

Regular Meeting

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County of Fort Bend §
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 20th day of May 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
Kay Danziger	Member
Joe Hubenak	Member

Members Absent:

Mandi Bronsell	Member
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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
Henry Garcia	Chief of Police
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 Khalil Muta from Ryon Middle School.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

The valedictorians and salutatorians from Lamar Consolidated High School, Foster High School, George Ranch High School, Terry High School, Randle High School and Fulshear High School were recognized.

A student from Lamar Consolidated High School was recognized for earning first place in the discus event at the UIL State Track & Field Meet held in Austin, Texas.

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Students involved in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and the Technology Student Association (TSA) were recognized for advancing from state-level competitions to qualify for national-level events.

An engineering teacher from Wright Junior High School was recognized for being selected as a recipient of the McGraw-Hill Pathfinder Award, which honors innovative educators.

The Board of Trustees was recognized for receiving the Outstanding School Board Award at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony held on May 4, 2025, in Austin, Texas.

The Board of Trustees shared farewell remarks in recognition of Trustee Joe Hubenak's service. Trustee Hubenak also shared reflections on his time as a member of the School Board.

The Board of Trustees shared farewell remarks in recognition of Trustee Kay Danziger's service. Trustee Danziger also shared reflections on her time as a member of the School Board.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ashley Thompson was introduced as the Principal of Long Elementary School.

Chris Lane was introduced as the Campus Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach of Lamar Consolidated High School.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice President Hotzel recognized the Class of 2025 graduates and thanked all the staff that helped during the graduation ceremonies.

Secretary Welch attended the 'Surf's Up' event hosted by the Lamar Educational Awards Foundation (LEAF) and recognized the District custodial staff for their support during the event.

President Lambert thanked campus level staff for their service this school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Hotzel reported on the School of Choice Partner Search.

President Lambert reported on the Board Budget Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nivens shared remarks in recognition of Trustee Danziger's and Trustee Hubenak's service on the School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were not any public comments.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, with the exception of item 9.J. *Consider approval of RFQ #11-2025TB quality schools partnerships* which was pulled by Vice President Hotzel. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes from April 15, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from April 15, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from May 5, 2025 Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the May 5, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from May 13, 2025 Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the May 13, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Consider approval of monthly schedule of disbursements (April 2025)

The Board of Trustees approved the monthly schedule of disbursements for April 2025.

Consider approval of budget amendment requests

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

Consider approval of blanket purchasing agreement (BPA) with HON Company, LLC

The Board of Trustees approved the blanket purchasing agreement (BPA) with HON Company, LLC.

Consider approval of RFP #16-2025KW events and related items

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #16-2025KW for events and related items.

Consider approval of RFP #31-2025TB-01 catering, banquet services and food trucks

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #31-2025TB-01 for catering, banquet services and food trucks.

Consider approval of instructional materials and technology allotment and certification of provision of instructional materials

The Board of Trustees approved the instructional materials and technology allotment and certification of the provision of instructional materials.

Consider approval of RFP #12-2025TB artificial intelligence-based detection systems

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #12-2025TB for artificial intelligence-based detection systems.

Consider approval of RFP #14-2025TB professional development

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #14-2025TB for professional development.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Juneteenth

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution proclaiming Juneteenth.

Consider approval of schematic design for Middle School #8

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The Board of Trustees approved the schematic design for Middle School #8.

Consider approval of amendment to contract with Direct Energy

The Board of Trustees approved the amendment to contract with Direct Energy.

Consider approval of CSP#05-2025 for construction of High School #8

The Board of Trustees approved CSP#05-2025 for the construction of High School #8.

Consider approval of amendment to existing contract with Si Enviro

The Board of Trustees approved the amendment to the existing contract with Si Enviro.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Consider approval of RFQ #11-2025TB quality schools partnerships

It was moved by Secretary Welch and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve RFQ #11-2025TB for quality schools partnerships. During discussion, Vice President Hotzel clarified that the Trustees would be voting on the item without committing to a formal partnership with either of the companies listed.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed RFQ #11-2025TB regarding quality schools partnerships.

The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider approval of date for public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate; discussion of proposed tax rate that will be published in notice for public meeting; and discussion of designation of officer/employee responsible for calculating no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate

Jill Ludwig presented information on the date for the public meeting to discuss the budget and the proposed tax rate; discussed the proposed tax rate that will be published in the notice for a public meeting; and discussed the designation of the officer/employee responsible for calculating the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate.

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve Tuesday, June 17, 2025 as the date for the public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve that \$1.13370 be the proposed tax rate that will be published in the notice for a public meeting (Components of the 2-part tax rate: \$0.6537 for M&O and \$0.4800 I&S). The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve that the Office of the CFO be designated as the officer/employee responsible for calculating no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

Consider approval of design development for Junior High School #8

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

It was moved by Trustee Hubenak and seconded by Trustee Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve option #2 for the design development for Junior High School #8. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

Discussion and approval of establishing a legacy scholarship from H-E-B Excellence in Education Award Funds

Alphonso Bates presented information on establishing a legacy scholarship from the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award Funds.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed establishing a legacy scholarship from the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award Funds.

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the 2025 School Board H-E-B Legacy Scholarship in recognition of their achievement in receiving the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

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
 - c. Employee resignations and retirements
 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 7:36 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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It was moved by Secretary Welch and seconded by Trustee Box that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of an elementary school site in The George, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

It was moved by Trustee Danziger and seconded by Secretary Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the deductive change order for Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, and Long Elementary School, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

It was moved by Vice President Hotzel and seconded by Trustee Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of the professional personnel, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0-0.

SWEAR IN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Issuance of election certificate to newly elected Trustees

The certificate of election was presented to George Arroyos, Monica Henderson, Zach Lambert and Vanessa Marsters which certified that each was duly elected as a member of Lamar CISD Board of Trustees.

Completion of statement of elected officer

George Arroyos, Monica Henderson, Zach Lambert and Vanessa Marsters each completed the statement of elected officer.

Administer oath of office to newly elected Trustees

The oath of office was administered to George Arroyos, Monica Henderson, Zach Lambert and Vanessa Marsters.

President Lambert recessed the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

President Lambert reconvened the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Trustee Arroyos expressed gratitude to his family and those who supported his election, and shared his enthusiasm for serving on the School Board.

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2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
 - b. Land

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 - a. Any item listed on the agenda
 - b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

4. Discussion of Board Officers to serve from May 2025 to May 2026

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

Election of Board Officers

Trustee Henderson nominated Vice President Hotzel for School Board President. Trustee Arroyos seconded the nomination. The vote for Vice President Hotzel for School Board President passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Trustee Box nominated Secretary Welch for School Board Vice President. The vote for Secretary Welch for School Board Vice President passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Trustee Marsters nominated Trustee Box for School Board Secretary. The vote for Trustee Box for School Board Secretary passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Consider authorization to use facsimile plates

It was moved by Vice President Welch and seconded by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees waive Board Policy CFF (local) which requires two signatures on each check drawn against internal accounts and allow one signature for the maximum of 90 days to allow Administration time to order new facsimile signature plates for the President of the Board, Jacci Hotzel, and the Secretary of the Board, Suzanne Box. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student lunch price increase for 2025-2026 school year

Greg Buchanan presented information on the student lunch price increase for the 2025-2026 school year.

2025 Bond

Greg Buchanan and Jill Ludwig presented information on the 2025 Bond.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the 2025 Bond.

Facility rentals

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Greg Buchanan presented information on facility rentals in Lamar CISD.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed facility rentals in Lamar CISD.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Discussion of design development for Middle School #8

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

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

Discussion of 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and documents relating to 2025 tax year assessment and levy of property taxes

Jill Ludwig presented information on the 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and documents relating to 2025 tax year assessment and levy of property taxes.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and documents relating to 2025 tax year assessment and levy of property taxes.

Discussion of Student Code of Conduct / K-8 Telecommunications Revisions

Ben Hernandez, Area Superintendent, presented information on proposed revisions to the Student Code of Conduct and Dr. Marlon Waites presented information on proposed telecommunications revisions.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the Student Code of Conduct and the proposed telecommunications revisions.

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

There were not any items pulled from the Future Consent Agenda for presentation at the June Board meeting.

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- 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 10:11 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

Jacci Hotzel
President of the Board of Trustees

Suzanne Box
Secretary of the Board of Trustees