

Public Hearing - Special Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2026 6:00 PM

Board Room, 1209 Twelfth St, Palacios, TX 77465

Marcos Aparicio: Present
Karen Botbyl: Present
Carl Filip: Present
Haley Garcia: Present
Rafael Garcia: Present
Dane Kubecka: Present
Fabian Marroquin: Present

1) Call to Order And Determine a Quorum

Discussion: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Haley Garcia announcing the presence of a quorum.

2) Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed Tax Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Discussion: Public Hearing to discuss the tax rate and budget began at 6:01pm. Mr Valentine presented the hearing. Public Hearing came to a close at 6:23pm.

Presenter: Jason Valentine and Peggy Scantlen

3) Public Comments/Testimony

Discussion: No public comments

After the call for public comments was complete and no comments were presented, President Haley Garcia called for a motion to amend the Agenda Order to comply with the adopting of the budget and tax rate order for 2026-2027.

4) Information Items

Discussion: Mr Valentine explained that the information items were there for board members to look at and were back up documentation to the tax rate.

5) Staff Compensation

Discussion: The board discussed the possible options for staff compensation this year.

6) Action Items

Action(s):

I make a motion to amend the Agenda order to reflect the following to comply with adopting a budget and then the tax rate: Item 4 Item 5 Item 6E Item 6F Item 6D Item 6A Item 6B Item 6C. This motion, made by Haley Garcia and seconded by Karen Botbyl, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea
Karen Botbyl: Yea
Carl Filip: Yea
Haley Garcia: Yea
Rafael Garcia: Yea

Dane Kubecka: Yea

Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: President Haley Garcia made a motion to amend the agenda order for action items.

- 6) A. Consideration of the No-New-Revenue (NNR) Tax Rate, Voter-Approval Tax Rate (VATR), and Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service and Approval of a Proposed Interest & Sinking Rate for Debt Service that Exceeds the Minimum Amount Required

Presenter: Peggy Scantlen

Discussion: No Action

- 6) B. Approve a Proposed Interest & Sinking Rate for Debt Service that Exceeds the Minimum Amount Required

Presenter: Peggy Scantlen

Action(s):

I move that Palacios Independent School District approve the proposal of an interest and sinking (I&S) rate to pay debt service that exceeds the minimum debt service tax rate as defined by the Texas Tax Code and the Texas Education Code. The Board finds that the District's minimum debt service tax rate is \$0.2527 per \$100 valuation, and that the proposed interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.28170 used to pay debt service exceeds the minimum debt service tax rate by \$0.0290 per \$100 valuation. Additional revenue generated by the proposed rate will be used for lawful debt service purposes, including: early defeasance or retirement of outstanding bonded indebtedness; reduction of future interest costs to District taxpayers. This motion, made by Fabian Marroquin and seconded by Haley Garcia, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea

Karen Botbyl: Yea

Carl Filip: Yea

Haley Garcia: Yea

Rafael Garcia: Yea

Dane Kubecka: Yea

Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6) C. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution to Set the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Presenter: Peggy Scantlen

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Tax Rate Resolution for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Haley Garcia and seconded by Dane Kubecka, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea

Karen Botbyl: Yea

Carl Filip: Yea
Haley Garcia: Yea
Rafael Garcia: Yea
Dane Kubecka: Yea
Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6) D. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Providing for the Defeasance and Calling for Redemption Certain Currently Outstanding District Obligations in the Range of \$900,000 to \$1,000,000; Delegating to Certain District Officials and Staff the Authority to Effect Matters Related Thereto; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith

Action(s):

I move to approve the districts redemption resolution. This motion, made by Haley Garcia and seconded by Karen Botbyl, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea
Karen Botbyl: Yea
Carl Filip: Yea
Haley Garcia: Yea
Rafael Garcia: Yea
Dane Kubecka: Yea
Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6) E. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Final 2025-2026 Budget Amendment

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Final 2025-2026 Budget Amendments as presented. This motion, made by Dane Kubecka and seconded by Carl Filip, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea
Karen Botbyl: Yea
Carl Filip: Yea
Haley Garcia: Yea
Rafael Garcia: Yea
Dane Kubecka: Yea
Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6) F. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Palacios ISD Budget

Action(s):

I make a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Palacios ISD Budget with a 1% raise at the midpoint for all non-TRA employees plus a \$500.00 for all employees. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl, Unseconded.

I make a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Palacios ISD Budget with a \$750.00 retention bonus for all full time employees. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl and seconded by Fabian Marroquin, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Nay
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Nay
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Yea
Dane Kubecka:	Yea
Fabian Marroquin:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 2

7) **Next Regular Meeting**

8) **Adjournment**

Action(s):

I make a motion to adjourn this meeting. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl and seconded by Dane Kubecka, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Yea
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Yea
Dane Kubecka:	Yea
Fabian Marroquin:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Board Secretary