



East Chambers Independent School District

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MINUTES-BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the East Chambers Independent School District was held on **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.** in the East Chambers ISD Board Room, 216 Champions Loop, Winnie, TX 77665.

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 P.M.** by Scott Jones, President. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President; Charlotte Edwards, Secretary; Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner; Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Andrea Smith, Superintendent; Cheryl Williams, Curriculum Director; Megan Leday, Primary Principal; Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal; Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal; Justin Lezak, High School Principal; Toby Kahla, Operations Director; Mitchell Long, Technology Director; Gena Albrecht, Business Manager; Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director; Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director

Audience/Visitors: Christy Ridgaway; Amber Parker; Luke Hampton; Kat Johnson; Ava Bone; Joanna Martinez; Alena Rodriguez; Carla Gardner; Marilyn Burrell; Mario Herrera; Julian Huizar; Ray Stramecki;

Student Recognition/Presentations:

In celebration of Career and Technical Education Month, students from several CTE programs presented the board with information regarding their pathways and how programs are preparing them for the future.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) Public Hearing:

A public hearing on the East Chambers ISD Texas Academic Performance Report, PEIMS Financial Standard Report, Campus Performance Objectives and the Annual Report on Violent and Criminal Incidents. The purpose of the hearing was to share the District and Campus Texas Academic Performance Report, campus performance objectives, the annual report on violent and criminal incidents and to invite public comment. Mrs. Smith reviewed the highlights of the report and discussed where improvement is needed. Wade Thibodeaux asked if this was the same thing as our accountability grade and was told yes.

Superintendent Reports:

Andrea Smith, Superintendent: Mrs. Smith reported on the following information items listed after administration reports: Employee Resignations, Discussion Regarding Replacement of Trees, Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary – there being no findings at the elementary campus, and Region 5 Board of Directors Election Information.

Administration Reports:

Cheryl Williams, Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs. Williams reported on Teacher Incentive Allotment, Professional Development, LIFT Grant, Child Care Center, and State Assessments.

Megan Leday, Primary Principal: Mrs. Leday reported on Enrollment, MOY Benchmark, Curriculum Review, TELPAS, Ongoing and Upcoming Events.

Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bordelon reported on Enrollment, Field Test ELAR, Counselor's Week, Spring Pictures, STAAR, School Resource Officer Appreciation Day, Perfect Attendance Awards, TELPAS, ECE Family Night, and Other Ongoing Events.

Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal: Mrs. Broomas reported on Enrollment, Region 5 Vaping and Fentanyl Prevention, UIL, Training, Quiz Bowl, Stuco Winter Convention, Honor Society Winter Formal, Counselor Appreciation Week, and Upcoming Weeks.

Justin Lezak, High School Principal: Mr. Lezak reported Enrollment, State Cheer Competition, UIL, Training, T-Tess, Band Solo and Ensemble, National Counselor Week, Career Expo, District CX Debate, and Upcoming Events.

Toby Kahla, Operations Director: Mr. Kahla reported on Foster Fence Proposal, Final Pay App, Electrical Work, Winter Storm Impact, and Elementary Lighting Controls.

Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director: Coach Sutherland reported on Basketball, Soccer, Powerlifting, Swim Team, Cheer, Other Spring Sports, and Off-Season Workouts.

Mitchell Long, Technology Director: Mr. Long reported on Auditorium Sound System, Press Box Updates, Wifi Network.

Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director: Mrs. Peden reported on Enrollment, Meals Served, Financials, March Food Show, and Partnership with Culinary.

Gena Albrecht, Business Manager:

Finance Reports:

Monthly Transactions Revenue Realized: \$3,344,320.17; Expenditures: \$1,746,440.21;

Check Register

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Depository Collateralization Report

Tax Collections

Student Activity Funds

Attorney Invoices

Investments:

\$ 2,251,793.61 Texpool

\$ 11,686,363.49 TASB Lonestar

\$.07 TASB Lonestar 2022 Bond Prop A

\$ 1,243,611.84 TASB Lonestar Debt Service Fund

\$ 539.12 TASB Lonestar PSF Capital Improvement

CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEM:

The consent agenda is presented as a single item on the agenda. Any board member may ask for a specific item to be removed from the consent agenda if they want further discussion. That item will then be placed on the regular agenda for consideration. After any requested removals, the remaining consent agenda is approved with one motion, one second, and one vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting and February 2, 2026 Special Meeting

B. Endorsement of Competition Cheer Handbook

C. Payments Over \$50,000:

Entergy - \$50,000 (estimate)

Labatt - \$50,000 (estimate)

CDW Government \$75,120.00

D. Consider 2025-2026 Budget Amendments:

199/41/Administration increased by \$8,799 Amended Budget \$1,069,842

Move approve consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea,

Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

The Board entered into a closed meeting at 6:50 P.M. under §551.072 Real Property and §551.074 Personnel to soccer field agreements and personnel matters. The Board ended its closed meeting at 7:51 P.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Administrator Contracts: Move to approve administrator contracts presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Primary Principal - Megan Leday 2 year 12 month

Elementary Principal - Britnie Bordelon 2 year 12 month

Junior High Principal - Kelsea Broomas 2 year 12 month

Child Nutrition Program Director- Marshsa Peden Nonchapter 21 11 month;

Technology Director - Mitchell Long 2 year 12 month;

Operations and Transportation Director - Toby Kahla Nonchapter 21 12 month;

Athletic Director - Russ Sutherland 2 year 12 month;

Special Programs Director - Cindy Bull 2 year 12 month;

Curriculum Director – Cheryl Williams 2 year 12 month

Consider Hiring Principal: Move to approve hiring Matt Fowler for principal on a one year probationary administrator contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider Hiring Counselor: Move to approve hiring Lindsay Fowler for counselor on a year probationary contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider Resolution to Compensate Employees for Weather Days 2026: Move to approve as presented to compensate employees for weather days 2026 and pay hourly employees for hours worked in addition to the weather day. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider 2026-2027 School Calendar: Move to approve as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11: Move to approve as presented with no changes to current district practice. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider Best Method of Purchase for Safety Fencing: Move to approve Co-op purchasing as the best method of purchase for safety fencing. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider BuyBoard Quote from Foster Fencing for Safety Fencing: Move to approve as presented in the amount of \$15,468.00 for Elementary School Fencing and \$108,576.00 for Dome Fencing. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Consider Progress Payments: Move to approve as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.
N&T Construction #21: \$43,638.50

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date