

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Big Spring Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District was held August 28, 2025, beginning at 5:15 PM in the High School Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Members Present: Fabian Serrano, Julie Harris, Bert Otto, Tom Olague, Jon Islas, Jesse Salazar

Members Absent: Tonya Becker

Administration Present: Jay McWilliams, Jeff Perez, Dana Scott, Susan Bryan, Melissa Tarbet

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Childress

Others: Becky Otto, Brad Froman, Treena Foster, Kristin Tubb, Patsy Sanchez, Carman Wommack, Casandra DeLaCruz, Amanda Islas, Rhonda Mills, Jordan Horton

1. Opening of Meeting - Fabian Serrano opened the meeting at 5:15 pm and declared it in open session.

- A. Prayer
- B. Pledge

2. Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Tex. Gov't Code §551.007(b):

"A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item."

Thus, a governmental body might adopt a rule consistent with "subsection 551.007(b)"s requirements by having a single public comment period at the beginning of an open meeting to address all items on the agenda."

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

- 1. August 11, 2025 Board Minutes - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Tom Olague to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Julie Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.752678, Consisting of a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.6669 and a School Debt Service Tax of \$0.085778

- A. Open Public Hearing – Fabian Serrano opened the public hearing at 5:17 pm.
- B. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
- C. Close Public Hearing – Fabian Serrano closed the public hearing at 5:23 pm.

5. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Update to Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Howard County

Motion was made by Bert Otto to approve the Update to the Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Howard County for the 25-26 school year. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Consider Approval of Addition to (LOCAL) Policy:

EFB(LOCAL) – Instructional Resources - Library Materials

And Possible Adoption of a Resolution Establishing a School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Motion was made by Tom Olague to adopt Policy EFB(LOCAL)-ALT. Julie Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Consider Approval of Final Amended Budget 2024-25

Motion was made by Tom Olague to approve the Final Amended Budget for 2024-2025. Julie Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Deliberation and Possible Action to Adopt a Budget for the 2025-26 School Year

Motion was made by Julie Harris to approve the Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the following amounts: **\$45,962,538.00 Revenues** and **\$49,661,902.00 Expenditures**. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Consider Approval of Tax Rate Resolution for Tax Year 2025

Motion was made by Tom Olague that the M&O Property Tax Rate of \$0.6669 per \$100 of Market Value Plus the I&S Property Tax Rate of \$0.085778 per \$100 of Market Value for a Total Tax of \$0.752678 per \$100 of Market Value Be Adopted. Julie Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Issues Including:

Employment, Resignations, Reassignment, Duties, Performance Problems, and Evaluations -

Possible CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 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)

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Harris to adjourn. Fabian Serrano adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Date: September 16, 2025

Board President, Fabian Serrano

Board Secretary, Tom Olague