



**TARKINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT 5:00 PM; RECONVENES TO OPEN MEETING NO EARLIER  
THAN 6:30 P.M.  
BOARDROOM AT TARKINGTON ISD ADMINISTRATION  
72 CR 2268  
CLEVELAND, TX 77327**

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Items on the consent agenda will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of consent items unless a Board member so request, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as an item on the regular agenda.

1. **5:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**
2. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. Personnel Matters (§551.074)  
Appointments, Discipline, Dismissals, Duties, Employment, Employment Contracts, Evaluations including the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract, Extensions, Leaves of Absence, Nonrenewals, Proposals for Nonrenewals, Renewals, Reassignments, Retirements, Job Abandonment, Terminations, Proposed Terminations, Requests for Leave of Absence, Requests for Extended Leave Without Pay, Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Resignations, and Settlements.
  - B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (§551.072)
  - C. School children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint (§551.082)
  - D. Consultation with Attorney (§551.071)  
Consultation with the attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the attorney's duty to the district, pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, or on a matter which the attorney determines should be confidential, including but not limited to, contract negotiations in accordance with the Texas Government Code §§551.071, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.087.
3. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
4. **INVOCATION**
5. **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG**
  - A. TISD Students of Character
6. **RECOGNITION**
  - A. TISD Students of Character
7. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
  - A. Persons desiring to speak during Open Forum must complete a Sign-Up Card in its entirety and submit it to the Board President or designee prior to the meeting being convened. The first Open Forum is limited to agenda items only. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes or less. Persons desiring to speak regarding non-agenda items may do so at the second Open Forum.
8. **ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. Consider approval of new hire recommendations and/or accept staff resignations and terminations
  - B. Consider Approval of Second Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract
9. **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**
10. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
  - A. Consider approval of the Minutes of the September 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
  - B. Consider approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2025, Special Board Meeting
  - C. Consider approval of the Monthly Financial Report, Disbursement of Funds, and Budget Amendments
11. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. Discuss Distribution of Excess Proceeds from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
  - B. Technology Department Update
  - C. Gifted and Talented Testing Update
  - D. Discuss English as a Second Language Program Evaluation
  - E. Choir Survey Update
  - F. Discuss and consider approval of the 2025-2026 Approved Vendor List



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- G. Discuss and consider approval of the ESC 6 EPIC Purchasing Cooperative Membership
  - H. Discuss and consider approval of the General Fund Budget Amendment to use Fund Balance
12. **ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**
- A. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Approved Vendor List
  - B. Consider approval of the ESC 6 EPIC Purchasing Cooperative Membership
  - C. Consider approval of the General Fund Budget Amendment to use Fund Balance
13. **OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- A. Persons desiring to speak during Open Forum must complete a Sign-Up Card in its entirety and submit it to the Board President or designee prior to the meeting being convened. This second Open Forum allows individuals to address the Board on any subject relating to the district. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes or less.
14. **COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS**
- A. Board of Trustees expressions of thanks, congratulations, and condolences.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Closed Session**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding 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

RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS ) TO THE REGION VI  
 ) EDUCATION SERVICE  
 ) CENTER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of (TARKINGTON ISD), (CLEVELAND) Texas,  
(Named Public Agency) (City)  
pursuant to the authority granted by Texas Government Code §791, §2269, and Texas Education Code §44.031, desires to participate in the described purchasing cooperative offered by the Region VI Education Service Center, and in the opinion that by participating in this purchasing cooperative, is an efficient use of taxpayers' money through the anticipated savings to be realized; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing cooperative will allow the Public Agency to purchase a variety of products through its previously competitively procured proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Region VI Education Service Center, as established under Chapter 8 of the Texas Education Code, has assisted many educational institutions with a variety of needs and EPIC6 is an extension of those efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the (TARKINGTON ISD) requests a  
(Named Public Agency)  
stated need for participation in:

[ X ] Educational Purchasing Interlocal Cooperative at Region 6 (EPIC6)

Whereby (THAD LASATER) is authorized and directed to sign and deliver any and all necessary  
Name of Authorizing Person  
requests and documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of (TARKINGTON ISD).  
(Named Public Agency)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct original Resolution duly adopted by the  
TARKINGTON ISD and is filed on record at the EPIC 6 office.  
(Named Public Agency)

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 27 day of  
OCTOBER, 2025

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorizing Signature)

LANE GULLEDGE  
(Printed Authorizing Name)

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
(Title)

*This legal document will remain current on file until either party severs the agreement.*

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**  
**Region 6 Education Service Center (RESC 6)**  
**TEXAS PUBLIC ENTITY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**(School, College, University, State, City, County, or Other Political Subdivision)**

TARKINGTON ISD

TEXAS PUBLIC ENTITY / DISTRICT MEMBER

Region 6 Education Service Center  
3332 Montgomery Road, Huntsville, TX 77340      County-District Number: 236-950

Texas Education Code §8.002 permits regional education service centers, at the direction of the Commissioner of Education, to provide services to assist school districts, colleges and universities in improving student performance and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of school, college and university operations. In addition, authority is granted under Texas Government Code §§ 791.001 *et seq* as amended to enter into Interlocal agreements with said educational entities, as well as, other governmental entities and political subdivisions of Texas and other States. As authorized by applicable statutes and regulations, Cooperative Purchasing Services under this Agreement are extended to all Texas State, City or County Government Agencies, or any other Government Entity as defined in the Texas Government Code § 791.003.

This Interlocal Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") is effective 10/27/2025 and shall be automatically renewed unless either party gives sixty (60) days prior written notice of non-renewal. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party upon (60) days prior written notice, or may also be determined for cause at any time upon written notice stating the reason for and effective date of such terminations and after giving the affected party a thirty (30) day period to cure any breach.

**Statement of Services to be Performed:**

Region 6 Education Service Center, by this Agreement, agrees to provide cooperative purchasing services to the above-named public entity through a Program known as the Educational Purchasing Interlocal Cooperative (EPIC6).

The purpose of EPIC6 shall be to obtain substantial savings for any participating School District, University, College, Community College, City, County or Other Public Agencies through cooperative purchasing.

**Property Co-ownership:**

There shall be no real or personal property acquisition or co-ownership resulting from this agreement.

**Roles of the EPIC6 Purchasing Cooperative:**

1. Provide organizational and administrative structure of the Program.
2. Provide Administrative and Support Staff necessary for efficient operation of the EPIC6.
3. Provide marketing of the EPIC6 to expand membership, awarded contracts and commodity categories, excluding purchases by school food authorities and transactions involving fund 240 and/or any other Child Nutrition funds provided by USDA or Texas Board of Agriculture.

4. Initiate and implement activities required for competitive bidding and vendor award process including posting, advertising, collecting proposals, scoring proposals, and awarding of vendor contracts.
5. Provide members with current awarded vendor contracts, instructions for obtaining quotes and ordering procedures.
6. Maintain filing system for all competitive bidding procedure requirements.
7. Provide Reports as requested.
8. Maintain active membership database for awarded vendors.
9. Provide EPIC6 training to members and vendors upon request.
10. Collect fees to finance the operation of the cooperative from awarded vendors based on the sales through the cooperative's contracts with the end users.

**Role of the Public Entity:**

1. Commit to participate in the program by an authorized signature on membership forms and approval of the governing body where required (e.g. required in Texas)
2. Designate a Primary Contact and Secondary Contact for entity.
3. Commit to purchase products and services from EPIC6 Vendors when in the best interest of the entity.
4. Submit a monthly report of purchases and /or copies of Purchase Orders to the EPIC6.
5. Accept shipments of products ordered from Awarded Vendors.
6. Process Payments to Awarded Vendors in a timely manner and according to Texas Law and contract agreement.
7. Include EPIC6 and appropriate contract number on you purchase order and/or contracts in which you utilize an EPIC6 contract.

**General Provisions:**

The Parties agree to comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in connection with the programs contemplated under this Agreement. This Agreement is subject to all applicable present and future valid laws governing such programs.

This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Texas and venue shall be in Walker County, Texas, location of the administrative offices of RESC 6.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties hereto with respect to the matters covered by its terms, and it may not be modified in any manner without the express written consent of the Parties.

If any term(s) or provision(s) of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The Parties to this Agreement expressly acknowledge and agree that all monies paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid from budgeted available funds for the current fiscal year of each such entity.

Before any party may resort to litigation, any claims, disputes or other matters in question between the Parties to this Agreement shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing at the time of the dispute.

No Party to this Agreement waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of themselves, their directors, officers, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions and obligations described herein.

This Agreement may be negotiated and transmitted between the Parties by electronic means or hard copy and the terms and conditions agreed are binding upon the Parties.

No electronic signatures are permitted, however a scanned wet signature transmitted electronically is permitted.

**Authorization:**

Region 6 Education Service Center and EPIC6 have entered into an Agreement to provide cooperative purchasing opportunities to public agencies and other legally eligible entities.

This Agreement was approved by the governing boards of the respective parties at meetings that were posted and held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Ch. 551. (If required by the entity.)

The individuals signing below are authorized to do so by the respective parties to this Agreement.

**Public Member Entity:**

**Purchasing Cooperative Lead Agency:**

TARKINGTON ISD  
Entity or District Name

**Region 6 Education Service Center**

By:   
Authorized Signature

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Title: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Title: Executive Director Region 6 ESC

Date: 10/27/2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Entity Contact Information**

THAD LASATER  
Primary Purchasing Person Name

2770 FH 163  
Street Address

CLEVELAND, TX 77327  
City, State Zip

281-592-8781  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

TLasater@tarkingtonisd.net  
Primary Person Email Address

SUSAN MIZELL  
Secondary Person Name

smizell@tarkingtonisd.net  
Secondary Person Email Address

If your entity does not require you to have an Interlocal Agreement, please go to the EPIC 6 website and take advantage of online registration. The states of Texas and Arizona **do** require all entities to have an Interlocal Agreement. Other States or governmental jurisdictions may require an Interlocal agreement as well and you are advised to consult your legal counsel to determine the requirements for your entity.