to approve Superintendent Constraint Progress Measures / 2nd by Trustee James Durham  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Cytnhia Watson Banks - No  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - No  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Absent  
Motion failed - 3/3

**Presenter:** Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

- 7.D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Settlement Agreement in the Matter of EEOC Charge No. 450-2025-10114 and to Authorize the Superintendent to Execute All Necessary Documents to Effectuate the Agreement.  
**Discussion:** 8:33 PM - 8:34 PM  
Motion Made by Trustee James Durham to approve the Settlement Agreement / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Cytnhia Watson Banks - No  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Absent  
Vote passed 5/1

**Presenter:** Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion:** 8:34 PM - There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

9. **ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee James Durham to adjourn the meeting / 2nd by Trustee Abe

Cooper Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

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Board Secretary