

**Minutes of the**  
Regular Meeting of the  
Region 8 ESC Board of Directors  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
Region 8 ESC Board Room  
4845 US-271  
Pittsburg, TX 75686  
8:30 AM

List of members:

Dennis Townsend, Chair  
James Morton, Vice Chair  
Mickey Allen, Secretary  
Willie Williams  
Sandra Billodeau  
Margaret Davis  
Mike Jansen

List of staff:

David Fitts, Executive Director  
Jason McCullough, Deputy Executive Director, Leadership and Operations  
Richele Langley, Deputy Executive Director, Academic Services  
Blenda McNatt, Chief Financial Officer  
Karla Coker, Director, Information Services  
Leonard Beles, Director, State & Federal Programs  
Brent Baker, Director, Technology  
Henry Vallejo, Accountant  
Tina Penny, Executive Assistant

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ESC STAFF PRESENT:**

**1. Call to Order**

- A. Roll Call
- B. Establishment of a Quorum
- C. Vision, Mission, Beliefs and Motto

**2. Minutes**

- A. Consider the minutes of the regular meeting of the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors of Friday, December 16, 2022.

**3. Administrative Reports**

**A. Chief Financial Officer & Operations Report**

1. *Information Services Report*

2. *Technology Report*

**B. Leadership and Instructional Services Report**

1. *Curriculum & Instruction Report*

2. *Strategic Initiatives & Campus Leadership Support Report*

3. *Special Services Report*

4. *State and Federal Programs Report*

- C. **TIPS Cooperative Report**
- D. **Executive Director Report**

**4. Public Forum**

**5. Matters Requiring Board Approval**

- A. Consider the Financial Reports for December 2022.
- B. Consider the Budget Amendments for December 2022.
- C. Consider approval of the Board to call Board Election on:  
**Place 2, James Morton, Representing Lamar and Delta Counties**  
**Place 5, Mickey Allen, Representing Red River County**
- D. Consider to approve renewal of Food Cooperative Commodity Processing RFP R8CPC012022.
- E. Consider to approve update to Local policy CFA
- F. Consider to approve Texas CLASS investment pool as an authorized investment program for Region 8 ESC
- G. Consider Board to approve and ratify all TIPS memberships and interlocal agreements received by TIPS, signed by the Executive Director as previously delegated by the Board, and listed in the board agenda. If any received agreements are not listed due to human error, the board approves them, subject to future review and termination by action of the board.
- H. Consider possible cancellation of TIPS awarded agreement(s)

**6. CLOSED SESSION:**

*Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: (Time \_\_\_\_\_)*

- 1. *Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.*
  - a. *Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel*
  - b. *Employment of professional personnel (Information)*
  - c. *Employee resignations and retirements (Information)*
- 2. *Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property*
- 3. *Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.*
  - a. *Any item listed on the agenda*
  - b. *Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation*

**7. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS COVERED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*ADJOURNMENT: (Time \_\_\_\_\_)*

**8. Personnel**

- A. Consider the Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director
- B. Discuss and consider the remuneration of staff and employment / resignation / retirement of the following staff:  
Employment –

Resignation –  
Retirement -  
**9. Adjourn**

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and a second by \_\_\_\_\_, the meeting adjourned.  
Motion carried. Ayes \_\_\_\_\_; Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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Dennis Townsend, Chair  
Region 8 Board of Directors

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Mickey Allen, Secretary  
Region 8 Board of Directors