

# **Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

### **Denver City Independent School District**

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A Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held Monday, February 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Denver City Independent School District, 501 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX. The Public Hearing was to present an overview of the Texas Academic Performance Report and allow for discussion.

Members Present: Brad Woosley, Eloy Gutierrez, Alan Peters, Cecil Robles, Danny Escalante, and Cody Ellison

Members Absent: Bo Wells

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Lisa Robinson, Kristi Ivy, Elizabeth Calk, Zach Duncan, Michelle Horton, and Kathy Wilde.

Visitors Present: Casey Bean, Via Zoom

School Board Vice President Cody Ellison called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the Texas Flag, and delivered the invocation.

Elizabeth Calk gave a brief presentation of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

There was no Public Discussion.

School Board Vice President Cody Ellison called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

There was no public discussion.

Informational Items:

Casey Bean with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, provided an informational presentation regarding the School District Property Value Study (SDPVS), including an explanation of the district's invalid local value findings.

Kristi Ivy, Chief Financial Officer, provided an informational presentation on the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Spending Plan for the board's review and consideration.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2026, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 27, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The following information items were presented for the Board's review: Financial Report, Investment Summary, Enrollment Report, and Utilities Report.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) as presented by Elizabeth Calk. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the Annual Performance Report. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the HB3 MOY Progress Report. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve Senate Bill 11 on Daily Prayer Time. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Danny Escalante to grant the superintendent of schools hiring authority to finalize vacancies for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the Budget Amendments. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Alan Peters to approve the hiring of Alexis Ornelas, Dodson/Sped IA, Lile Sanchez, Jr.High/Sped IA, Marina Orona, High School/ELL Aide. Resignations: Melissa Rogers, High School/ELL Aide, Monica Nave, Dodson/ Sped Aide, Hannah Thornhill, Jr High/Sped Aide, Yesenia Trinidad, High School Algebra 2, and Taunya Campbell/Retiree EOY, Chief Academic Officer. Reassignments: BJ Green to Special Education Coordinator, replacing Cathy Guetersloh. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to enter into Executive Session to discuss administrative contracts. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:27 pm.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve Administrative Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Superintendent Rick Martinez reported on the Following:

- ❖ Noted that campuses conducted benchmark assessments this week
- ❖ Acknowledged and thanked the maintenance department for their assistance during recent bad weather.
- ❖ Noted that planning for next year's school calendar is underway.
- ❖ Announced that the girls' and boys' basketball teams are performing well and continue to advance.
- ❖ Two Students have advanced to the State competition for their drone projects.

There being no further business, motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to adjourn at 7:29 PM. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

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Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Approved: 03/23/2026

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Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board