



IDEA Public Schools
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Weslaco, Texas 78596

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

Board Members Present: Ed Rivera, David Dunn, Ryan Green, Stacy Eng, Theresa Barrera-Shaw, Lilya Matos, and Najuma Atkinson.

Board Members Not Present: Collin Sewell, Erich Holmsten, Dr. Nanette Cocero, Gary Lindgren, and Connie Miner.

Legal Counsel, Staff, and Consultants Present: Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Dolores Gonzalez, Layne Fisher, Jessica Hess, Bethany Solis, Tony Kingman, Ryan Bennett, Alejandra Loya, April Seidensticker, Kaitlin McDermott, Mike Higgins, Malka Borrego, Abe Barela, Dr. David Lee, Christopher Ruszkowski, Rachel Beech, Javier Campos, Macy Torres, Paola Alaniz Cantu, Raquel Sanchez, Linda Parga, Sandra Sotelo, Tanika Isaac, Robyn Birkla, Erin Scire, Myrna Rodriguez, Fidel Ozuna III, Elizabeth Valades.

Audience Present:

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Ed Rivera at 5:01 PM CST.

Welcome and Call to Order

Presiding Officer Rivera welcomed the Board Members to the June 16, 2026 Board of Directors meeting and confirmed quorum was present for the meeting in addition to members of the management team. Presiding Officer Rivera conducted the meeting as duly posted. He further indicated some members joined via videoconference and a phone line was available for members of the public to join in the meeting if they wish to do so.

General Comment

April Seidensticker, Director of Board Services, stated that there was a public comment request from Christina Gonzalez.

Agenda Item Comment

Presiding Officer Rivera stated that the public, employees, and staff have three (3) minutes each to comment on items that are on the agenda for this meeting if they wish to do so. No prior requests to comment on a specific agenda item were made.

TEA Conservator Report

TEA conservators, Dr. David Lee and Christopher Ruszkowski, presented the monthly TEA Conservator Report. No action was taken on this item.

Organizational Updates

Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Superintendent and CEO, presented the CEO Update. This update included the progress to goal for Org Wide Goals. Layne Fisher, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Chief Operating Officer, continued by presenting an update on enrollment and registration. Lastly, Dr. Cottrill shared the Charter School Performance Framework Update.

2035 Strategic Plan Desired Impact and Outcomes

The next agenda item was presented by several members of the management team. Dr. Cottrill, Superintendent and CEO, began by presenting an overview of the 2035 Strategic Plan. Dolores Gonzalez, Deputy Superintendent Pre-K-16, presented the Belong, Achieve, and Succeed priorities of the 2035 Plan. Layne Fisher, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Chief Operating Officer, presented the Fueled by Insight, Built for People, and Accelerated by Talent, foundations of the 2035 Plan. Erin Scire, Vice President of Enterprise Data and Strategy, presented measures for goal tracking. The Board passed a motion to approve the 2035 Strategic Plan Desired Impact and Outcomes as presented.

Motion by: Naj Atkinson
Second by: Lilya Matos
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously.

FY26 Final Budget Amendment

The FY26 Final Budget Amendment was presented by Chief Financial Officer Tony Kingman. The Board passed a motion to approve the FY26 Final Budget Amendment as presented.

Motion by: Lilya Matos
Second by: Theresa Barrera-Shaw
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously.

School Health and Advisory Committee (SHAC) Annual Report

Layne Fisher presented the 2025-2026 Annual Report for the School Health Advisory Council. This report included an executive summary and an overview of 2025-26 SHAC activities. No action was taken on this item.

Committee Updates

Lilya Matos, Audit Committee Chair, presented the Audit Committee Updates. The Audit Committee met on May 12, 2026. The committee received presentations regarding the Special Education Services Audit Report, Curriculum and Instruction Audit Report, Grant Monitoring Reports, Internal Audit Updates, and Internal Audit Sampling Methodology. No action was recommended on these items.

The committee also met June 11, 2026, and received updates and presentations regarding Internal Audit Updates, Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan EOY Report, 26-27 Internal Audit Risk Assessment

Report, and the Quarterly Corporate Card Update. No action was recommended on these items. The committee also received presentations on the Internal Audit Charter Update and the 26-27 Internal Audit Plan. These items were both recommended for board approval and are on tonight's consent agenda. The next Audit Committee meeting is August 4, 2026.

Theresa Barrera-Shaw, Academic Committee Member, presented the Academic Committee Updates. The Academic Committee met on June 4, 2026. The committee received presentations regarding June school updates, end-of-year celebrations, and the vision for launching Pre-K at IDEA Public Schools, including the plan's vision, timeline, and readiness signals. No action was recommended on these items. The committee also received presentations on the 26-27 Student Handbook, Policy Adoptions for Student Discipline and Library Materials, and Policy Revisions for the Compensatory Instruction Policy and the Graduation Plan Policy. These items were all recommended for board approval and are on tonight's consent agenda. There will be an Academic Board Workshop on July 10, and the next Academic Committee meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2026.

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Committee Updates. The Finance Committee met on June 5, 2026. The committee received presentations regarding CFO Updates, the ERP Project Update, an update on Enrollment and Registration, a Liquidity Update, and Budget Updates. No action was recommended on these items. The committee also received presentations on financial statements, the 26-27 Annual Insurance Program Renewal, the Public Funds Investment Act Q3 Report, multiple policy revisions, a Payment During Closure board resolution, travel exceptions to policy, and Fall 2026 sponsorships. These items were all recommended for board approval and are on tonight's consent agenda. The next Finance Committee meeting is August 7, 2026.

Ed Rivera, Vice-Chair and Secretary, presented the Governance and Executive Committee Updates. The Governance Committee met on May 7, 2026. The committee received presentations regarding Chief Governance Officer Updates, including a Board Retreat Follow Up, transition planning for board work, and the TPCSA Charter Conference. No action was recommended on these items. The committee also received presentations on a non-expansion amendment and resolution related to the IDEA Bylaws update and a grade-level non-expansion amendment and resolution related to IDEA Hardy College Prep. These items were both recommended for board approval, and were approved at the special board meeting on May 19, 2026. Note that the consent agenda today contains an update to the Hardy resolution due to a clerical error. The committee entered Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters, subsequently recommending next steps related to the 25-26 Superintendent Evaluation as discussed in Executive Session. This item was also approved at the special board meeting on May 19, 2026. The next Governance Committee meeting is August 6, 2026.

The Executive Committee met on June 5, 2026. The committee received the TEA Conservator Report from Dr. Lee. The committee also received presentations regarding the 26-27 Employee Handbook, 26-27 Teacher Performance Program Handbook, 26-27 Staff Recognition Program Updates, 26-27 Organizational Goals Approach, Low Attendance Waivers, and several policy revisions, as well as a policy adoption. All of these items were recommended for approval and are on tonight's consent agenda. The committee then moved into Executive Session to discuss a settlement agreement. Upon reconvening in Open Session, the committee recommended the settlement agreement for board approval, which is included on tonight's

consent agenda. The next Executive Committee meeting is July 14, 2026.

Consent Agenda

The board passed a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in one board action.

Motion by: Ryan Green
Second by: Stacy Eng
All in favor: All
All opposed None

Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Managing Director of Safety and Security, presented an update regarding the districtwide intruder detection audit report. No action was taken on this item.

Executive Session

Considering the nature of the rest of the safety information, Presiding Officer Rivera called for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.076 Security Personnel and/or Security Audit. Further, considering the remaining items on the agenda, Presiding Officer Rivera proposed to continue in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.071 Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending legal matters, Texas Govt. Code 551.072 Real Estate Matters, Texas Govt. Code 551.074 Personnel Matters, and Texas Govt. Code 551.074 Superintendent Performance Feedback.

Executive Session

The Board passed a motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.076, Texas Govt. Code 551.071, Texas Govt. Code 551.072, and Texas Govt. Code 551.074.

Motion by: David Dunn
Second by: Ryan Green
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:45 PM CST.

Open Session

The Board passed a motion to reconvene in Open Session.

Motion by: David Dunn
Second by: Ryan Green
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:27 PM CST. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Votes on Executive Session Items

The Board passed a motion to approve the documents related to IDEA Yellowstone as discussed in

Executive Session.

Motion by: Ryan Green
Second by: Stacy Eng
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously

Adjourn

Presiding Officer Ed Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM CST.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the regular meeting of the Board Meeting of IDEA Public Schools held on June 16, 2026.

Signed by:

Najma Atkinson

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Naj Atkinson, Board Secretary

10/6/2026

Date