

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Be It Remembered**

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| <b>The State of Texas</b>                             | <b>§</b> |
| <b>County of Fort Bend</b>                            | <b>§</b> |
| <b>Lamar Consolidated Independent School District</b> | <b>§</b> |

#### **Notice of Regular Meeting Held**

On this the 17th day of June 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in regular session in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

This meeting was duly called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees, Jacci Hotzel, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

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| Jacci Hotzel     | President      |
| Jon Welch        | Vice President |
| Suzanne Box      | Secretary      |
| George Arroyos   | Member         |
| Monica Henderson | Member         |
| Zach Lambert     | Member         |
| Vanessa Marsters | Member         |

#### **Members Absent:**

None

#### **Others Present:**

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| Dr. Roosevelt Nivens | Superintendent                                       |
| Alphonso Bates       | Deputy Superintendent                                |
| Greg Buchanan        | Chief Operations Officer                             |
| Sonya Cole-Hamilton  | Chief Communications Officer                         |
| Christi Cottongame   | Chief Learning Officer                               |
| Henry Garcia         | Chief of Police                                      |
| Jill Ludwig          | Chief Financial Officer                              |
| Dr. Marlon Waites    | Chief Student Services Officer                       |
| Ben Hernandez        | Area Superintendent                                  |
| Devin Gabbard        | Executive Director of Athletics                      |
| Dr. Chad Jones       | Executive Director of Technology                     |
| Tiffany Mathis       | Executive Director of Special Education              |
| Stephanie Liebe      | Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fullbright                 |
| Brian Moore          | Director of Research, Assessments and Accountability |
| Katie Marchena       | Executive Director of Teaching and Learning          |

#### **OPENING OF MEETING**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag were led by Sadie Folloder from Leaman Junior High School.

#### **RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**

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Dr. Nivens was named the 2025 Superintendent of the Year by Region IV Education Service Center.

Students from George Ranch High School, Terry High School, and Randle High School who participated in the MathCON finals in Chicago were recognized.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chad Davis was introduced as the Principal of Adolphus Elementary School.

Kimberly Ellis was introduced as the Principal of Frost Elementary School.

She'nee Young Baker was introduced as the Principal of Travis Elementary School.

New LCISD Police Officers were introduced.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

President Hotzel congratulated Dr. Nivens on being named the 2025 Superintendent of the Year by Region IV Education Service Center.

Trustee Marsters recognized Green Track staff for their energy and enthusiasm in preparing for the new school year.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were not any Board Committee Reports.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Nivens expressed appreciation to the Board for his nomination, noting it as a meaningful vote of confidence. He emphasized that the award represents a team effort and recognized the Board, staff, teachers, and students for their contributions to the district's success.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were not any public comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

President Hotzel opened the hearing on the proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year at 6:52 p.m.

Jill Ludwig presented information on the proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

President Hotzel closed the hearing on the proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year at 7:24 p.m.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Trustee Lambert and seconded by Trustee Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Consider approval of minutes from May 20, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the May 20, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

#### **Consider ratification of donations to the District**

The Board of Trustees ratified donations to the District.

#### **Consider approval of monthly schedule of disbursements (May 2025)**

The Board of Trustees approved the monthly schedule of disbursements for May 2025.

#### **Consider approval of budget amendment requests**

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

#### **Consider approval of extension of bank depository contract**

The Board of Trustees approved the extension of the bank depository contract.

#### **Consider approval of RFP #09-2025TB CTE certifications**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #09-2025TB for CTE certifications.

#### **Consider approval of RFP #17-2025TB CTE supplies, services, equipment and related items**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #17-2025TB for CTE supplies, services, equipment and related items.

#### **Consider approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement**

The Board of Trustees approved an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

#### **Consider approval of Localized Policy Manual Update 124**

The Board of Trustees approved Localized Policy Manual Update 124.

#### **Consider approval of revisions to Policy AE (Local) - Educational Philosophy**

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The Board of Trustees approved the revisions to Policy AE (Local) - Educational Philosophy.

### **Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding for JJAEP and JDC**

The Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding for JJAEP and JDC.

### **Consider approval of resolution regarding advance funding agreement with TxDOT**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution regarding the advance funding agreement with TxDOT.

### **Consider approval of agreements easements and documents related to utility access and other infrastructure needs for Elementary School #38, New Administration Building, Peek and Beechnut site, and Elementary School #37**

The Board of Trustees approved the agreements easements and documents related to the utility access and other infrastructure needs for Elementary School #38, the New Administration Building, the Peek and Beechnut site, and Elementary School #37.

### **Consider approval of prevailing wage rate**

The Board of Trustees approved the prevailing wage rate.

### **Consider approval of amendment for GMP #4 to Secondary Complex #8 site development**

The Board of Trustees approved the amendment for GMP #4 to the Secondary Complex #8 site development.

### **Consider approval of increasing police officer's hourly rate regarding facility rentals**

The Board of Trustees approved increasing the police officer's hourly rate regarding facility rentals.

### **Consider approval of using 2020 Bond available savings funds to replace fire alarm systems at Smith Elementary School, Arredondo Elementary School, Travis Elementary School, Bowie Elementary School, Campbell Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School, Wessendorff Middle School, and Pink Elementary School**

The Board of Trustees approved using 2020 Bond available savings funds to replace the fire alarm systems at Smith Elementary School, Arredondo Elementary School, Travis Elementary School, Bowie Elementary School, Campbell Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School, Wessendorff Middle School, and Pink Elementary School.

## **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

There were not any Future Action Items presented.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider approval of 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and other items**

Jill Ludwig presented information and answered questions on the 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and other items.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the 2025-2026 Lamar CISD compensation plan, budgets, and other items.

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It was moved by Vice President Welch and seconded by Secretary Box that the Board of Trustees approve to adopt the budget with the legislative adjustments and to include Option #3 as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

### **Consider approval of Lamar CISD logo redesign**

Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information on the Lamar CISD logo redesign.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Lamar CISD logo redesign.

It was moved by Vice President Welch and seconded by Trustee Henderson that the Board of Trustees table the Lamar CISD logo redesign until a future date. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

Dr. Nivens requested that the Board Members provide ideas and feedback regarding a logo redesign. He will share the input with the team commissioned by Sonya Cole-Hamilton to ensure all Trustee suggestions are considered.

### **Consider approval of design development for Middle School #8**

Greg Buchanan presented information on the design development for Middle School #8.

It was moved by Trustee Marsters and seconded by Vice President Welch that the Board of Trustees approve Option #3 for the design development for Middle School #8. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

### **Consider approval of Student Code of Conduct / Telecommunications revisions**

Ben Hernandez and Dr. Marlon Waites presented information on the Student Code of Conduct and telecommunications revisions.

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The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Student Code of Conduct and telecommunications revisions.

It was moved by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the cell phone/telecommunications policy to include grades pre-kindergarten – 12th grade as presented excluding the removal of the \$15.00 fee pending it being signed into law by the governor. The motion was not seconded.

It was moved by Secretary Box and seconded by Trustee Henderson that the Board of Trustees approve the student cell phone/telecommunications policy, as presented. The motion carried by a 4-3-0 vote.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | No  |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | No  |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | No  |

It was moved by Secretary Box and seconded by Trustee Marsters that the Board of Trustees table approving the rest of the student discipline updates until a Board workshop is held before the beginning of the school year. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

### **Consider approval of Policy FM (Local) - Home School UIL Participation Policy**

Devin Gabbard presented information on Policy FM (Local) - Home School UIL Participation Policy.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed Policy FM (Local) - Home School UIL Participation Policy.

During the Public Participation portion of the meeting, Stacy Ortiz provided comments regarding Policy FM (Local) - Home School UIL Participation Policy.

It was moved by Trustee Marsters and seconded by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the District to opt out of allowing home schooled students to participate in UIL athletics in Lamar CISD.

Trustee Marsters withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the District to opt out of allowing home schooled students to participate in UIL athletics in Lamar CISD for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion was not seconded.

It was moved by Vice President Welch and seconded by Trustee Henderson that the Board of Trustees opt in to allow home schooled students to participate in UIL activities, but not allow home schooled students from other districts to participate.

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Vice President Welch withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Vice President Welch and seconded by Secretary Box that the Board of Trustees opt in to allow home schooled students to participate in UIL athletic activities, but not allow home schooled students from other districts to participate. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

The Board of Trustees called a recess at 9:08 p.m.

The Board of Trustees resumed the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **2025 Legislative Update**

Jill Ludwig and Tiffany Mathis presented an update on the 2025 Legislative session.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the updates on the 2025 legislative session.

#### **2025 Bond Update**

Greg Buchanan, Dr. Chad Jones, Jill Ludwig, Sonya Cole-Hamilton and Stephanie Liebe presented an update on the potential 2025 bond referendum.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the potential 2025 bond referendum.

#### **SEL Review Guidelines**

Dr. Marlon Waites presented information on the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and reviewed guidelines.

#### **Spring 2025 Preliminary STAAR Results**

Brian Moore and Katie Marchena presented information on the Spring 2025 Preliminary STAAR Results.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the Spring 2025 Preliminary STAAR Results.

### **FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS**

There were not any items pulled from the Future Consent Agenda for presentation at the August Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

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A. Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:

1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
  - a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
  - b. Employment of professional personnel
  - c. Employee resignations and retirements
2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
  - a. Land
3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
  - a. Any item listed on the agenda
  - b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

B. Consider approval of Memorandums of Understanding with local police departments/agencies

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:54 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:38 p.m.

### **ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

It was moved by Trustee Lambert and seconded by Trustee Marsters that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of land on Reading Road and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

It was moved by Trustee Henderson and seconded by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of land on Avenue I and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |



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It was moved by Trustee Marsters and seconded by Trustee Arroyos that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of an elementary site in Austin Point and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

It was moved by Trustee Arroyos and seconded by Vice President Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the memorandums of understanding between the local police agencies and Lamar CISD, as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

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| Jacci Hotzel     | Aye |
| Jon Welch        | Aye |
| Suzanne Box      | Aye |
| George Arroyos   | Aye |
| Monica Henderson | Aye |
| Zach Lambert     | Aye |
| Vanessa Marsters | Aye |

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

**The above minutes were voted on and approved at the Lamar CISD School Board Meeting held on August 26, 2025.**

**Signed:**

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**Jacci Hotzel**  
**President of the Board of Trustees**

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**Suzanne Box**  
**Secretary of the Board of Trustees**