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12/15/2025

Subject:	Board Policy BE(LOCAL), Board Meetings
Contact Person:	Dr. Brad Schnautz, Superintendent Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer
Policy/Code:	Board Policy BE(LOCAL)
Priority and Performance Objective:	Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency Objective 4.2: Effective and Efficient District Operations
Summary:	Pursuant to the updates recently made to this policy that stem from legislative changes, the Texas Association of School Boards Policy Division submitted the attached additional updates to Board Policy BE(LOCAL) regarding board meetings. The updates address the time at which board meetings may be held and address recording trustee votes. Minutes of board meetings follow record retention rules, as those may be adjusted by the State from time to time, and do not have to be repeated in the policy.
Attachments:	Proposed Board Policy BE(LOCAL), Board Meetings
Recommendation:	The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the updates to Board Policy BE(LOCAL), for board meetings, as presented.

BOARD MEETINGS

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Meeting Place and Time

Board meetings shall be held during a time that is outside of typical work hours. [See FA(LEGAL)]

The notice for a Board meeting shall reflect the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board shall normally be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Board President may change the date, time, or location of a regular meeting with proper notice.

Special or Emergency Meetings

The Board President shall call special meetings at the Board President's discretion or on request by two members of the Board.

The Board President shall call an emergency meeting when it is determined by the Board President or two members of the Board that an emergency or urgent public necessity, as defined by law, warrants the meeting.

Agenda

Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for inclusion on the agenda is the 15th calendar day before regular meetings and the 15th calendar day before special meetings.

Preparation

In consultation with the Board President, the Superintendent shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings. Two Board members may request that a subject be included on the agenda for a meeting, and the Superintendent shall include on the preliminary agenda of the meeting all topics that have been timely submitted by two Board members.

Before the official agenda is finalized for any meeting, the Superintendent shall consult the Board President to ensure that the agenda and the topics included meet with the Board President's approval. In reviewing the preliminary agenda, the Board President shall ensure that any topics the Board or at least two Board members have requested to be addressed are either on that agenda or scheduled for deliberation at an appropriate time in the near future. The Board President shall not have authority to remove from the agenda a subject requested by at least two Board members without specific authorization from those Board members.

Notice to Members

Members of the Board shall be given notice of regular and special meetings at least seven calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting and at least one hour prior to the time of an emergency meeting.

Closed Meeting

Notice of all meetings shall provide for the possibility of a closed meeting during an open meeting, in accordance with law.

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The Board may conduct a closed meeting when the agenda subject is one that may properly be discussed in closed meeting. [See BEC]

Order of Business The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the meeting. At the meeting, the order in which posted agenda items are taken may be changed by consensus of Board members.

Rules of Order The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.

Record Vote | Voting on any item shall be a record vote by show of hands or roll call, as directed by the Board President. Any member may abstain from voting on an item, and a member's vote or failure to vote shall be recorded in the minutes. [See BDAA(LOCAL) for the Board President's voting rights]

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Consent Agenda When the agenda is prepared, the Board President shall determine items, if any, that qualify to be placed on the consent agenda. A consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

Minutes Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board Secretary or clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Board President and the Board Secretary.

Discussions and Limitation | [See CPC regarding retention of records.]
Discussions shall be addressed to the Board President and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Board President shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board.

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The Board President shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Board President shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.

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