

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, September 15, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Alixana Buvinghausen, Candace Esparza.

Board Members Absent: Chris Davis

Guests Present: Anton Reicher (The Devine News), Doug Bull, Shawn Brandt (W&J), Kandy Stein, Chris Stone (W&J), Kelly Maxwell, Cole Maxwell.

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of HR/Info Mgmt), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Lysandra Reyes (Intermediate Principal), Mark Raygosa (Elementary Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), Shannon Ramirez (CFO), Geri Woods (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Nancy Pepper called this meeting of the Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated for the record that a quorum of board members was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. She further stated that trustees Keri James, Candace Esparza, Carl Brown, Henry Moreno, Ali Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper

3. Citizen Communication

- A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.
- B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

4. Action Item (s)

- A. Consider and take possible action to Approve the Annual Financial Audit Report. This item moved to October board meeting.
- B. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Coleman, Horton & Company, LLP 2025-26 Contract. This item moved to October board meeting.

5. Middle School Campus Principal's Report

Kandi Darnell presented report on academic and athletic activities. Student, Cole Maxwell provided a report on other student activities.

6. Administrative Reports and Discussion:

- A. Central Office Reports
 - 1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Safety, Board Priorities Monthly Activity Calendar, and District Activity Calendar
 - a. 2023 Bond Project Update by Chris Stone and Shawn Brandt
 - 2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt. Monthly Report
 - 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports
- B. Monthly Business Reports and Payment of Bills
- C. Principals' Reports on Monthly Activities
 - 1. Devine High School Principal's Report
 - 2. Devine Middle School Principal's Report
 - 3. Devine Intermediate School Principal's Report
 - 4. JJ Ciavarra Elementary School Principal's Report
 - 5. DLA/DAEP Principal's Monthly Report

D. Directors' Monthly Reports

7. Consent Agenda

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

A. Minutes of regular Board Meeting on August 18, 2025, and Teambuilding Training Meeting on September 8, 2025.

B. Review District Investment Policy CDA (Local/Legal) Other Revenues: Investments and adopt resolutions

C. Approve Resolution Authorizing District Investment Officers

D. Approve donation from DEF for the Cosmetology Program

8. Action Item (s)

A. Keri James moved and seconded by Carl Brown moved to Approve Pay Rate for Substitute Child Nutrition Workers as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

B. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to adopt a resolution nominating Stewart Marsh for the election of Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the years 2026-2027 as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

C. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adopt the resolution regarding the Board's compliance with Texas Education Code 37.0814 to establish a good cause exception and alternative standards, and attach said resolution to the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

D. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to Approve Board Operating Procedures as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

9. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 6:55 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed under Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.076, 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

10. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 7:45 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Keri James to adjourn. Motion carried, 6-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Davis

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary