

Regular Meeting

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County of Fort Bend §
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 21st day of April 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in regular session in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

This meeting was duly called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees, Jacci Hotzel, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Jacci Hotzel	President
Jon Welch	Vice President
Suzanne Box	Secretary
George Arroyos	Member
Monica Henderson	Member
Zach Lambert	Member
Vanessa Marsters	Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Dr. Kevin Phillips	Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Marlon Waites	Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Julia Andrews	Chief Human Resources Officer
Greg Buchanan	Chief Financial Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Christi Cottongame	Chief Learning Officer
Dr. Charles Ryan	Chief Operations Officer
Tiffany Mathis	Executive Director of Special Education
Dr. Jon Maxwell	Executive Director of Enrollment Management

OPENING OF MEETING

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag were led by siblings Emiliano and Julietta Haro from Wessendorff Middle School.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

The Board of Trustees recognized three Lamar CISD seniors who advanced from National Merit Semifinalists to National Merit Finalists.

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Two fifth-grade students from Morgan Elementary School were recognized for representing their campus at the Global Amazing Shake Competition at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Board of Trustees recognized 13 campuses for receiving Solution Tree PLC distinctions, including 10 campuses earning Promising Practices honors and 3 campuses earning Model PLC status.

A Bowie Elementary School volunteer was recognized for retiring after 42 years of service supporting students, staff, and campus activities.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Board of Trustees was introduced to Siren, a five-year-old Belgian Malinois and the newest addition to the Lamar CISD Police Department's K-9 unit.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice President Welch recognized Community Relations staff for organizing three community engagement events at Tomas High School.

Trustee Arroyos acknowledged employees honored during the service awards banquet and thanked staff for their service and commitment to Lamar CISD.

President Hotzel recognized the retirement of the principal of George Ranch High School after 27 years of service to Lamar CISD.

Trustee Henderson recognized the librarian at Foster High School for student engagement, innovative programming, and use of LEAF grants to provide hands-on learning experiences.

Trustee Marsters recognized the tennis coach at Briscoe Junior High School for leadership and communication with athletes and parents. She also recognized the Foster High School Booster Club for renovations to the field house; acknowledged the bands from Terry High School, Leaman Junior High School, Foster High School, and Tomas High School for competing at the 2026 TCGC (Texas Color Guard Circuit) Percussion & Winds State Championships; recognized employees honored during the Service Awards Banquet; recognized Tomas High School culinary students for achievements at SkillsUSA; and acknowledged Common Threads as a resource supporting students and families.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Welch provided an update on the Board Fast Growth Committee.

President Hotzel provided an update on the Board Finance Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nivens congratulated the National Merit Finalists. He also acknowledged campus principals and district staff for the 13 campuses receiving Solution Tree PLC distinctions. Dr. Nivens recognized a district administrator for being named the lone finalist for a superintendent position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

None

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL

It was moved by Secretary Box and seconded by Vice President Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
Jon Welch	For
Suzanne Box	For
George Arroyos	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Vanessa Marsters	For

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes from March 17, 2026 Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the March 17, 2026 Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

Consider approval of monthly schedule of disbursements (March 2026) and quarterly financial and investment reports (Q2-January 2026)

The Board of Trustees approved the monthly schedule of disbursements from March 2026 and the quarterly financial and investment reports from Q2-January 2026.

Consider approval of budget amendment requests

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

Consider approval of instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification

The Board of Trustees approved the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification.

Consider approval of library materials that have been donated or proposed for procurement

The Board of Trustees approved the library materials that have been donated or proposed for procurement.

Consider approval to submit Staff Development waiver to TEA for additional operational minutes in 2026-2027 school year

The Board of Trustees approved the submission of the Staff Development waiver to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for additional operational minutes in the 2026-2027 school year.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Public School Paraprofessional Day

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Public School Paraprofessional Day.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Nurse Week

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The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Nurse Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week

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Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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Consider approval of RFP# 45-2025JC for laptops and desktops

The Board of Trustees approved RFP# 45-2025JC for laptops and desktops.

Consider approval of architect contract and procurement method for Elementary School #42 on James Lane site

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract and procurement method for Elementary School #42 on the James Lane site.

Consider approval of architect contract and procurement method for Elementary School #43 in The George

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract and procurement method for Elementary School #43 in The George.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report on Board Member Training

President Hotzel reported the continuing education credit hours completed by each Trustee during the previous 12 months as follows:

George Arroyos	39.25 hours
Suzanne Box	23.00 hours
Monica Henderson	31.75 hours
Jacci Hotzel	29.50 hours
Zach Lambert	31.50 hours
Vanessa Marsters	38.00 hours
Jon Welch	27.00 hours

2026-2027 Budget Update

Greg Buchanan presented information on the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

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The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Instructional Update

Tiffany Mathis presented information regarding the Special Education Department and the programs offered within the department.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Special Education Department and the programs offered within the department.

Demographics Report/Student Enrollment Projections

Dr. Jon Maxwell presented the quarterly demographics report and student enrollment projections.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the quarterly demographics report and student enrollment projections.

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

No items were pulled to be discussed at the May 2026 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- A. Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:
 1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
 - a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
 1. Consider approval of employment of:
 - a. Terry High School Assistant Principal
 - b. Leaman Junior High School Assistant Principal (x2)
 - c. Wright Junior High School Assistant Principal
 - d. Bowie Elementary School Assistant Principal
 - e. Ray Elementary School Assistant Principal
 - f. Becerra Elementary School Assistant Principal
 2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
 - a. Land
 3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
 - a. Any item listed on the agenda
 - b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

It was moved by Trustee Lambert and seconded by Trustee Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of personnel as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

Jacci Hotzel	For
Jon Welch	For
Suzanne Box	For
George Arroyos	For
Monica Henderson	For
Zach Lambert	For
Vanessa Marsters	For

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

The above minutes were voted on and approved at the Lamar CISD School Board Meeting held on May 19, 2026.

Signed:

Jacci Hotzel
President of the Board of Trustees

Suzanne Box
Secretary of the Board of Trustees