



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Agenda Topic: Approval of Auditor for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Type of Item: Consent

Guiding Outcome: Responsible Fiscal Stewardship

Summary: This item requests the approval of the auditor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Background Information/
Previous Board Action: A financial audit is required annually for each school district and is to be made on an organization-wide basis, including all fund types and account groups that are the accounting responsibility of the school district. The audit must be approved and submitted to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Division of School Financial Audits of TEA within 150 days following the end of the fiscal year.
The District has relied on Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay, and Scarborough for fair and objective audits on prior audited fiscal years. They have consistently provided valuable assistance, conducting special studies when requested and aiding in the preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Board approved this auditing firm on April 22, 2025 for the 2024-2025 audit.

Potential Operational Impact: The audit must be approved by the Board of Trustees within 150 days after the close of the fiscal year and must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by November 27, 2026.

Potential Financial Impact: The estimated cost of the 2025-2026 audit is \$79,500. The cost for the 2024-2025 audit was \$79,500.

Recommendation (Consent or New Business Only): It is recommended to approve the firm of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay and Scarborough for the 2025-2026 fiscal year audit.

Division: Business & Administrative Services

Department: Finance

Staff Member(s) Responsible: Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director Financial Operations
Julie J. Simpson, Director of Finance

Attachments: Audit Engagement Letter for 2025-2026