

## Regular Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2025 6:30 PM

Dalton L. James Administration Board Room, 200 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Discussion:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President McKissic

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** 6:33 PM - 6:41 PM

Trustee in Attendance: Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Eboni Mitchell, Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr., Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Cynthia Watson -Banks (arrived at 7:00 PM)

Trustee not in Attendance: Trustee Traci McNairy

### 2.A. Welcome, Invocation, Pledges, District Mission Statement and Emergency Statement, Establish Quorum

Invocation: Former Prayer Leader Louise Derrick, Dynamic DeSoto

### 3. BOARD MONITORING

#### 3.A. Campus and Student Recognition

**Discussion:** 6:41 PM - 6:44 PM

**Presenter:** Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

#### 3.B. Goal Progress Monitoring

**Discussion:** 6:44 PM - 7:52 PM

#### 3.B.1. GPM 4.1: Growth K - 8 ELA iReady GPM 4.2: Growth K -8 Math iReady GPM 1.1 CCMR - TSIA / ACT/ SAT

**Presenter:** Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

#### 3.C. Constraint 5 (Culture - EOY)

**Discussion:** 7:52 PM - 8:24 PM

**Presenter:** Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

#### 3.D. Board Quarterly Progress Tracker

**Discussion:** 8:24 PM - 8:36 PM

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

### 4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** The Board entered Closed Session at 10:11 PM. The Board returned from Closed Session at 11:45 PM

Closed Session was moved after Public Comments and Information (Discussion Only) Items.

#### 4.A. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.071 (Legal advice with school attorney)

##### 4.A.1. Discussion regarding provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA)

##### 4.A.2. Discussion regarding provisions of WRA Contract.

##### 4.A.3. Discussion regarding TWCCRD C. Ude Letter of Determination

4.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)	
5. <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY</b> <b>Discussion:</b> 9:27 PM - There were no Public Comments.	
6. <b>INFORMATION (Discussion Only)</b>	
6.A. Financial Updates <b>Discussion:</b> 9:28 PM - 9:29 PM	<b>Presenter:</b> Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
6.A.1. Bond Sale Update <b>Discussion:</b> 9:29 PM - 9:48 PM	<b>Presenter:</b> Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
6.B. Review of 2025-2026 Assessment Calendar <b>Discussion:</b> 9:48 PM - 9:51 PM	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
6.C. Dallas College Interlocal Agreement for the Para to Teacher Pathway <b>Discussion:</b> 9:51 PM - 9:59 PM	<b>Presenter:</b> Elexia Davison, Manager District Staffing and Talent
6.D. Legislative Updates: 1. SB 401 Homeschool students participating in UIL 2. HB 114-Vaping 3. HB 1481-Cell Phone Usage in Schools <b>Discussion:</b> 8:36 PM - 9:27 PM	<b>Presenter:</b> Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools
7. <b>CONSENT ITEMS (All items may be acted upon at the same time by Board of Trustees)</b> <b>Discussion:</b> 9:59 PM - 10:01 PM Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve consent items 7A - 7H / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr. Vote passed 6/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent)	
7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of MOU with Dallas College - Mountain View Campus	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval to Renew MOU with Dallas College for Dual Credit Program	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
7.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Pathways 2 Careers Curriculum and Professional Development Contract	<b>Presenter:</b> Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
7.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Bernhard to perform district gas pressure testing	<b>Presenter:</b> James Thomas, Chief of Operations
7.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Helmet Reconditioning	<b>Presenter:</b> Claude Mathis, Director of Athletics
7.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Blanket Athletic / UIL, Catastrophic, and Voluntary Student Insurance	<b>Presenter:</b> Claude Mathis, Director of Athletics
7.G. Consideration and possible approval for the purchase of new hot food wells at McCowan Middle School	<b>Presenter:</b> Gene Morrow, Executive Director of Student

7.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes	Support Services <b>Presenter:</b> Chasiti McKissic, Board President
<b>8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested)</b>	
8.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Hiring of the Executive Director of School Leadership <b>Discussion:</b> 11:45 PM - 11:47 PM Motion by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr. Vote Passed 6/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent.) Dr. Raul Pina was named Executive Director of School Leadership.	<b>Presenter:</b> Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management
8.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Hiring of the Director of Student and Staff Support Services <b>Discussion:</b> 11:47 PM - 11:49 PM Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. Vote passed 6/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent.) Metric Manning was named Director of Student and Staff Support Services	<b>Presenter:</b> Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management
8.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Hiring of the Director of Plant Services <b>Discussion:</b> No action was taken	<b>Presenter:</b> Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management
8.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Hiring of the Director of Fine Arts <b>Discussion:</b> 11:49 PM - 11:52 PM Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. Vote passed 6/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent.) Twynnette Anderson was named Director of Fine Arts	<b>Presenter:</b> Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management
8.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Maintenance Tax Note for 2025-2026 School Year <b>Discussion:</b> 11:53 PM - 12:05 AM Motion made by Trustee James Durham / Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent / Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks (Trustee left the meeting at 11:54 PM)	<b>Presenter:</b> Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
8.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2025 - 2030 Board Goals <b>Discussion:</b> 12:05 AM - 12:06AM Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. Vote passed 4/1 (No - Trustee Karen Lacy)	<b>Presenter:</b> Chasiti McKissic, Board President
8.G. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2025 - 2030 Superintendent Constraints <b>Discussion:</b> 12:07 AM - 12:08 AM Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by	<b>Presenter:</b> Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.  
Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent  
/ Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks left the meeting  
at 11:54 PM)

8.H. Consideration & Possible Approval of Board  
Quarterly Tracker

**Discussion:** 12:07 AM - 12:08AM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent  
/ Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks left the meeting  
at 11:54 PM)

**Presenter:** Chasiti  
McKissic, Board  
President

8.I. Consideration and Possible Approval-Blue Jean  
Educational Consulting Contract

**Discussion:** 12:08 AM - 12:15 AM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 4/1 (Trustee Traci McNairy was absent  
/ Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks left the meeting  
at 11:54 PM / No - Karen Lacy)

**Presenter:** Usamah  
Rodgers,  
Superintendent of  
Schools

8.J. Consideration and Possible Approval of City  
Year Contract

**Discussion:** 12:15 AM - 12:16 AM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd Abe  
Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 4/1 (No - Karen Lacy)

**Presenter:** Usamah  
Rodgers,  
Superintendent of  
Schools

8.K. Education Service Center Region 10 2025 -2026  
Contract

**Discussion:** 12:16 AM - 12:17 AM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by  
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Traci McNairy / Trustee  
Cynthia Watson - Banks left the meeting at 11:54  
PM)

**Presenter:** Usamah  
Rodgers,  
Superintendent of  
Schools

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion:** 10:01 - 10:13 PM

2 Public Comments

10. **ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee James Durham /  
2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 AM

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Board Secretary