

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **February 23, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Northbrook High School Auditorium, 1 Raider Circle, Houston, Texas 77080, with the following Board Members present: Walker Agnew Jr., Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Jennifer Hyland, Shannon Mahan, and David Slattery.

Board President Shannon Mahan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noted that Secretary Walker Agnew Jr. was not present, and confirmed that a quorum of Board Members was present.

President Mahan certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Trustee Courtney Anderson**
2. **Opening Prayer: Trustee David Slattery**
3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine welcomed everyone and congratulated the students receiving the Character Without Question Award. She also recognized parents and educators for their support and partnership, noting the significance of character and integrity in student leadership.
4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
No one signed up to speak.
5. **Special Presentations**
 - A. Recognition of Character Without Question Award Recipients
Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement Linda Buchman announced the Character Without Question Award recipients and welcomed them to the stage for recognition.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items**
 - In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, on behalf of Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey's office, Debbie Dillard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Trustees.
 - Donna Woehr, Nancy Frei, Homer Allen, and Alex Mejia addressed the Board regarding the TIRZ 17 detention basin project.

- John Nicks spoke in support of Spring Branch students protesting ICE.
- Diana Alexander, Nancy Friedman, and Janet Pozmantier spoke regarding Item 9B.
- Jeri Spence signed up to speak but did not attend.
- Barbara Denson addressed the Board regarding her campaign for State Board of Education.

Secretary Walker Agnew Jr. joined the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

7. **Executive Session**

President Mahan recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:03 PM in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes listed below.

- The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers
- The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
- The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
- The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation as Required by the Superintendent's Contract
- The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as Authorized by Law, including, but not limited to, discussion of *Elizondo v. Spring Branch ISD*, Civ. Act. No. H-21-1997, and Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Mahan reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:33 PM and said that no action was taken while in the closed session.

8. **Action as Needed from Executive Session**

- Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items
Motion was made by Vice President Caroline H. Bennett and seconded by Trustee Courtney Anderson that the Board of Trustees approve the routine personnel items as recommended.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

- Request for Approval of Termination of Employee Contract for Good Cause Effective Immediately (Richard Mejia)

Motion was made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Trustee Chris Earnest that the Board of Trustees approve the termination of the employment of Richard Mejia for good cause effective immediately.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

9. Action

A. Request for Approval of Prekindergarten Tuition for 2026-2027

Motion was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Earnest that the Board of Trustees approve the Prekindergarten Tuition for 2026-2027.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. Action and Possible Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11

Motion was made by Trustee Jennifer Hyland and seconded by Secretary Agnew Jr. that the Board of Trustees approve Senate Bill 11.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

10. Consent Agenda Action Items

A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2026

B. Request for Approval of Contract Awards

1. Construction Manager at Risk for Construction Manager at Risk for the SBISD Sports Complex-2025 Bond

2. Contract for Paint Supplies and Materials

3. Contract for Plumbing Supplies and Parts

4. Contract for Spring Branch MS & Spring Forest MS Coolers & Freezers Project

5. Increase Contract for College and Career Readiness Dual Credit Classes, College Prep Classes, and Early College Programs

6. Contract for Advertising Management Services

7. Increase for Contract for Infrastructure Components and Services

8. Contract for RFP For WAN Connectivity, Monitoring, and Associated Hardware

C. Request for Approval of Audit Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year Ending 2026

D. Request for Approval of Revised Employment Contracts

E. Request for Consideration of Administrator Requests for Outside Employment in Accordance with House Bill 3372, 89th Legislative Session

F. Request for Approval of Staff Development Waiver for 2026-2027

G. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - January 2026

H. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings

1. January 12, 2026 - Workshop Meeting

2. January 27, 2026 - Special Meeting

3. January 27, 2026 - Regular Meeting

President Mahan read the rules for adopting the consent agenda action items.

Motion was made by Trustee David Slattery and seconded by Vice President Bennett that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda action items.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

11. Information

- A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of January 2026
Secretary Agnew Jr. asked about the Spring Branch Middle School Master Plan Study. Associate Superintendent for Operations Travis Stanford provided information.

12. Closing Remarks by the Superintendent

Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

13. Meeting Adjourned

President Mahan adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Shannon Mahan
President, Board of Trustees

Walker Agnew Jr.
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: March 23, 2026