



East Chambers Independent School District

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MINUTES – BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2026

Board Members Present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President; Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner (arrived at 6:35pm); Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Board Members Absent: Charlotte Edwards; Secretary

Present: 6. Absent: 1.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RETIREE RECOGNITION

The board recognized the following employees: Candace Smith, Jeff "Gibby" Gibson, Rene Hearn, Mitchell Long, and Annette Shepherd. There was a 10 minute reception from 6:10pm to 6:20pm for pictures and cupcakes.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public comment.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

There was a public hearing to discuss and receive input on all federal and state special programs including Title programs, Every Student Succeeds Act, Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language/Bilingual, Gifted/Talented, Career and Technology, Title II, Perkins Vocational, Special Education, Extended Year and Extended Day Services, Dyslexia and 504, CARES Act Grants and CRF Grant, and TCLAS. Meeting time is 6:00P.M. August 10, 2026 at the Administration Building 216 Champions Loop Winnie, TX 77665. Private non-public school representatives and the general public are invited to assist in evaluation of all Special Programs for 2025-2026 and planning for 2026-2027. There was no public comment.

5. PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS, & MOTT, LLP

Otilia Gonzalez reported on the tax collections.

6. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Emily Bridgers, Director of Finance, reviewed the items in the budget workshop.

6.A. 2026 Certified Values

6.B. Tax Rate Notice

6.C. Working 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

7. REPORTS:

7.A. Information Items

7.A.1. Superintendent Reports

Mrs. Smith, Superintendent, reported on the following items after the administration reports: Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary and Enrollment.

7.A.1.a. Megan Leday, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Leday reported on District Leadership and Staff Support; Texas Principal and Evaluation Support System; School Safety; Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine; Instruction/Curriculum.

7.A.1.b. Cheryl Williams, Curriculum & Instruction

Cheryl Williams reported on Teacher Incentive Allotment; Lift Grant; Secondary Math Curriculum; Child Care Center; Professional Development TrainingsTeacher Incentive Allotment; Lift Grant; Secondary Math Curriculum; Child Care Center; and Professional Development Training.



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7.A.1.c. Julie McLendon, Primary Principal

Julie McLendon submitted a written report on Registration; Enrollment; Beginning of the Year Team Leader Meeting; Meet the Teacher; Teacher In-Service; and First Day of School.

7.A.1.d. Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal

Britnie Bordelon submitted a written report on Enrollment; Back to School Events and Activities; and Ongoing Events.

7.A.1.e. Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal

Kelsea Broomas reported on Enrollment; 6th Grade Orientation; Meet the Teacher; Staff Inservice; Drill Team Camp; and Ongoing Events.

7.A.1.f. Matt Fowler, High School Principal

Matt Fowler submitted a written report on Enrollment; Freshman Orientation; Meet the Teacher; and Other Ongoing Activities.

7.A.1.g. Toby Kahla, Operations Director

Toby Kahla reported on Auditorium Stage Extension; Bus Driver Physicals; Primary Building Updates; Handbooks; New SPED Bus; Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms; Summer Maintenance; and Playground Mulch.

7.A.1.h. Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director

Russ Sutherland reported on Strength and Conditioning Program; High School Football Practice; and High School Volleyball.

7.A.1.i. Ryo Atha, Technology Director

Ryo Atha reported on New Hire; iPads; Culinary; Switches; Board Room PA System; and 911 Address.

7.A.1.j. Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director

Marsha Peden reported on Summer Feeding Program; School Year Preparation; Meal Pricing; Student Engagement; and Financial Reports.

7.A.1.k. Emily Bridgers, Director of Finance

Monthly Transactions

Check Register

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Revenue Realized: \$1,977,386.70; Expenditures: \$1,821,853.35

Depository Collateralization Report

Tax Collections

Student Activity Funds

Attorney Invoices

Investment Reports

\$2,285,830.69 Texpool

\$11,627,879.10 TASB Lonestar

\$596,562.82 TASB Lonestar Debt Service Fund

\$547.24 TASB Lonestar PSF Capital Improvement

8. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS:

I move to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.A. Consider Approval of Minutes

July 9, 2026 Called Meeting, July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting, and July 15, 2026 Workshop Meeting

8.B. Payments Over \$50,000

Entergy \$50,000 - estimate



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8.C. Consider 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

199/21/Instructional Leadership Increased \$20,000 Amended Budget \$220,027

199/34/Transportation Increased \$70,000 Amended Budget \$740,218

199/41/Administration Increased \$50,000 Amended Budget \$1,151,542

199/51/Operations Decreased \$140,000 Amended Budget \$3,164,519

9. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable):

At 6:53pm, the board entered into Closed Session for 551.074 Personnel. At 7:38pm, the board reconvened into open session.

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.A. Call School Trustee General Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for Positions 3, 4, and 5

I move to approve Calling the School Trustee General Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for Positions 3, 4, and 5. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.B. Consider Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

I move to approve the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.C. Consider Hiring District Administrator of Special Education & Special Programs

I move to approve hiring Kelsea Broomas as District Administrator of Special Education & Special Programs on a one year probationary administrator contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.D. Consider Hiring Principal

I move to approve hiring Justin Lezak as Junior High Principal on a year administrator contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Frank Abalos, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.E. Consider Approval of Local Certifications Under DOI

I move to approve Local Certifications Under DOI as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.F. Consider Approval of TPESS/TTESS Appraisers

I move to approve of TPESS/TTESS Appraisers as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.G. Consider 2026-2027 Teacher Appraisal Calendar

I move to approve the 2026-2027 Teacher Appraisal Calendar as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1



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10.H. Consider Updated Stipend Schedule for 2026-2027

I move to approve the Updated Stipend Schedule for 2026-2027 as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.I. Consider August Payroll for New Hires

I move to approve August Payroll for the new hires listed as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.J. Consider MOU With The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to Provide Pediatric and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Via Telemedicine

I move to approve the MOU With The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to Provide Pediatric and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Via Telemedicine as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.K. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct

I move to approve the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.L. Consider Endorsement of 2026-2027 Transportation Handbook and Student Bus Safety Handbook

I move to endorse the 2026-2027 Transportation Handbook and Student Bus Safety Handbook as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.M. Consider Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

I move to approve the resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.N. Consider Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service

I move to approve the Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed.

Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.O. Consider Selection of Architects Rabe & Partners as Architect for the Baseball/Softball Locker Room Project, Based on Demonstrated Competence and Qualifications, and Delegate Authority to the Superintendent or Her Designee to Negotiate, Finalize, and Execute a Contract for a Fair and Reasonable Price

I move to approve the selection of Architects Rabe & Partners as Architect for the Baseball/Softball Locker Room Project, based on demonstrated competence and qualifications, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute a contract for a fair and reasonable price. This motion, made by Kelley Touchet and seconded by Lisa Bauer, Passed.



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Charlotte Edwards: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date