Alamo Heights Independent School District

Minutes – Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Minutes of Regular Meeting
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The Board of Trustees
Alamo Heights Independent School District

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of Alamo Heights Independent School District was held Tuesday, October 20, 2026 , beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Boardroom.

Members Present:	Mr. Ty Edwards, Presiding Officer Mr. Hunter Kingman Mrs. Karen Bryant Mrs. Lauren McLaughlin Mr. David Hornberger Mr. Clay Page
Member Absent:	Mrs. Carey Hildebrand
School Officials Present:	Dr. Dana Bashara, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alfaro, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Dr. Jimmie Walker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Mr. Frank Stanage, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Mr. Matthew Streger, Chief Financial Officer Mr. Brian Grenier, Director of Technology Ms. JulieAnn Matonis, Director of Communications Mrs. Natalie Brown, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services
Others Present:	Approximately 25-30 patrons, students, teachers, etc.

1. File and Post - Official Notice of Meeting

Official notice of the meeting, date, hour, place and subject was posted on a bulletin board at a place convenient to the public at the Central Administration Office, 7101 Broadway, on Wednesday, October 13, 2026 at 9:20 a.m.

2. Delegations/Recognitions

A. **Spotlight on Excellence - Daisy Martinez, Woodridge Elementary**

Daisy Martinez, Special Education Paraprofessional at Woodridge, was honored as the October Spotlight on Excellence recipient.

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B. National Merit SemiFinalists

Three high school seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists this year- Stuart Flexner-Bury, Elaina Kindt, and Ben Klopfenstein. Achieving this distinction places these exceptional students among the top 1 percent of high school seniors nationwide, reflecting years of academic dedication, discipline, and passion.

C. National Mark of Excellence - The Foundation for Music Education - Junior School Chamber Orchestra - Directors Joemichael Garcia and Lani Gil

The Junior School Chamber Orchestra and their dedicated directors, Joemichael Garcia and Lani Gil, have earned the prestigious National Mark of Excellence from The Foundation for Music Education. This highly competitive distinction places them among the top instrumental ensembles in the entire country, celebrating their exceptional artistry, discipline, and technical mastery.

D. EXCEL Award Winner- Olivia Tacker, Coach at Alamo Heights Junior School, is the 2026-27 EXCEL Award winner for Alamo Heights ISD. The EXCEL Award is sponsored by KENS 5 and Credit Human and representatives from both organizations came to surprise Tacker and present her with the apple trophy and $2,000 check.

E. **Student Council Update -** Veer Patel, AHHS Student Council President and Conrad Rocha, Vice President, shared an update with Trustees.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were 2 citizen(s) to be heard.

4. Items for Presentation or Possible Action

A. Presentation of Department CBAS - Bilingual Program Overview Pillar #½ Strategic Priority #1, #2

Dr. Yadira Palacios, Director of Teaching and Learning and Language Programs, presented a Bilingual and ESL annual program review. There are 24 languages spoken in AHISD and 406 students (8.6%) identified as emergent bilingual.

B. Presentation of Texas Education Agency Intruder Detection Audit

Eddie Ray, Jr., Safety and Security Coordinator, presented a Texas Education Agency Intruder Detection Audit notice. This will be discussed in executive session.

5. Consent Agenda - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as an item on the Regular Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1. Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2026
2. Special Called Minutes of October 1, 2026

B. Payment of Bills

C. Amendment to the 2026-2027 Budget

D. Consideration of Approval of Library Books

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E. Presentation of 2025-26 Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents

F. Consideration of Approval of Indeco Furniture Purchases

G. Consideration of the following donation:

1. Donation of $7,000.00 from the 26-27 Howard Early Childhood Center PTO for H.E.C.C. Principal Discretionary Fund
2. Donation of $5,000.00 from Alamo Heights School Foundation for Incubator Program at Alamo Heights High School
3. Donation of $18, 895.00 from LKCm South Texas Partners LC for Muledome Graphics
4. Donation of $2,000.00 from Charlotte McCormich and Family for AHHS JROTC

H. Consideration of the following naming rights:

1. Consideration of Naming the Jack, Chase, and Blake Hollimon Classroom at the Alamo Heights High School
2. Consideration of Naming the Ben J. Evans Classroom at Alamo Heights High School
3. Consideration of Naming the Dorothy Reyes Classroom at Alamo Heights High School
4. Consideration of Naming the Jessie and Richard Kardys Counseling Office at Alamo Heights High School

I. Board Members' Committee Reports

1. Goals & Priorities Committee
   The Goals and Priorities Committee met on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
2. Assessment & Long-Range Planning Committee
   The Assessment & Long-Range Planning Committee met on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

APPROVED – Motion by Mr. Hunter Kingman, seconded by Mr. David Hornberger, and carried unanimously to approve Item #5. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I of the Consent Agenda as presented.

6. Board Members' Committee Report

A. Communications Council Meeting
The Communication Council met on Friday, September 25, 2026.

B. Building Committee Meeting
The Building Committee met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

C. Alamo Heights School Foundation Board
The Alamo Heights School Foundation Board met on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

7. Business Recommendations

There were no Business Recommendations.

8. Calendar Review

Dr. Bashara provided a calendar review of upcoming trustee events.

9. Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Bashara shared highlights from the last month including celebrations, athletics, and bond construction.

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10. Executive Session - Texas Government Code Section 551.001

At the Board convened at 7:07 p.m. in a meeting closed to the public as authorized by and in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters

11. Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:18 p.m.

12. Action Items

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076, Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.
2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, Employment contracts, resignations, leaves, terminations, proposal for non-renewal, notices of retirement.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Ty Edwards
President, Presiding
Board of Trustees

Lauren McLaughlin
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Date

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