

**AT A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 12, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Dr. Steve Brown  
Tammy Hawkins  
Dawn Miller  
Christopher Stanley  
Wayne Woodall

**Absent:**

Delma Abalos  
Robert Thayer

**School Officials:** Dr. Keeley Boyer, Mike Adkins, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Daniel De La Garza, Monica Orona, Magaly Nieto, Wes Wells, Jashon Pogue, Ryan Merritt, Robert Trejo, Chris Bartlett, Stacey Nunez, Sam Magallan, Lisa Wills, Taylor Roy, Nat Armendarez, Maggie Aguilar, Tracey Borchardt, Sara Moore, Clay Moore, Scott Rudes, Amy Russell, Albessa Chavez, Andrea Moreno-Hewitt, Sandra Talavera, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

**26935** **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**26936** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law – this is to certify that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with the public notice of this meeting:** Board President Christopher Stanley, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**26937** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In her opening remarks, Interim Superintendent Dr. Keeley Boyer highlighted recent opportunities to showcase the excellent work of our team. Last week, Pease Elementary hosted a Blended Learning Showcase, while Ross Elementary, Bowie Middle School, and Permian High School held an Opportunity Culture Showcase. This week, representatives from the New Tech Network will visit Gale Pond Alamo Elementary and New Tech Odessa to observe classrooms and hold student and teacher panels focused on ECISD's project-based learning (New Tech) program.

**26938** **Public Comment:** Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item on which they wish to address the Board. *BED(LOCAL)*

There were no public comments.

**Report/Discussion Items**

**26939** **Communications Department Presentation**: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins provided Trustees with an update on its key responsibilities, which include managing the District's website, four social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube), and publishing a weekly internal newsletter, a bi-monthly community newsletter, and summaries of all school board meetings and workshops. The department also produces videos, handles graphic design, coordinates business card orders, and serves as the contact for flier approvals and public information requests. This year's priorities include the launch of a new website (introduced with the new school year), development of an employee intranet, and an upcoming survey for parents and the community to gather input on communication preferences and priorities.

No action required.

**26940** **Annual Financial Report Overview**: Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers provided Trustees with a brief overview of the Annual Financial Report. Every school district must prepare annual financial statements, undergo an audit by an external accounting firm, and submit the results to the state. The auditor, Whitley Penn, will issue a Clean/Unmodified Opinion, indicating no internal control or compliance findings in the financial report. This week's presentation was informational; the report will be on next week's agenda for board approval.

No action required.

**26941** **PBK Career and Technical Education Facility Presentation**: Trustees received an in-depth update on the planning and design of the new Career & Technical Education (CTE) facility, approved under Bond 2023. Representative from the PBK Architecture Firm Daniel De La Garza guided the board through the project's scope and timeline, presenting the site plan, floor plan, exterior design, and interior design concepts. This full-time high school will serve 400 students, with an additional 2,000 students attending CTE courses throughout the day. The facility will house 15 career pathways, including Welding, Oil & Gas, Architecture & Construction, and Culinary Arts. Groundbreaking is scheduled for summer 2025, with a grand opening planned for January 2027. Planning has included visits to other CTE facilities, as well as input from CTE staff, industry partners, and a community advisory committee that has met seven times. Design standards, facility layout, and budget considerations have been closely examined, all following guiding principles: Emulate the workplace; Foster a collaborative environment; Welcome community, industry, and business; and Inspire innovation and discovery in a flexible, adaptable space.

No action required.

**26942** **Possible Request for Approval to Move to Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment,**

**duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]**  
**Consultations with Attorney – Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act [The Board will meet in Closed Session in Consultation with the Board’s Attorney Regarding all Matters as Authorized by Law.]:**

There was no closed session.

**26943** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** In her closing remarks, Dr. Boyer expressed gratitude to the Community CTE Advisory Committee for its hard work and to PBK for thoughtfully incorporating feedback to design a first-class facility for Odessa.

**26944** **Adjournment:** Christopher Stanley Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Christopher Stanley*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*