

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD was held Monday, November 17, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Terrell ISD Professional Development Center, 201 East Alamo Street, Terrell, Texas 75160.

After calling the meeting to order and recognizing Terrell ISD staff and students as well as Terrell community members, the meeting was relocated to the Terrell ISD Boardroom at the Central Administration Building, 700 N. Catherine Street, Terrell, Texas 75160, where the remainder of the meeting reconvened after a brief recess.

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 by Board President, Dena Risiger and established that a quorum was present. Ann McDonald, Monty Westbrook, Tonya Derrick, Nick Alford and Kenneth Baker were present. Ashley Fivecoat was absent.
2. Recognitions
The Tiger of the month, Support Staff, Students and Community Members were recognized.
3. Recess
A brief recess was taken at 5:50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:00 in the Board Room.
4. Pledges of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Board President Dena Risinger led the pledges of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.
5. Public Comments
Jason Eddington who is running for the Texas Senate District 2 came to introduce himself to the Board.
6. Superintendent's Report
 - A. *Dr. Warnock shared a district update.*
 - B. *Ms. Debra Smith shared an update on the Career and Technology Program.*
 - C. *Choice Schools implementation overview was shared by the following campus administrators:*
 1. *Cherise Nichols, Principal at JWL presented the STEM Academy.*
 2. *Aleix Santiago, Principal at WES presented the College Preparatory.*
 3. *Angela Abrams Malone, Principal at GWE presented the Arts and Science Academy.*
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Consider Approval of the Election of Personnel

- B. Consider Acceptance of Financial Reports: September 2025 Tax Report; September 2025 Financial Summary; Head Start September 2025 Financial Report; Head Start September 2025 Credit Card
- C. Consider Acceptance of the Purchasing Report for the Period of September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025
- D. Consider Approval of Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative (R10MRPC)
- E. Consider Award for RFP 2526-001 Consulting and Professional Development Services
- F. Consider Award for RFP 2526-002 General Services and Supplies
- G. Consider Award for RFP 2526-003 Technology Related Services and Supplies
- H. Consider Approval of TISD Teacher Appraisers
- I. Consider the Renewal of MOU Between TISD and TSH Until Termination Date of May 29, 2025
- J. Consider Approval of THS Fine Arts Field Trip to Chicago, Illinois
- K. Consider the Approval of the THS Students Trip to New York City.
- L. Consider Approval of the Terrell High School Trip to London
- M. Consider Approval of Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Nick Alford to approve the Consent Agenda.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

- 8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

- 9. Items for Discussion and Action

- A. Consider Approval of the Ranking of the Construction Manager-At-Risk Firms Providing Best Value for Terrell ISD 2025 Bond Projects (Request for Qualifications #2425-014), and Delegate Authority to the Superintendent to Negotiate and Execute the Contracts

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented item A.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Kenneth Baker to approve item A as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

A motion was made by Nick Alford and seconded by Monty Westbrook to go into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

- 10. Closed Session

- A. Closed Session: Consider the Superintendent Evaluation Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Certain Deliberations About Officers and Employees of the Governmental Body May Be in Closed Session in Order to

Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee

- B. Closed Session: Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding the JETI Process Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.087

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Monty Westbrook to reconvene to open session at 9:04 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

11. Consider any Action as a Result of Closed Session

Resolution as discussed in closed session was passed unanimously.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Kenneth Baker to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea.

The motion as carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent

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)]