

# **Minutes of the March 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

### **Denver City Independent School District**

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A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held Monday, March 23, 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: Brad Woosley, Cody Ellison, Alan Peters, Danny Escalante, Eloy Gutierrez, and Cecil Robles

Members absent: Bo Wells

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Kristi Ivy, Elizabeth Calk, Lisa Robinson, Zach Duncan, Cody Hogan, Chris Brattain.

Visitors Present: Jennifer Ables, Keith Bryant, Cesar Yanez, Michael Strain, Paul Jasin, and Will Smith.

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 the Texas Flag. Cecil Robles led the invocation.

During District Recognition, Zach Duncan, Director of Operations, announced Jennifer Ables as the recipient of the 2025-2026 PCAT Bus Driver of the Year. The Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (PCAT) presents this recognition annually to honor exemplary service, dedication to student safety, and outstanding performance in transportation. The selected individual represents the highest professionalism and commitment standard within Denver City ISD's transportation department.

During public discussion, Cesar Yanez addressed the Board regarding a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the Texas Academic Performance Report Public Hearing Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 26, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The following informational items were presented for the Board's review: the Financial Report, Enrollment Report, and Utilities Report.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the appointment of Rosie Gallardo as the Early Voting Clerk and Sylvia Ancira as the Deputy Early Voting Clerk, as well as the appointment of Shane Lowrey as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge, and Jorge Mendez as the Early Voting Ballot Board Alternate Judge. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the appointment of Summer Lovelace as the Central Count Station Manager, Marissa Vargas as Tabulations Supervisor, and Debbie Marion as the Central Count Judge. The Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Danny Escalante and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the appointment of Debbie Marion to serve as Election Judge on Election Day and Diann Ramon as the Alternate Election Day Judge. The Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the appointment of Rosie Gallardo to serve as the Bilingual Clerk for early voting and Sylvia Ancira and Diann Ramon to serve as the Bilingual Clerks for Election Day. The Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the adoption of Local Policy Updates DGA(L) and FNA(L). The Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve and take action on an order authorizing the issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds; Levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the forms, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds; delegating the authority to certain district staff to approve certain terms and execute certain documents relating to the sale of the bonds; and providing an effective date. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Alan Peters to approve the Statement of Qualifications for Parkhill. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the Agreement for Facility Needs Assessments and bond Planning for Parkhill. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the Proposal for Professional Surveying Services for Parkhill. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the Denver City ISD 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the DCE Update. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the Professional Contracts Renewal List. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to approve the Ancillary Renewal List. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Eloy Gutierrez and seconded by Danny Escalante to approve the Resignations of Barbara Diane Clark, HR Assistant, EOY/7/31/2026; Travis Thornhill, Maintenance; Deborah Sellers, HS/Special Education, EOY; Ruthie Saenz, Kelley/Nurse Aide; and Mary Overton, Kelley/ISS. Termination: Christena Pawelek/Kelley Elementary. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Superintendent Martinez reported on the following:

- Student Success
- April 2, 2026, Baseball Support Night
- April 8, 2026, High School Life Skills attending Job Olympics
- Miracle Mustangs Baseball Game, April 22, 2026

At 7:04 PM, motion was made by School Board Member Brad Woosley and seconded by Eloy Gutierrez to enter into closed session. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:44 PM.

There being no further business, motion was made by Cecil Robles and seconded by Brad Woosley to adjourn at 7:45 PM. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

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Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Approved: 04/20/2026

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Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board