

Minutes of Board Workshop meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Board Workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **March 3, 2025**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, Board Room, 955 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77024, with the following Board Members present: Lisa Andrews Alpe, Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Shannon Mahan, John Perez, and David Slattery.

Board President Lisa Andrews Alpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She noted that a quorum of Board members was present.

President Alpe 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. Opening Remarks by the Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine welcomed attendees, including Pam Toman from TXReads, Literacy Committee members, and principals, and expressed appreciation for their presence.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No one signed up to speak.

3. Executive Session

President Alpe recessed the Board into Executive Session at 6:01 PM in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes listed below.

- A. 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
- B. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Consideration of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Amendment
- C. 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
- D. 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

E. 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 Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Alpe reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:08 PM and said that no action was taken while in the closed session.

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

A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items

Motion made by Trustee Caroline H. Bennett and seconded by Trustee John Perez that the Board of Trustees approve the routine personnel items as recommended.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

5. **Action**

A. Request for Approval of the Superintendent's Contract Amendment

Motion made by Vice President Courtney Anderson and seconded by Secretary Shannon Mahan that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's contract amendment.

Motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

Trustee John Perez cast an opposing vote.

6. **Reports and Discussions**

A. Discussion of Literacy Resource Update

Presenters:

Associate Superintendent for Academics Dr. Annie Wolfe

Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction Ms. Linda Shepard

Director for Humanities Dr. Melissa Ramirez.

B. Discussion of FY 2026 Budget

Presenter:

Associate Superintendent for Finance Ms. Christine Porter.

C. Discussion of Board Meetings Schedule for 2025-2026

The Board reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 meeting schedule and had no suggested changes.

7. **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent**

Dr. Blaine thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in extending her contract and for their kind words. She expressed pride in the district's progress, noting that it is more academically successful than it has been in a long time. She also thanked the senior staff for their hard work.

8. **Meeting Adjourned**

President Alpe adjourned the workshop meeting at 9:55 PM.

Lisa Andrews Alpe
President, Board of Trustees

Shannon Mahan
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: April 28, 2025