Education Board Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2026 9:00 AM

Conference Room 3340
1015 Norwood Park Blvd.
Austin, TX 78753

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
III. PUBLIC COMMENT
IV. CONSENT AGENDA
- September 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- YTD Report

VI. SUPERINTENDENT CABINET REPORTS
- Exploration Center, Sharon Evans
- Student Supports, Susan Lavender
- Administration and Compliance, Natalie Elliott
- Academics, Dayna Swain

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
- 2027-2028 SY Calendar(s)
- Houston Washington Campus
- Expansion Amendment

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- If needed, Discussion regarding Houston Washington Campus MOU and Lease

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION
X. ADJOURN MEETING

Goodwill Education Board Meeting
Friday, September 11, 2026, 11:30AM-2:00PM
The meeting was held in person at 1015 Norwood Park Blvd., Austin, TX 78753, Conference Room 3340. A videoconference option was made available via Microsoft Teams pursuant to Texas Gov't Code §551.127. The presiding officer, Rob Neville, was physically present at the posted meeting location as required by law.

Education Board Members Present: Rob Neville, Kirsten Hund, Cheryl Koury, Delbert Bray, Marian Wallace, Katina Kenyon
Absent: Margaret Moten
Staff Present: Theresa Rappaport, Heather Briscoe (minutes), Natalie Elliott, Susan Lavender, Sharon Evans, Dayna Swain, Lisa Dennis
Guests (RFP Bid Opening): Michael Styre, Paulina Garcia, Caroline Weyand, Dusty Taylor, Jeff Kirkpatrick

CALL TO ORDER
Board President, Rob Neville called the meeting to order at 11:31AM.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM
A quorum of five (5) voting members was established. Marian Wallace joined late

PUBLIC COMMENT
No members of the public registered to provide public comment regarding the Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws under Texas Education Code §39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12.

CONSENT AGENDA
The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda, which included the April 17, 2026, meeting minutes.
Motion by Cheryl Koury
Seconded by Delbert Bray
In favor - All
Opposed - None
Abstain - None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT
At the Superintendent's request, the Board approved moving the Level III grievance notification from Executive Session to the Superintendent Report so that a non-confidential notice could be provided in open session. It was also noted that the public opening of RFP #001A was required to occur at the posted time of 1:00PM and that the meeting would pause as needed to accommodate the opening.
Motion by Delbert Bray
Seconded by Cheryl Koury
In favor - All
Opposed - None
Abstain - None

These Board meeting minutes were certified and approved by the Board of Directors on November 6, 2026, and serve as the official record.

PRESIDENT REPORT
Mr. Neville provided Charterholder updates and recognized the significant activity underway across the Excel Center, including implementation of the approved strategic plan, Exploration Center expansion, and the developing Houston opportunity including the MOU and lease negotiations progress. He noted continued work to clarify the respective governance roles of the Goodwill Education Board and Charterholder Board as expansion decisions move forward.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Ms. Rappaport provided an update on the Charter School Growth Fund process, noting that the Excel Center recently completed its due diligence presentation and will advance to the funder's board for review in October. She also highlighted the 2025-26 school year's record 386 graduates across seven campuses, strong performance against key performance indicators, and the transition to updated 2026-27 measures focused on average daily enrollment and stronger academic outcomes.

The Board discussed current enrollment and academic trends, including Term 1 enrollment challenges, the impact of the Skyward outage, Justice Education transfer delays, and continued focus on Algebra I performance. Management also reported a strong year-end financial position and a preliminary Superior Charter FIRST rating.
Ms. Rappaport provided notice of a Level III employee grievance that will be heard by the Charterholder Board on September 25, 2026, as grievance review is a non-delegable Charterholder responsibility.

FINANCIAL UPDATE
Lisa Dennis, Controller, provided a year-end and July financial update, noting favorable year-end results, continued strong cash reserves and fund balance, and July performance generally in line with budget. She also discussed the timing impact of TEA payments on days cash on hand and reported that preliminary Charter FIRST indicators reflected a Superior rating.

CABINET UPDATES
Academics & School Leadership
Dayna Swian, Sr. Director Academics and School Leadership provided an update on implementation of the instructional framework, development of campus directors as instructional leaders, and targeted supports for Algebra I. She also reviewed the annual Bilingual/ESL Educational Performance Report and noted the need for an ESL waiver at the Connally campus while recruitment and professional learning efforts continue.
Student Supports
Susan Lavender, Sr. Director Student Supports reviewed priorities related to aligned coaching and advising, wraparound student supports, graduate outcomes tracking, and expanded leadership capacity for student pathways and wellness. She also summarized 2025–26 mental health and wellness data, noting that students receiving services demonstrated stronger outcomes in several areas, while clarifying that the data reflects correlation rather than causation.
Early Childhood Education
Sharon Evans, Sr. Drector Early Childhood Education provided an update on preparations for the Exploration Center expansion. She reported that the program remains positioned to serve the anticipated 55 children and highlighted progress on the Child Development Associate (CDA) pathway, including student interest, coursework, required observation hours, and paid internship opportunities.
Strategic Operations & Governance
Natalie Elliott, Sr. Director of Strategic Operations and Governance reviewed Senate Bill 12 compliance requirements and related policy revisions, noting that policies, procedures, and internal documents continue to be reviewed and updated as necessary. She also provided status updates on the Exploration

Center expansion, South Austin campus relocation, and proposed Houston and San Antonio expansion projects.

Executive Management Services

Heather Briscoe, Executive Operations Manager provided updates on annual Board training requirements and upcoming training opportunities. She also discussed potential changes to the frequency and timing of GEB meetings to support increased governance activity and provided an update on administrative staffing changes designed to strengthen support for district leadership and front desk operations.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and Approval of Non-Expansion Amendment Related to Bylaws Changes

Ms. Elliott explained that amendments to the bylaws require a non-expansion amendment submitted to the Texas Education Agency and that final action is a non-delegable responsibility of the Charterholder Board. The Education Board approved a recommendation to the Charterholder Board for the non-expansion amendment related to the bylaw changes and the resolution authorizing submission of the amendment to the Texas Education Agency.

Motion by Kirsten Hund
Seconded by Cheryl Koury
In favor - All
Opposed - None
Abstain - None

Opening of RFP #001A - Goodwill Central Texas Center for Good and The Excel Center Exploration Center

At 1:00PM, Ms. Rappaport formally opened and publicly read the proposals received by the submission deadline for RFP #001A. No evaluation, ranking, or vendor selection occurred during the meeting. Four timely proposals were publicly read:

- **S. Watts Group:** Exploration Center base proposal: $1,490,267; combined proposal: $2,480,535.
- **Trimbuilt Construction, Inc.:** Exploration Center base proposal: $1,577,933.50; combined proposal: $2,305,000.
- **The Pounds Group, LLC d/b/a Sullivan Contracting Services:** Exploration Center base proposal: $703,998; combined proposal: $2,827,810.
- **HCS, Inc.:** Base proposal: $1,569,400; combined proposal: $2,640,800, with alternates also read into the record.

Management will evaluate and rank the proposals and return with a recommendation at the upcoming Finance & Audit and Education Board joint meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in Executive Session at 1:13PM pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the authority stated in the posted agenda to discuss the proposed Houston Memorandum of Understanding and related financial considerations.

During the closed session, Board President Rob Neville departed early due to travel. The Board transferred the presiding officer role to Vice-President, Cheryl Koury for the remainder of the meeting.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:01PM. No action was taken regarding the proposed Houston Memorandum of Understanding.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Board Vice-President, Cheryl Koury called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:01PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Delbert Bray and seconded by Kirsten Hund.

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