

Belton Independent School District

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Board Workshop Meeting, April 20, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Lake Belton High School, Black Box Theater

9809 Farm To Market 2483, Temple, TX 76502

Board Members Present:

Manuel Alcozer

Jeff Norwood

Rucker Preston

Brandon Bozon

Riley Beck

Erin Bass

Board Members Absent:

Chris Flor

1. Call to Order:

Manuel Alcozer, Board President, called the workshop meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m., that the meeting had been duly called, noted Chris Flor was absent, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Public Comments:

John Burrows - Temple College Update

3. Board Workshop:

A. Temple College Update

Dr. Malinda Golden, Superintendent, introduced Dr. Christy Ponce, President of Temple College, who provided an update on the college's 10-year facility master plan and the \$158 million 2026 bond proposal. The 2026 bond aims to address 50-to-60-year-old facilities, aging IT infrastructure, and ADA accessibility issues. Proposed projects include building a new science lab building, a new technology building, and expanding health science and workforce programs.

Ms. Gabi Nino, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, continued the conversation by informing the Board that in the Districts educational partnership with Temple College, the institution recently approved free dual credit for eligible students residing in the Temple District. Additionally, the FAST program is supporting economically disadvantaged students in Belton ISD, and the district is actively seeking further partnerships with the goal of making dual credit free for 100% of students.

For the 2026-2027 school year, the district is mapping out the core 42 collegiate hours and aligning CTE courses (such as construction trades) so students can simultaneously earn high school credit, industry credentials, and an associate degree.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Manuel Alcozer, Board President

Erin Bass, Board Secretary