

# Minutes of Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD was held Friday, February 20, 2026, beginning at 8:00 AM in the Terrell High School Small Auditorium, 400 Poetry Road, Terrell, Texas 75160.

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 at 8:00 a.m. by Board President, Dena Risinger 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. Action Items

- A. Consider Approval of the Order Cancelling the Board of Trustees General Election for May 2, 2026, and Declare the Unopposed Candidate(s) Elected to the Board of Trustees

*Dr. Warnock presented item A.*

*A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Monty Westbrook 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 was carried unanimously. 6 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 1- Absent*

- B. Consider Approval of the MOU Between Terrell ISD and the Holdsworth Center

*Dr. Warnock presented item B.*

*A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item B as presented.*

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

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

- C. Consider Approval of the Executive Director of Human Resources

*Dr. Warnock presented item C.*

*A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Nick Alford to approve item C as presented. Mr. Earl Gilmore was named Executive Director of Human Resources.*

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

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

3. Adjournment

*A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Kenneth Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m.*

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

*The motion was 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)]

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Ann McDonald, Secretary of TISD  
Board of Trustees

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Dena Risinger, President of TISD  
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