

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Be It Remembered**

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<b>County of Fort Bend</b>	<b>§</b>
<b>Lamar Consolidated Independent School District</b>	<b>§</b>

### **Notice of Regular Meeting Held**

On this the 15th day of April 2025, 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, Zach Lambert, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Zach Lambert	President
Jacci Hotzel	Vice President
Jon Welch	Secretary
Suzanne Box	Member
Mandi Bronsell	Member
Kay Danziger	Member
Joe Hubenak	Member

### **Members Absent:**

None

### **Others Present:**

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Alphonso Bates	Deputy Superintendent
Greg Buchanan	Chief Operations Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Christi Cottongame	Chief Learning Officer
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Marlon Waites	Chief Student Services Officer

### **OPENING OF MEETING**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag were led by 6th grader Sarah Lange from Wertheimer Middle School.

### **RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**

Students from Lamar Consolidated High School and Foster High School were recognized for being National Merit Finalists.

Students participating in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) were recognized for advancing to compete in the 2025 DECA International Career Development Conference and Competition.

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The cheerleaders from Fulshear High School were recognized for placing first at the NCAA National Championship.

Students from Foster High School, Terry High School, Fulshear High School and George Ranch High School were recognized by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) as All-State Musicians.

Lamar CISD and Principals were recognized for being named an Honor Roll District by the Educational Results Partnership.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Stephen Hill was introduced as the Campus Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach of Fulshear High School.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Trustee Danziger attended Celebrate Reading Day at Ray Elementary School. She also attended Arredondo Elementary School's 10th anniversary celebration and attended the Spring Book Festival at Terry High School.

Vice President Hotzel attended the Special Education Department's prom.

Secretary Welch attended the Pinwheel Project event at Traylor Stadium.

President Lambert attended Celebrate Reading Day at Ray Elementary School and the Special Education Department's prom.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Lambert reported on the Board Budget Committee.

Trustee Box reported on the Board Policy Committee.

Secretary Welch reported on the Board Strategic Plan Committee.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Nivens acknowledged the principals who earned recognition from the Educational Results Partnership.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were not any public comments.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:**

During the Public Participation portion of the meeting, Otilia Gonzales provided comments regarding the agenda item related to the delinquent tax attorney.

It was moved by Secretary Welch and seconded by Trustee Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, with the exception of item 9.F. *Consider approval of renewal engagement of independent auditor for 2024-2025 fiscal year* which was pulled by Secretary Welch. During discussion, Secretary Welch clarified why the School Board Trustee elections were cancelled in District #1 and District #2. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Consider approval of minutes from March 18, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the March 18, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

#### **Consider approval of minutes from March 24, 2025 Special Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the March 24, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

#### **Consider approval of order canceling School Board elections in District #1 and District #2**

The Board of Trustees approved the order canceling the School Board elections in District #1 and District #2.

#### **Consider approval of monthly schedule of disbursements (March 2025) and quarterly financial and investment reports (Q2 – February 2025)**

The Board of Trustees approved the monthly schedule of disbursements for March 2025 and the quarterly financial and investment reports for Q2 – February 2025.

#### **Consider approval of budget amendment requests**

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

#### **Consider approval of RFQ #13-2025TB Delinquent Tax Attorney**

The Board of Trustees approved RFQ #13-2025TB for the delinquent tax attorney.

#### **Consider approval of submitting Staff Development waiver to TEA for additional operational minutes**

The Board of Trustees approved submitting a Staff Development waiver to the TEA for additional operational minutes.

#### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Public School Paraprofessional Day**

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

#### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Nurse Week**

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

#### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week**

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week.

#### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Month**

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.

#### **Consider approval of amendment #9 to Interlocal Corporation with Texas General Land Office**

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The Board of Trustees approved amendment #9 to the Interlocal Corporation with the Texas General Land Office.

### **PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

#### **Consider approval of renewal engagement of independent auditor for 2024-2025 fiscal year**

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of Whitley Penn as the firm to provide independent financial audit services. During discussion, Secretary Welch expressed interest in exploring the use of alternative independent auditors for the District.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed Whitley Penn and the renewal engagement of the independent auditor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The motion carried, 5-2-0, with Trustee Box and Secretary Welch voting against the motion.

### **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Discussion of schematic design for Middle School #8**

Greg Buchanan presented information on the schematic design for Middle School #8.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the schematic design for Middle School #8.

#### **Discussion of design development for Junior High School #8**

Greg Buchanan presented information on the design development for Junior High School #8.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the design development for Junior High School #8.

#### **Discussion of Lamar CISD Strategic Plan**

Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information on the Lamar CISD strategic plan.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Lamar CISD strategic plan.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consider approval of Innovative CTE Course for 7th and 8th Grade Students**

Dr. Kayse Lazar presented information on the innovative CTE Course for 7th and 8th grade students.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the innovative CTE Course for 7th and 8th grade Students.

It was moved by Vice President Hotzel and seconded by Trustee Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve the CTE course General Employability Skills for 7th and 8th grade students to take starting in the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Demographic Report**

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Dr. Jon Maxwell and Bob Templeton from Zonda presented the quarterly demographic report.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the quarterly demographic report.

### **2025-2026 Budget, Compensation Plan, and Related Items**

Jill Ludwig presented information on the 2025-2026 budget, compensation plan, and related items.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the 2025-2026 budget, compensation plan, and related items.

### **Legacy Provisions Update**

Devin Gabbard presented an update on the legacy provisions for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the legacy provisions for the 2025-2026 school year.

### **Strengthening Our Schools Through Campus Climate Surveys**

Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information on surveys in Lamar CISD.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed surveys in Lamar CISD.

### **FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS**

There were not any items pulled from the Future Consent Agenda for presentation at the May 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
    - b. Employment of professional personnel (Information)
    - c. Employee resignations and retirements (Information)
  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 8:55 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

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### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:27 p.m.

### **ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

It was moved by Vice President Hotzel and seconded by Secretary Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of the professional personnel, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were not any future agenda items added to the May Regular Board Meeting agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

## **LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Signed:

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**Zach Lambert**  
**President of the Board of Trustees**

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**Jon Welch**  
**Secretary of the Board of Trustees**