

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on February 2, 2026.

1. *Call to Order*

President Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

President Cottrell established a quorum.

Trustees present: Jonathan Cottrell, President
 Jessica Cejka, Vice President
 Jeffrey Larson, Secretary
 Jay Cunningham, Trustee
 Arturo Sanchez, Trustee
 Jamieson Mackay, Trustee
 Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

Staff present: Karen Engle, Superintendent
 Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement*

Coach Galyn Blinka from Creekside Intermediate, along with the Creekside Intermediate Team Captains, led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. Coach Blinka and the Team Captains also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

Coach Galyn Blinka opened Creekside Intermediate in 1992 and for the entirety of her career, she taught 6th grade PE and served as the Girls Athletic Coordinator. While she retired in 2018, she is still very active in our district. She coached Basketball for several years post-retirement and still steps in whenever needed.

- She drives field trips and athletic trips across the district
- She substitutes in classrooms
- She works at Creekside Basketball and Volleyball games
- She volunteers at Track and Cross Country meets and attends tryouts and practices to support athletes and coaches.

Last week, the school named one of the gyms in her honor. Congratulations to you Coach Blinka!

4. Recognitions

A. National Board Certification of Teachers

We are proud to celebrate four CCISD teachers who have achieved National Board Certification, one of the highest professional distinctions in teaching. This rigorous process reflects exceptional instructional skill, deep reflection, and a commitment to student success. We congratulate these outstanding educators for reaching this milestone and for elevating the teaching profession in CCISD. These four completed what is normally a two-year process in ONE year:

- Bridgett Reed, Stewart Elementary
- Tisha Bronikowski, Clear Falls High School
- Miriam Cortes, Weber Elementary
- Valerie Hill, Clear View High School

B. School Board Recognition Month

Throughout the month of January, our school community recognized our board of Trustees for the work, and heart, they put into our students and staff every day. As it's a common misconception about school boards, this might be a good time to remind the public that there is no compensation attached to the heavy and time-consuming responsibility of a school board member. So tonight, we had one last memento planned for School Board Appreciation Month to express our gratitude. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, we had a few students tonight who presented a very special and personal gift to our Trustees. They symbolically represent the 38,000+ students you serve.

In CCISD we believe Our Future is in Good Hands, which was the inspiration behind this evening's presentation. Students representing the Class of 2026 (our graduating seniors) paired with students from the Class of 2039 (our current Pre-K students) to - together - create a work of art featuring their precious handprints. We were pleased to have several Profile of a CCISD Learner "models" with us this evening, each hand-chosen by their principal as a special representative of their graduating class.

Trustee Cottrell's gift featured the handprints of **Ariana Villata** from Clear View High School and **Madilyn Baldwin** from Ross Elementary.

Trustee Cejka's gift featured the handprints of **Zach Cochran** from Clear Falls High School and **Colt Brouillard** from Mossman Elementary.

Trustee Larson's gift featured the handprints of **Iris Ju** from Clear Brook High School and **Chloe Truong** from Weber Elementary.

Trustee Cunningham's gift featured the handprints of **Rodney Smith** from Clear Springs High School and **Laney McIntyre** from Campbell Elementary.

Trustee Lilley's gift featured the handprints of **Chloe Aguas** from Clear Horizons and **Eleanor Breon** of Parr Elementary.

Trustee Mackay's gift featured the handprints of **Ke'Shawn Jones** of Clear Creek High School and **Madeline Trainer** from Ferguson Elementary.

Trustee Sanchez's gift featured the handprints of **Steven Holsey** of Clear Lake High School and **Piper Cerna** from Clear Lake City Elementary.

Included in this gift presentation was a piece for Dr. Karen Engle that featured handprints of **James Gonzalez** from my Clear Lake High School, her alma mater, along with **Luke Manning** from Ward Elementary.

Dr. Engle thanked and recognized our Visual and Performing Arts Assistant Director Stephanie Albert for her work traveling the District far and wide to collect these touching treasures.

Dr. Engle thanked our Trustees on such a beautiful and unique reminder of the range of impact our Trustees have on our future leaders.

5. *Community Input*

The following members of the Community addressed the Board during the community input portion of the meeting:

- Ms. Page Rander –Resolution in honor of Board Appreciation Month
- Mr. Thomas Davis – Library Materials
- Clear Lake HS Student Council Members – Board Appreciation Month

6. *District Update*

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding student activities including FFA, Musicals, Cheerleaders, Science Fair Judging and Empowered to Thrive, along with an update on Artemis & CCISD.

The countdown clock is ticking, and anticipation is building for the launch of Artemis II and our nation's return to the Moon.

In CCISD, we stand proud of the NASA Johnson Space Center and all those who have devoted years to the program and upcoming mission. The Artemis II team are parents of our students, including Clear Springs High School parent and crew pilot Captain Victor Glover, spouses of our staff, CCISD alumni, partners and volunteers who also make time to support our school district. We wanted to express our pride in a meaningful way and have launched a celebration campaign for the Artemis II mission. We ask our families, neighbors, and community to join us in collective pride as this historic moment.

More information can be found on our new Spirit of Exploration page on our website and includes links to Artemis classroom activities, NASA resources, instructions on how to share your #CCISDMoonWatch photos, and more.

We are excited to get the celebration started at our meeting and were honored to have with us NASA JSC Associate Director for Mission and Strategy, Joseph Acaba, to receive a special Board Proclamation to the NASA JSC Artemis II team. Mr. Acaba joined Dr. Engle as she read the Board Proclamation to the audience. Mr. Acaba thanked the board and CCISD staff for this recognition and he will continue to support CCISD and our community.

7. Action

A. Consent Agenda

Trustee Cunningham pulled item #4. Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the consent agenda as presented minus #4. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of the Human Resources Report and Contracts for Personal Services (DBD Exhibit A)
3. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statement
4. ~~Consider Acceptance of Donations~~
5. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
6. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report
7. Consider Approval of Governing Body Resolution to Apply for the Office of the Governor State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)
8. Consider Approval of submission for a TEA Low Attendance Waiver for Falcon Pass Elementary, Bayside Intermediate, and Space Center Intermediate.
9. Consider Approval of submission for a TEA Low Attendance Waiver for Clear Brook High School on November 21, 2025, due to water main break, and Clear Creek High School on December 5, 2025, due to safety concerns after a bomb threat.
10. Consider Approval of Library Materials
11. Consider Approval of Interlocal Partnership Agreements for Participation in the Harris County Precinct 2 Partnership Program
12. Consider Approval of Expenditures with ILA-BuyBoard Vendor Athletic Field Specialists, LLC
13. Consider Increase of Expenditures with ILA-BuyBoard Vendor Nevco
14. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2021.507 Environmental Preventative Maintenance
15. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2024.511 C3 Studios Live Production Support and Maintenance, AV Classroom, and Special Events Onsite Support
16. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2024.810 Fleet Maintenance, Service, and Repair
17. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2025.815 Annual Chiller Inspections

Trustee Cunningham made comments about the December donation report. Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the Donation Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Mr. Greg Peterson, Weaver & Tidwell, LLP., presented the report to the Board. Members of the Board made comments. Trustee Cejka move to accept the

Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of an Order and Resolution Calling School Board Trustee Election by Plurality Vote

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Trustee Lilley moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Order Calling School Board Election as presented.. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Consider Approval of Authorization to the Clear Creek ISD Tax Office to Treat Qualifying February Tax Payments as January Payments When Postmarked on or Before February 4th of the Current Year

Ms. Terri Aragon, Tax Assessor – Collector, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Trustee Mackay moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the request authorizing the CCISD Tax Office to treat qualifying February tax payments as January payments when postmarked on or before February 4th of the current tax year. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Consider Approval of Authorization to Accept Taxpayer Declaration as Substantial Proof for the 2025 Tax Season Only

Ms. Terry Aragon, Tax Assessor – Collector, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Aragon answered the questions. Trustee Mackay moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the request to accept a Taxpayer Declaration as substantial proof for the 2025 tax season only. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Consider Approval of Plan for Compliance of Employment of Uncertified Classroom Teachers (TEC 21.0032)

Dr. Robert Branch, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Dr. Britani Moses, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Dr. Moses answered the questions. Trustee Lilley moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the plan for compliance of employment of uncertified classroom teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Consider Approval of the Use of Capital Projects Funds for Facility and Maintenance Related Projects

Mr. Alex Aragon, Director of Facility Services, and Mr. Christopher Pitts, Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments. Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approved the use of Capital Projects Funds of \$638,000 for Facility and Maintenance Related Projects. The motion carried unanimously.

8. *Closed Session*

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 7:29 p.m.

President Cottrell reconvened the meeting into open session at 9:43 p.m.

9. *Adjournment*

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Jeffrey Larson, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon