

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD was held Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Terrell ISD Boardroom at the Central Administration Building, 700 Catherine St., Terrell, Texas 75160.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish that a Quorum is Present

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Dena Risinger and established that a quorum was present. Board Members Ann McDonald, Monty Westbrook, Tonya Derrick, Ashley Fivecoat, Kenneth Baker and Nick Alford were present.

2. Pledges of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Board President, Dena Risinger led the pledges of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

3. Public Comments

Tanya Spalding spoke regarding the tax rate increase.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider Approval of the Election of Personnel

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve the election of personnel. The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

5. Items for Discussion and Action

- A. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendment for Terrell ISD

Ms. Tillman presented the 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendment for Terrell ISD.

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Nick Alford to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendment for Terrell ISD as presented.

The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

B. Public Hearing to Discuss 2025-2026 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the Public Hearing to Discuss the 2025-2026 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

C. Consider All Matters Related to the 2025-2026 Budget, Including Execution of a Resolution Adopting and Approving Said Budget

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the All Matters Related to the 2025-2026 Budget, Including Execution of a Resolution Adopting and Approving Said Budget.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve all matters related to the 2025-2026 budget, including execution of a resolution adopting and approving said budget as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

D. Consider All Matters Related to the Proposed Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2025, Including a Resolution Setting Said Tax Rate

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented item the all matters related to the proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025, including a resolution setting said tax rate.

Ann McDonald moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1. 1305, which is effectively a 16.54% percent increase in the tax rate. Ann McDonald further moved adoption of the resolution to set the tax rate for tax year 2025 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Nick Alford. The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

- E. Consider Approval of a Resolution to Classify a Portion of Fund Balance per Government Accounting Standards 54 ("GASB 54")

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the resolution of classify a portion of fund balance per government accounting standards 54 ("GASB 54").

A motion was made by Tony Derrick and seconded by Monty Westbrook to approve the resolution of classify a portion of fund balance per government accounting standards 54 ("GASB 54") as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

- F. Consider Approval of the District of Innovation (DOI) Amendment/Exemptions

Dr. Tracie Washington presented the District of Innovation (DOI) Amendment/Exemptions.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Ann McDonald to approve the DOI as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE:

Yes	No	Board Member
x		Dena Risinger
x		Tonya Derrick
x		Ann Kines McDonald
x		Nicholas Alford
x		Kenneth Baker
x		Ashley Carmona-Fivecoat
x		Monty Westbrook

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Nick Alford to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, in accordance with applicable law, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). The Board shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)]