

**VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

September 15, 2025

The Regular Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Venus Independent School District, on September 15, 2025 was called to order by Tasha Gore at 6:00p.m., in the Board Room 100 Student Drive Venus, Texas 76084.

Board Members Present:

Tasha Gore, President (Place 7)
Amber Crafton, Vice President (Place 4)
Kirby Sansom, Secretary (Place 5)
Randall Buck, Trustee (Place 1)
Joe Russell, Trustee (Place 2)
Donald Shaw, Trustee (Place 3)
Gregory Hoffman, Trustee (Place 6)

Board Members Absent:

Administrators/Staff Present

Howard Gatewood, Superintendent
DeAnne Page, CFO
Ann-Marie Morgan, Curriculum Director
Donain Martinez, Human Resource Director
Leighanne Ortiz, Principal
Lana Whitworth, Principal
Kim Buck, Principal
Santiago Camacho, Principal

Guests:

1. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum for the Regular Board Meeting

Announcement of Quorum 6:00p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome Guests

4. Opportunity for Public Comment (including any item on the agenda)

5. Presentation of Campus Reports and Recognition

Pledge leader-VES- Benjamin Chavira

Student of the Month

VPS – Rhett Clark

VMS – Joziah Thomas Turner

VHS – Averì Sansom

Staff member of the month – **VPS** – Natalie Lopez

Teacher of the month – **VHS** – Patti Cornelius

6. Consider approval of Resolution of the Board to Set Tax Rate for Hill College-Venus ISD

Presenter: DeAnne Page

A motion was made by Joe Russell and seconded by Kirby Sansom
to approve the resolution of the board to set tax rate for Hill College-Venus ISD

The motion carried 7-0-0

Gore	Crafton	Sansom	Buck	Russell	Shaw	Hoffman
For	For	For	For	For	For	For

7. Presentation of Annual VISD Property Tax turnover report by Linebarger Attorney at Law

8. Presentation of 2025 state assessments results and ratings

9. Executive Session Entered executive session at 7:00pm

§551.071 Consultation with the School District’s attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act specifically including the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, salaries, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals, district directors, counselors, assistant principals, teachers, CFO, coaches, interim superintendent, at-will employees, to hear a complaint or charge against and officer or employee.

§551.072 A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in

negotiation with a third person.

§551.074 A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, salaries, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals, district directors, counselors, assistant principals, teachers, CFO, coaches, at-will employees, interim superintendent, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Staffing update.

§551.076 A Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate:

1. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices;
- or 2. A security audit

§551.082 School Children, School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint

§551.0821 School Board: Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Student

10. Reconvene from Executive Session at 8:12pm

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approve previous month's board minutes

A motion was made by Greg Hoffman and seconded by Amber Crafton to approve the consent agenda as presented

The motion carried 7-0-0

Gore	Crafton	Sansom	Buck	Russell	Shaw	Hoffman
For	For	For	For	For	For	For

12. Consider Approval of library book purchase

Presenter: Kathryn Roberts

A motion was made by Amber Crafton and seconded by Kirby Sansom to approve the purchase of library books

The motion carried 7-0-0

Gore	Crafton	Sansom	Buck	Russell	Shaw	Hoffman
For	For	For	For	For	For	For

13. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Emergency Operation Plan and Active Threat Annex

A motion was made by Randall Buck and seconded by Amber Crafton
to approve the 2025-2026 emergency operation plan and active threat annex

The motion carried 7-0-0

Gore	Crafton	Sansom	Buck	Russell	Shaw	Hoffman
For	For	For	For	For	For	For

14. Consider Approval of 3CX phone system

Presenter: Warren Hudson

A motion was made by Randall Buck and seconded by Amber Crafton
to approve the 3CX phone system

The motion carried 7-0-0

Gore	Crafton	Sansom	Buck	Russell	Shaw	Hoffman
For	For	For	For	For	For	For

15. Consider Approval of Matters Related to Personnel: Resignations, Employment, Position or Contract Amendments

No Action taken

16. Reports

- A. Superintendent
- B. Chief Financial Officer
- C. Curriculum & Instruction
- D. Athletics
- E. Child Care
- F. Child Nutrition
- G. Maintenance
- H. Technology
- I. Venus ISD Police Department

**17. Board request for additional items/next scheduled board meeting date:
October 20, 2025 Regular meeting.**

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Date

Tasha Gore, President

Date

Kirby Sansom, Secretary