

Agenda Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees Shepherd ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers of Shepherd ISD will be held Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Shepherd ISD Anchor Room.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

2. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. Invocation

Michael Nix, Dolen Baptist Church

B. Pledge - US / Texas

Shepherd ISD JROTC and Color Guard

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing to Discuss 2025-2026 First Ratings

J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A. Open forum for comments from the public

5. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Conservator Report

Trish Hanks, TEA Conservator

B. Report Only of Contracts for 2026-2027. Teachers, Nurses, Librarians, Counselors, and Administrators.

Drew Escamilla, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Student Services

C. Financial Report

J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

6. GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting on August 20, 2026

Kristie Reeves, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

B. Consideration to approve The Education Foundation of Shepherd ISD's executive board members and to approve bylaws for the foundation
Todd Davis, Ed.D., Superintendent

C. Consider approval of the Senior Trip to Disney in May 2027
Todd Davis, Ed.D., Superintendent

D. Approve the Shepherd ISD proposed class size waiver in accordance with the district's District of Innovation plan for the 26-27 school year
Drew Escamilla, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Student Services

E. Shepherd ISD Comfort Canine for the 26-27 school year
Drew Escamilla, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Student Services

7. FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consider approval of federal expenditures over \$50,000 and General and other expenditures over \$100,000
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

B. Consider approval of budget amendments as presented
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Ratification of the Resolution of Compensation of Employees Due to School Emergency Closure regarding Tropical Storm Edouard on 9/1/2026 and Delayed Start on 9/2/2026.
Drew Escamilla, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Student Services

B. Consideration and approval of a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Shepherd Independent School District providing for the defeasance of certain outstanding obligations of the District
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

C. Consider approval of the 2026 no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the fiscal year 2026-2027
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

D. Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding proposed Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate for Debt Service that exceeds the minimum amount required for tax year 2026 for the Fiscal Year 2027 for early defeasance of outstanding debt.
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

E. Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Adoption of the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2027
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

F. Consider and take possible action to approve Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws under Texas Education Code 39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89th Texas Legislative Session)
J.W. Kirkham, C.F.O.

G. Consider and act upon the Certification of Unopposed Candidates received from the authority responsible for preparing the ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election, and consider and act upon an Order declaring the unopposed candidates elected and canceling the election for the offices of Trustee, Position 4, and Trustee, Position 5, in accordance with Sections 2.051–2.053 of the Texas Election Code.

The following candidates are unopposed:

Mark Barnett — Trustee, Position 4

Rich Irwin — Trustee, Position 5

Kristie Reeves, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

H. Discussion and possible action on Policy Update 127 Legal and Local policies

Todd Davis, Ed.D., Superintendent

1. BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT - NONRENEWAL

2. CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - FINANCIAL ETHICS

3. DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

4. DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

5. DP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS

6. DPA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - PRINCIPALS

7. DPB(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

8. EHAD(LOCAL): BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM - ELECTIVE INSTRUCTION

9. EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

10. FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SAFETY

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

11. ADJOURN

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any items on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the preside officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on:

Todd Davis, Superintendent

Date