

Minutes of January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Denver City Independent School District

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, beginning at 6:15 PM in the Board Room of the Denver City Independent School District, 501 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX.

Members present: Danny Escalante, Cecil Robles, Cody Ellison, Brad Woosley, Eloy Gutierrez, and Alan Peters

Members absent: Bo Wells

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Kristi Ivy, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Taunya Campbell, Elizabeth Calk, Lisa Robinson, and Zach Duncan

Visitors Present: None

Board President Cody Ellison called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag and led the invocation.

During District Recognition, Superintendent Rick Martinez expressed his appreciation to each member of the Board of Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the students and staff of Denver City Independent School District and presented the Board with an assortment of gifts.

There was no Public Discussion.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 15, 2025. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the consideration and possible action to order a General Election of three (3) at-large trustee positions to be held on May 2, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Danny Escalante and seconded by Alan Peters to approve the Notice and Order of General Election for Early Voting and for Election Day. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the Resolution to have a joint election on May 2, 2026, with Yoakum County. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Danny Escalante and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the Joint Election Agreement with Yoakum County. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve and appoint

Summer Lovelace to serve as Joint Elections Officer. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Danny Escalante and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve and appoint Summer Lovelace to serve as the Joint Early Voting Clerk. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Alan Peters to appoint the Yoakum County Elections Office located at 601 Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas, as the main early voting polling place and the Denver City Community Building located at 410 W. 15th St., Denver City, Texas, as the branch early voting location. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez for the approval of the maximum Class Size Exception (TEC §25.112). The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Discussion was held on the agenda item regarding the 2024-2025 Financial Audit – Bennett Bennett & Trice, PLLC; no action was taken.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the new hire: Mackenzie Foley, 01/05/2026, 4th Grade Teacher/Kelley Elementary. Resignations: Bobby Barron, EOY, Retirement, Kelley Elementary; Reyna Matsler, EOY, High School/Art, Maria Fraire, 01/19/2026, Child Nutrition. Reassignments: Mary Susan Overton, 01/05/2026, from High School/Science to Kelley/ISS. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Superintendent Martinez reported on the following:

- IRS
- Special Board Meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2026
- Roof Update

At 6:36 PM, motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Danny Escalante to enter into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's contract. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The board reconvened in open session at 6:43 PM.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the Superintendent's Contract. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

There being no further business, motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Ellison to adjourn at 6:45 PM. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Approved: 02/17/2026

Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board