

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, P.O. Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

**Members present:** Grant Gutierrez, Chelsa Vinklarek, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Bryan Jones

**Members absent:** Chris Hinnant and Michael Hancock

**Others present:** Candice Reed, Cara Lindsay Moore, Tami Cooper, Trish Kubena, Kristen Meriwether, Tucker Copeland, Dr. Bethany Logan, Dr. Molley Ealy and Liza Rios.

**Call to Order** - The Board President or his/her designee called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Roll Call** - The Board President roll called the roll of members. Chris Hinnant and Michael Hancock were absent.

**Public Comment on Agenda Item(s)** - A public comment was made by Mrs. Candice Reed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees entered closed session to consult with legal counsel at 6:05 pm and returned at 6:32 pm.

**Consultation with legal counsel regarding Level III parent complaint. This consultation may take place telephonically as allowed by Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.129.** – This item was discussed in closed session and no action was taken.

**OPEN SESSION**

Level III Parent Complaint Hearing.

The Level III Parent complaint was heard in open session, as requested by the parent.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees entered closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding their deliberations at 7:14 pm and returned at 7:41 pm.

**Consultation with legal counsel regarding Level III parent complaint. This consultation may take place telephonically as allowed by Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.129.** – This item was discussed in closed session and no action was taken.

**Possible Action Item Regarding the Level III Request** – Grant Gutierrez made a motion “I move to affirm the Level 2 decision and deny the relief requested except the following; the board grants the request for the development of a volunteer handbook, application and screening process and directs the superintendent to bring a recommendation to the board by August 1, 2026.” Josh Magden seconded and the vote passed 5-0. Yea – Grant Gutierrez, Chelsa Vinklarek, Candice Parsons, Josh Magden, Bryan Jones. Nay – none, Absent – Chris Hinnant, Michael Hancock

**Adjournment** – Josh Magden moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Candice Parsons, the vote passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 at p.m. Yea – Grant Gutierrez, Chelsa Vinklarek, Candice Parsons, Josh Magden, Bryan Jones. Nay – none, Absent – Chris Hinnant, Michael Hancock.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on April 17, 2026.