



IDEA Public Schools
2115 W. Pike Blvd.
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Board of Directors Workshop
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2026

Board Members Present: Collin Sewell, Ed Rivera, Erich Holmsten, Naj Atkinson, Theresa Barrera-Shaw, Dr. Nanette Cocero, David Dunn, Stacy Eng, Ryan Green, Gary Lindgren, Lilya Matos, Connie Miner.

Board Members Not Present: None

Staff, Counsel, and Consultants Present: Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Jessica Hess, Layne Fisher, Dolores Gonzalez, Dr. Colleen Stearns, Tony Kingman, Bethany Solis, Ryan Bennett, Joe Hoffer, Veronica Conforme, Malka Borrego, Dr. David Lee, Christopher Ruszkowski, Alejandra Loya, April Seidensticker, Fidel Ozuna III, Yasmin Vasquez, Elizabeth Valades.

Audience Present: None

The workshop was called to order at 9:07 AM CST.

Workshop

Superintendent and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill welcomed the Board to the workshop and shared the agenda overview. The Board split up into small breakout groups for discussion. Due to the fact that there were small groups without a quorum present in any group, Board Chair Collin Sewell recommended stopping the recording of the meeting and re-starting once the board reconvened. The Board passed a motion to recess at 9:12 AM CST.

Motion by: Connie Miner
Second by: Dr. Nanette Cocero
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board passed a motion to reconvene at 9:29 AM CST.

Motion by: Ed Rivera
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Board Chair Sewell proposed to move into executive session due to the nature of the remainder of the workshop. The Board passed a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Legal Counsel.

Motion by: David Dunn
Second by: Connie Miner
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:35 AM CST.

Open Session

The Board passed a motion to reconvene in Open Session.


Motion by: Gary Lindgren
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:00 PM CST. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjourn

Board Chair Sewell adjourned the meeting at 5:01 PM CST.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes for the Board Workshop of IDEA Public Schools held on April 29, 2026.

Signed by:

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Ed Rivera, Board Secretary
6/17/2026
Date