

## Regular Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026 6:30 PM

Dalton L. James Administration Board Room, 200 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Discussion:** The meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 PM by President McKissic.

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** 6:30 PM

Trustee is Attendance: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr., Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks, Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy (arrived at 6:34 PM), Trustee Eboni Mitchell (arrived at 6:36 PM)

#### 2.A. Welcome, Invocation, Pledges, District Mission Statement and Emergency Statement, Establish Quorum

Invocation: Pastor Eric D. King, Disciple Central Community Church

#### 2.B. CTE Month Resolution

**Discussion:** 6:33 PM - 6:38 PM

**Presenter:** Melinda Pugh, Director Career & Technical Education

#### 2.C. National Counselor Month

**Discussion:** 6:39 PM - 6:44 PM

**Presenter:** Anita Perry, Executive Director of CCMR

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

**Discussion:** 6:45 PM - There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

**Discussion:** 6:45 PM - 6:47 PM - There was one Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

### 5. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** The Board entered Closed Session at 6:49 PM. The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:03 PM

#### 5.A. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.071 (Legal advice with school attorney)

##### 5.A.1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074, consultation with legal counsel and discussion regarding the Student First Transportation Services Contract, including settlement of outstanding invoice disputes, proposed contract amendment, and related matters.

##### 5.A.2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074, consultation with legal counsel and discussion regarding the Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools

#### 5.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)

#### 5.C. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)

#### 5.D. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.076 (Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits)

**6. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)**

6.A. Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Update  
**Discussion:** 9:06 PM - 9:06 PM  
This item was taken to out of order.

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Bostic, Grants and Budget Manager

6.B. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar  
**Discussion:** 9:03 PM - 9:05 PM

**Presenter:** Anita Perry, Executive Director of CCMR

6.C. Monthly Bond Update  
**Discussion:** 9:06 PM - 9:18 PM

**Presenter:** Jason Colley, Procedeo Program Manager

6.D. 2024 - 2025 Annual Financial Audit Report Review  
**Discussion:** 9:17 PM  
This item has been pull at the direction of TEA Conservator Andrew Kim.

**Presenter:** Roger Tovar, External Auditor

6.E. Financial Updates  
**Discussion:** 9:18 PM - 9:20 PM

**7. CONSENT ITEMS (All items may be acted upon at the same time by Board of Trustees)**

**Discussion:** 9:20 PM - 9:21 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Microsoft 365 Software

**Presenter:** Micheal White, Executive Director of Information Technology

7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

**8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested)**

8.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Application to TEA to allow a delay in implementing teacher certification requirements.

**Discussion:** 9:21 PM -

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustees Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote 5/2

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - No

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - No

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

**Presenter:** Dr. Elexia Davidson, Director of Human Capital Management

8.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of

**Presenter:** Dr. Elexia

Resolution Declaring a Public Purpose to Expend Funds During an Emergency Closure

Davison, Director of Human Capital Management

**Discussion:** 9:35 PM - 9:36 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.,

Vote passed 7/0

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

- 8.C. Consider and take possible action to approve a Settlement and Release Agreement between DeSoto Independent School District and Student First resolving claims for transportation services rendered July 2025 through January 2026

**Discussion:** 9:36 PM - 9:39 PM

Motion was deferred to Attorney Eden Ramirez to approve a Settlement and Release Agreement between DeSoto Independent School District and First Student (correction to vendor name, First Student is the correct name, not Student First) resolving claims for transportation services rendered July 2025 through January 2026 as presented in Executive Session / Moved by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 7/0

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

- 8.D. Consider and take possible action to approve a Contract Amendment and Extension with Student First for transportation services from February 2026 through June 30, 2026.

**Discussion:** 9:39 PM - 9:40 PM

Motion was deferred to Attorney Eden Ramirez to approve a Contract Amendment and Extension with Student First (correction to vendor name, First Student is the correct name, not Student First) for transportation services from February 2026 through June 30, 2026. / Moved by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 7/0

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

8.E. Consideration and Possible Approval to enter into Contract with WRA Architects for Architects and Engineering services related to Bid Package #01

**Discussion:** 9:41 PM - 9:42 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to enter into Contract with WRA Architects for Architects and Engineering services related to Bid Package #01 / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 5/2

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes  
Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - No  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

8.F. Consideration and possible approval of Corgan Architects for Architectural and Engineering services related to Bid Package #02

**Discussion:** 9:41 PM - 9:42 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve Corgan Architects for Architectural and Engineering services related to Bid Package #02 / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 6/1

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes  
Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes  
Trustee James Durham - Yes  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

8.G. SECOND READ: Senate Bill 11 on Daily Prayer Time from the 89th Legislative Session

**Discussion:** 9:42 PM - 9:45 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote failed 1/6

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes  
Trustee Traci McNairy - No  
Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - No  
Trustee Chasiti McKissic - No  
Trustee James Durham - No  
Trustee Karen Lacy - No  
Trustee Eboni Mitchell - No

**Presenter:** Karen Lacy, School Board Trustee

8.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit Report

**Discussion:** 9:45 PM - 9:47 PM

The Annual Financial Audit Report was pulled from the agenda. Mr. Kim provided the rationale for

pulling the agenda item. He intends to provide the report during the March Meeting.

8.I. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Discussion:** 9:47 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve the Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. - Yes

Trustee Traci McNairy - Yes

Trustee Cyntia Watson Banks - Yes

Trustee Chasiti McKissic - Yes

Trustee James Durham - Yes

Trustee Karen Lacy - Yes

Trustee Eboni Mitchell - Yes

9. **ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee James Durham/ 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM

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Board Secretary