

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Cedar Hill ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cedar Hill ISD was held Tuesday, January 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30pm in the Cannady Cedar Hill Room
285 Uptown Blvd.
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.

I.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 PM

Announcement by the Board President whether a quorum is present, and that the notice of the meeting has been duly called, and posted in the time and manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Board Members present were: Dr. Denise Roache-Davis, Carma Morgan, Ramona Ross-Bacon, Dr. Lester Singleton, Dr. Jacquette Haygood and Ayanna Crabrera-Cook.

Denishea Williams arrived at 6:35 pm.

II.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Individuals desiring to address the Board regarding an item on an Agenda for an Open Meeting, or to address the Board on general matters, must submit a completed Public Comment Request Form on the day of the meeting. Forms are available in the lobby area. The correct procedure for addressing the Board during Public Comments is as follows: Each speaker should address the Board from the podium microphone and state his or her name before speaking. All speakers will be limited to three minutes to make comments regarding items on the agenda, or general matters, unless modified by the Board president based on Board Policy BED (LOCAL). Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. Copies of presentations should be made available to all trustees and the Superintendent.

There was one public commentor: Locha Brooks

III.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board may declare itself in a closed meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001-551.146. In the event a closed meeting is to be convened, the presiding officer shall publicly identify the section or sections authorizing the closed meeting. Those sections may include without limitation

the following sections under SUBCHAPTERS D AND E, which authorize a closed meeting to discuss the following topics:

- A. Section 551.071: For the purpose of private consultation with the Board's attorney regarding pending litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District or Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.
- B. Section 551.072: For the purpose of deliberating on a purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Board in negotiations with a third person.
- C. Section 551.074: For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests an open hearing.
- D. Section 551.076: For the purpose of deliberations regarding the deployment, or specific occasions of implementation, of security personnel or devices, or security audits.
- E. Section 551.0821: To discuss specific personal identifying information about a student.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:34 pm.

IV. DECLARE CLOSED SESSION ENDED & RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:33 pm.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. WELCOME FROM BOARD PRESIDENT
- C. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Pledges

The colors were presented by CHHS JROTC

- a. Lake Ridge Elementary - US Pledge
- b. Permenter Middle School - Texas Pledge

2. Prayer

The prayer was led by Dr. Jacquette Haygood

3. Values, Mission, Vision, and Motto

Athletic Director OJ Kemp presented Cedar Hill ISD values, mission, vision, and motto.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. INTRODUCTIONS

1. New Hires - Athletic Director & Executive Director of Human Resources

Oj Kemp was introduced as the Athletic Director and Antonio Tijerina was introduced as the Executive Director of Human Resources.

B. RECOGNITIONS

1. School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Dr. Gamell recognized the Board for Board Appreciation Month.

2. Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Cedar Hill ISD recognized the Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

VI. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

1. Education Foundation MOU

The Education Foundation MOU was presented by Kristen Escovedo.

2. Public Information Act Non-Business Day Calendar

The Public Information Act Non-Business Day Calendar was presented by Kristen Escovedo.

B. ACADEMICS REPORT

1. Campus Presentations

a. Lake Ridge Elementary

The Lake Ridge Elementary report was given by Principal Dr. Amanda McCarther.

b. Permenter Middle School

The Permenter Middle School report was given by Principal Dr. Katrina Lemons.

2. Board Goal 3: College, Career, and Military Readiness Update

The Board Goal 3: College, Career, and Military Readiness Update was given by Dr. Courtney Jackson.

3. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

The 2026-2027 Academic Calendar presentation was given by Dr. Cherron Montgomery and Tracey Willyard.

C. FINANCE REPORT

1. Budget Update

The Budget Update was given by Jaclyn West.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of the Order of Election of the May 2, 2026, Board of Trustee Election

Carma Morgan made a motion to approve the Order of Election of the May , 2026 , Board of Trustee Election. Dr. Lester Singleton seconded the motion.

Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes

Ramona Ross-Bacon voted – yes

Carma Morgan voted – yes

Dr. Jacquetta Haygood voted – yes

Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes

Dr. Lester Singleton voted – yes

Denishea Williams voted – yes

The motion passed 7-0.

B. Consider New Hires Requiring Board Approval

Dr. Jacquette Haygood made a motion to approve the New Hires Requiring Board Approval. Carma Morgan seconded the motion.

Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes

Ramona Ross-Bacon voted – yes

Carma Morgan voted – yes

Dr. Jacquette Haygood voted – yes

Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes

Dr. Lester Singleton voted – yes

Denishea Williams voted – yes

The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

A. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the January 5, 2026, Called Meeting

B. Approval of Budget Amendment(s)

C. Approval of Donations

Ramona Ross-Bacon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Lester Singleton seconded the motion.

Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes

Ramona Ross-Bacon voted – yes

Carma Morgan voted – yes

Dr. Jacquette Haygood voted – yes

Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes

Dr. Lester Singleton voted – yes

Denishea Williams voted – yes

The motion passed 7-0.

IX. ROUTINE MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Financial Statements

B. Report on Purchases Made Through a Cooperative Purchasing Program over \$50,000

C. Enrollment and Attendance

X. REVIEW BOARD PLANNING CALENDAR

XI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Dr. Denise Roache-Davis, Board of Trustees President

Date

Carma Morgan, Board of Trustees Secretary

Date