

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 12, 2025

Hays CISD Board of Trustees

These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Hays CISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date. The complete video of the meeting is accessible at www.hayscisd.net for those who wish to hear the specific details of the discussions on the agenda topics presented.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hays CISD was held on Monday, May 12, 2025 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Merideth Keller Board Room at the Hays CISD Academic Support Center, located at 21003 Interstate 35, Kyle, TX 78640.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

Board President Raul Vela called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. All members of the Board were present.

CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS

Consideration and possible adoption of the Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of School Building Bond Election

Chief Communication Officer Tim Savoy addressed the Board of Trustees to provide detail of canvassing. Mr. Savoy heard comments from Trustee Johnny Flores. Mr. Savoy read for the record that Bond Proposition A prevails in a for vote 1545 to 1031. Bond Proposition B prevails for vote 1461 to 1112. Bond Proposition C is against is the prevailing vote that does not pass, and that is against 1346 votes to the 1229 for votes. Bond Proposition D vote for prevails with 1288 votes versus 1284 votes. Bond Proposition E the for vote prevails at 1552 to 1015. Board President Raul Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the order canvassing returns and declaring results of the May 3, 2025 School Building Bond Election. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR TRUSTEES ELECTED ON MAY 3, 2025

Certificates of election were signed, and oaths of office were completed. Mark Jones was present for the swearing-in ceremonies for candidates. Trustee Byron Severance was sworn in as the trustee for Single-Member-District 4 through May 2028. Trustee Esperanza Orosco was sworn in as the trustee for Single-Member-District 5 through May 2028.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:15 PM to deliberate regarding Board reorganization, and matters related to the duties and responsibilities of Board officers and trustees pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 5:33 PM.

REORGANIZE BOARD

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the standard script for Board reorganization. Mr. Vela nominated Trustee Byron Severance for the office of President. No other nominations were made. Byron Severance accepted the nomination for President. Supporting the nomination were Trustees Byron Severance, Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Raul Vela, Esperanza Orosco, Vanessa Petrea, and Johnny Flores. There was no further discussion, and the nomination passed with a vote of 7-0.

Trustee Esperanza Orosco nominated Trustee Johnny Flores for the office of Vice President. No other nominations were made. Johnny Flores accepted the nomination for Vice President. Supporting this

nomination were Trustees Byron Severance, Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Raul Vela, Esperanza Orosco, Vanessa Petrea, and Johnny Flores. There was no further discussion, and the nomination passed with a vote of 7-0.

Trustee Byron Severance nominated Trustee Geoff Seibel for the office of Secretary. No other nominations were made. Geoff Seibel accepted the nomination for Secretary. Supporting this nomination were Trustees Byron Severance, Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Raul Vela, Esperanza Orosco, Vanessa Petrea, and Johnny Flores. There was no further discussion, and the nomination passed with a vote of 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:47 PM to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076, and to deliberate regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and other personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.071.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:47 PM. It was noted that Trustee Raul Vela would not be in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Vice President Johnny Flores read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Vanessa Petrea read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided and update regarding campus and student activities. He also provided a legislative update. Dr. Wright thanked voters for the passing of the 2025 Bond worth \$968 million dollars. He then provided an enrollment update of 24,399 students with an average daily attendance of 93.3%. Dr. Wright accepted comments from Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and Board President Byron Severance.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were three speakers present requesting to address the Board. Tania Van Bree addressed the Board. Taylor Kelley addressed the Board. Marc Van Bree addressed the Board.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – End-of-Year Review of Athletics

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, introduced Director of Athletics Lance Moffett. Coach Moffett presented slides and updated the Board with assistance from Assistant Director of Athletics Dusty Gibbs. The pair received feedback and responded to questions from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and finally Board President Byron Severance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item, asking if there were any consent agenda items a trustee wished to pull for discussion. Trustee Vanessa Petrea and Board Secretary Geoff Seibel both requested to pull items for discussion

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Procurements

Renewal of Subscription to STEMscopes – Accelerate Learning: There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Purchase of Open Court Workbooks and Digital Licenses – McGraw Hill: There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Renewal of Subscription to Desmos Math – Amplify: There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Renewal of Subscriptions to BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. – BrainPOP: There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Purchase of Textbooks and Online Access to IM for AP Human Geography – Cengage: There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Purchase of Textbooks and Online Access to IM for AP Government and Economics – Bedford Freeman and Worth Publishers: Trustee Vanessa Petrea requested this item be pulled for discussion. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Petrea and Board Secretary Geoff Seibel. Executive Officer of Curriculum & Instruction Derek McDaniel and Coordinator of Digital Materials and Textbooks Travis Smith also responded to questions.

Purchase of Social Studies Instructional Resources – Social Studies School Service: Trustee Vanessa Petrea requested this item be pulled for discussion. Executive Officer of Curriculum & Instruction Derek McDaniel, Coordinator of Digital Materials and Textbooks Travis Smith, Director of Advanced Academics Joy Philpott, and Social Studies Coordinator Kim Pena responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board President Byron Severance and Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright.

Budget Amendments

Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau responded to questions from Trustee Geoff Seibel.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from closed session

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Contractual Employment of the Chief Financial Officer. This agenda item is scheduled for discussion and possible action at the May 19, 2025 Board meeting.

Consideration and possible adoption of an Order Authorizing and Providing for the Defeasance and Redemption of Certain Outstanding Obligations of Hays CISD, Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement, and Containing Other Provisions related thereto

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of Interlocal Agreements to join the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative and the Southeast Purchasing Cooperative – Region 5

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to provide the summary of this request. Mr. Rau responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval to grant a Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at McCormick Middle School

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item to open discussion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to provide a summary of the request. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of Portable Building Relocation and Related Services

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item to begin discussions. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer Marivel Sedillo, and Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Byron Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for 2025 Bond Renovations and Additions to Hemphill Elementary School and Simon Middle School

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Trustee Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for 2025 Bond Renovations and Additions to Kyle Elementary School and Tom Green Elementary School

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to provide a summary of the request, and responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval of a Tri-Party Agreement with Hays County and Lennar Homes of Texas for a Future Elementary School Site in the Waterstone Subdivision

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, and Board President Byron Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat at Tom Green Elementary School

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions from Mr. Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat at the Impact Center

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to summarize the request. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of a Land Use Request from the City of Kyle

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to summarize the request. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright made a recommendation to begin appraisal of the property. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from the Board, all agreeing with Dr. Wright's recommendation for appraisal. The Board requested that this agenda item be moved to a future date to allow time for appraisal, and requested that representatives from the City of Kyle be present for that/those meeting(s).

Consideration and possible approval of School District Land Development Standards Agreement with the City of Buda

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item to begin discussion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mr. Cleaver responded to

questions and feedback from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Byron Severance.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Hays CISD Special Education Program Retention & Recruitment Efforts

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson addressed the Board and presented slides containing information. Ms. Courson and Executive Officer of Special Education Michelle Velasquez responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and Board President Byron Severance.

First Reading of proposed revisions to Local Policy BE

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Policy Subcommittee Chair, addressed the Board to summarize the requested revisions. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

Discussion of this agenda item will be held at the May 19, 2025 Board meeting.

Update on District bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions from Board Vice President Johnny Flores and Trustee Vanessa Petrea

Report of Purchasing Cooperatives with Rebates

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

Review and Discussion of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

Financial Statements

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Requests for information were received from Trustee Esperanza Orosco and Trustee Courtney Runkle

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.