

Change to November Election process – Sept. 11, 2025 – December 30, 2025

Board Meeting: Sept. 11, 2025

Information Item: 5E

SB 1453	I & S tax rate	Limits the I&S rate to the minimum amount for debt service unless a specific explanation is provided and the motion passes by 60 percent of the board.	N/A for Brackett ISD - we do not have I&S debt		
SB 643	TEA Database of school taxation	Requires districts to provide detailed information about tax rates and elections to TEA for a state database. See also HB 103, which requires all taxing units (including ISDs) to provide the Comptroller similar information for a state database, and HB 3526, which requires a similar database for the Bond Review Board.	BISD will comply and provide the required information		
Elections					
HB 3546 and SB 1494	November election date	Permits school districts to change to the November uniform election date and adjust terms	N/A for Brackett ISD; we will continue with May elections unless Board would like to discuss at a future meeting		
Risk Management					
HB 4623	Liability for sexual misconduct	Waives governmental immunity and allows a district to be liable up to \$200k for grossly negligent, reckless, or intentional misconduct in hiring, supervising, or employing a professional school employee who commits sexual misconduct or fails to report suspected child abuse	Brackett ISD will review current policy with TASB to ensure appropriate coverage		
Governance					
HB 1522	Posting for open meetings and budget adoption	• Requires 3 business days instead of 72 hours notice for all meetings. • Adds additional posting requirements for budget meetings.	Adjust and plan to ensure agenda is posted by Tuesday (provides the 3 business days Wed. - Friday) for Monday board meetings.	Beginning September Board Meetings	September meeting was scheduled for 09/11; agenda posted 09/05
HB 2520	Open meetings	Changes the notice requirement (must specify items that are "of public interest; must specify items happening in closed session) and the personnel exception (limited to specific employees); eliminates closed meeting exception for consultation with employee group.	Language has been changed as per Walsh Gallegos to ensure compliance.	August 11, 2025	All agendas are sent to the attorney for final review prior to posting
HB 3112	Open meetings	Adds DMA exception for cybersecurity.			
SB 413	Meeting minutes and recording	Requires minutes to include each members vote and be posted online within 7 days of meeting along with any resolution adopted at the meeting; meetings must be recorded, and recordings must be available to the public.	Board book has updated to ensure compliance and will indicate members individual votes; the public will be able to view within 7 days of approval of minutes; recordings are available on board book through the use of a link and are available on our website.	Sept. 11, 2025	All will be finalized for implementation for the Sept. 11, 2025 meeting
HB 210	Prohibition on vendor related to trustee	Makes it a criminal offense for a vendor to bid on or receive a contract from a district if a trustee or close relative has a substantial interest, which is defined as an ownership interest or receipt or promise of gifts or services valued over \$250.	Formal letters were sent to our two vendors impacted by HB 210	July 2025	Final project by one vendor was in Aug. 2025 and was completed; warranty work will be allowed because work was completed prior to Sept. 1
HB 4310	Public information	Describes a special right of access for members of governmental bodies to obtain public records promptly without charge and to be able to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to access confidential records.			
Purchasing					
SB 1173	Competitive	Raises the threshold amount to trigger competitive purchasing	will be included in TASB policy update 126; all		The revised manuals (upon completion and updates)

September 12, 2025

- Received request from a board member for election to be placed on October meeting

September 12, 2025

- Requested guidance from legal:

RE: November 2026 Election (Brackett/General) [External](#) [Inbox](#)

Hannah Cramer <hcramer@wabsa.com>
to me, Veronica ▾

Sep 12, 2025, 10:18 AM

Good morning Eliza,
Please see below for agenda language to consider and take possible action on that:

Open Session: Consider and take possible action to consider changing the school trustee election dates as allowed by Texas Election Code § 41.0052 (f).



October 20, 2025, Board Meeting

Presented to the board reasons to consider change (1) timing and knowledge level for budget planning and approval, increased continuity and some cost savings

Board took action to move forward with change – unanimously (2 board members absent)

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6.F. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION DATES AS ALLOWED BY TEXAS ELECTION CODE § 41.0052 (f).

Presenter: ELIZA DIAZ

Attachments: (1)

 [ELECTION CODE CHAPTER 41. ELECTION DATES AND HOURS FOR VOTING](#)

10/16/2025 at 4:31 PM

October 28, 2025

- Meeting with legal to identify next steps for election change: resolution required for November election; legal had not notified us or provided us with the resolution upon first request for information

November 10, 2025 – Board Meeting

- Provided resolution and information regarding term extensions; tabled for December and members requested to place on Facebook for possible feedback from community

6.G. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRACKETT ISD IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 3546 CHANGING THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES FROM MAY TO THE NOVEMBER UNIFORM ELECTION DATE.

Presenter: ELIZA DIAZ

Attachments: (2)

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- Notification posted

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

In accordance with HB3546, a school district may change the date of the general election for trustees from May to the November uniform election date. Trustee terms would be changed to 4 year terms and current trustees would be extended as per upcoming biennial November elections. The change is being considered for possible cost savings (conducting the election with the county) and to be better aligned with the budget adoption process. The picture below represents the possible term extensions if approved by the board. Feedback can be provided through the "speak up" link on the Brackett ISD webpage or directly to the superintendent at eliza.diaz@brackettisd.net. The next board meeting is scheduled for 12/8/2025 at 6:00pm

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6-month extension 11/2026

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18-month extension 11/2028

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18-month extension 11/2028

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December 8, 2025- Board meeting – possible action

8. ACTION ITEMS

Presenter: WHITNEY MASSINGILL

8.A. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRACKETT ISD IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 3546 CHANGING THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES FROM MAY TO THE NOVEMBER UNIFORM ELECTION DATE.

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