

**TEMPLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting April 13, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
TISD Administration Offices Boardroom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronnie Gaines
Virginia Suarez
Shannon Gowan
Shannon Myers
Dawn Cook
Bre'Layshia Alexander

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Posey

CALL TO ORDER

Ronnie Gaines, Board Vice President, called the meeting of the Temple Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board Members was present and that the meeting had been duly called. The notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOGNITIONS

TISD Purchasing Department TASBO Award of Merit

TISD was one of 84 districts across the state to win this award. This is the second year in a row the district has won.

TISD Finance Department TASBO Award of Excellence

TISD was one of 34 districts across the state to win this award.

Fine Arts UIL Solo & Ensemble State Qualifiers

Twenty-six choir students, three orchestra students, and thirty-one band students from Temple High School qualified for state.

Texas A&M University Very Important Counselor - Kristi Burke

Kristi Burke, a Temple High School counselor, received the 2026 Texas A&M University Very Important Counselor Award.

THS Athletic Department - Grant Teaff Beyond the Game Team Award

The Temple High School Athletic Department was one of only 21 teams across the state of Texas to win the Grant Teaff Beyond the Game Team Award.

Rotary Educator of the Month

Nicole Taha was named the March Rotary Educator of the Month. Nicole has been with the district for 7 years.

TISD Communications Department TSPRA Star Awards

The TISD Communications Department won five Gold Star Awards, four Silver Star Awards, and five Bronze Star Awards Texas School Public Relations Association Annual Conference. This is the most awards won in a single year in the history of TISD.

EXECUTIVE HIRES

- A. Consideration for Approval to Hire the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services - Tijuana Hudson

Dawn Cook made a motion, seconded by Shannon Dean, to hire Tijuana Hudson as the new Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

- B. Consideration for Approval for the Position of Principal at Sampson-Howard Elementary School

Bre'Layshia Alexander made a motion, seconded by Shannon Dean, to hire Zachary Kline as the new Principal of Sampson-Howard Elementary School. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

- C. Consideration for Approval for the Position of Principal at Wheatley Alternative Education Center

Virginia Suarez made a motion, seconded by Shannon Myers, to hire LeRon Slay as the new Principal of Wheatley Alternative Education Center. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

- D. Consideration for Approval of Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Employment and Contract Status of Administrative Professional Personnel

Shannon Myers made a motion, seconded by Shannon Dean, to approve the Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Employment and Contract Status of Administrative Professional Personnel. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcement of School Board Training Credits

All of the board members have completed and exceeded the required continuing education credits.

B. Future Items of Discussion

None

C. Important Dates

Bobby Ott, Superintendent of TISD, highlighted the following Important Dates:

- April 16 - Sensory Night at MDECA
- April 23 - Board Retreat - Facilities & Bond Update
- April 24 - ROTC Ceremony
- May 4 - Senior Top 10% Banquet
- May 5 - TBI Silver Cording Ceremony
- May 7 - TEF Impact Celebration Top 10%

CONSENT ITEMS

- District Enrollment Update
- Budget Amendment #8
- SSA Agreement for RDSPD
- Purchases over \$50,000
 - 1. New Fencing, Installation and Repair District Wide
- Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Sale of Surplus Property
- Drainage Easement to the City of Temple for the FM 93 Spur Project
- Intruder Detection Audits
- Memorandum of Understanding between Temple Independent School District and Temple College Dual Credit Program
- Memorandum of Understanding between Temple Independent School District and Texas Teachers of Tomorrow
- THS National Business Professionals of America (BPA) Travel to Nashville, Tennessee for the National Contest

- Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting - March 9, 2026
 2. Board Retreat - March 26, 2026

Shannon Myers made a motion to approve Items A.-G. and I.-K. Bre'Layshia Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Bre'Layshia Alexander made a motion, seconded by Shannon Dean, to approve item H. Memorandum of Understanding between Temple Independent School District and Temple College Dual Credit Program. The motion carried unanimously 5-0, with Shannon Myers abstaining.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Secondary Math Textbook Adoption
- B. Report on Property Tax Collection Activity
- C. Consideration for Approval of Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Bonds and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds

Bre'Layshia Alexander made a motion, seconded by Shannon Dean, to approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Bonds and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

- D. Teacher Time Study Presentation
- E. Board Committee Reports
 1. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2026 - Meeting was canceled
 - A. Next Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - 4:30 p.m.
 2. Facilities Meeting Minutes - March 26, 2026 - Meeting was canceled
 - B. Next Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 30, 2026 - 4:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.