

Called Meeting  
Monday, February 12, 2024 6:30 PM

Third Floor Training Room  
285 Uptown Blvd.  
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104

## **Agenda**

1. CALL TO ORDER  
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS - Announcement by the Board President whether a quorum is present, and that the notice of the meeting has been duly called, and posted in the time and manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
2. CLOSED SESSION  
Recess to Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section:

551.071) Private consultation with the board's attorney,  
551.074) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee  
551.082) Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session is required, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section listed above.

The Board will vote on matters in Open Session considered in Closed Session or matters considered if the Board enters into a Closed meeting during the meeting, if applicable.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
The Board encourages comments about the District from members of the public. Anyone who has signed up to speak in advance of the meeting in accordance with procedures may do so at this time. Each participant should address the Board from the podium microphone, stating their name and address before speaking. The Board asks that each participant's comments pertain to District business and be no longer than three (3) minutes. Copies of presentations should be made available to all Trustees and the Superintendent.
4. Presentations  
4.A. 2024-2025 Calendar Presentation
5. ACTION ITEMS  
5.A. Order to Call Trustee Election 2024

**Cedar Hill Independent School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: **February 12, 2024**

Presented by: **Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools**

Subject: **Approve an Order to Call a Trustee Election**

**Action Item**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As prescribed in the Texas Election Code, the Board of Trustees of an independent school district must pass an Order calling for a Board of Trustees election.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends that the CHISD Trustees call a Board of Trustees election for May 4, 2024, for the purpose of filing Places 6 and 7 as prescribed by law.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Motion to approve an order to call a Board of Trustees election for Saturday, May 4, 2024.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

Courtney Lackey Wilson  
Diana Dominguez

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

There are no costs associated with the order to call an election.

**ENCLOSURES:**

N/A

5.B. Election Order - Bond

# Cedar Hill Independent School District BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meeting Date:** February 12, 2024

**Presented by:** Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** May 2024 Bond Election Order

## Action

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Texas public schools rely on the support of local taxpayers to fund facility renovations, construction, and major equipment purchases in Cedar Hill ISD. A school district borrows money to finance the design, construction, expansion, and renovations of schools and facilities. Voters must approve these funds through a bond election. Cedar Hill ISD administration convened the Longhorn Futures Committee (LFC), composed of community members from a variety of perspectives, to assess the long range needs of the District. The LFC presented its findings to the Board of Trustees in an open meeting on January 16, 2024. Following the LFC presentation, the CHISD Board of Trustees Facility Committee met, reviewed the facility assessment and further discussed the facility needs of the district.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

CHISD administration with the input from the Longhorn Futures Committee and Facility subcommittee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Order calling a bond election to be held by the Cedar Hill Independent School District.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Yes

### **POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

CQA LEGAL

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Gerald B. Hudson, Superintendent  
Carla Settle, Chief Financial Officer

### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

None

### **ENCLOSURES:**

Order calling a Bond Election

5.C. Senate Bill 763

**Cedar Hill Independent School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Date:** February 12, 2024

**Presented by:** Dr. Gerald B. Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** Senate Bill 763 Action

**Action**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Senate Bill 763 was enacted on September 1, 2023. This bill allows school districts to employ chaplains or accept chaplains as volunteers who fulfill the duties of a school counselor. Such chaplains would provide students with support, services, and programs assigned by the School Board. The State Board for Educator Certification will not require counselor certification for chaplains employed or volunteering under this law.

This bill requires that school boards take a record vote within six months of the effective date, September 1, 2023, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing the employment of a chaplain or acceptance of a volunteer chaplain.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board vote to continue to allow chaplains in schools in their current capacity as visitors or volunteers, as outlined by Policies GKG and not to allow chaplains to be employed as school counselors or volunteer to fulfill the duties of a school counselor.

The following motion is required in keeping with the requirement of Senate Bill 763:

"I move to affirm the District's practice to continue to allow chaplains in schools in their current capacity as visitors or volunteers, as outlined in policies and regulations, and decline to adopt a policy for chaplains to be employed as school counselors or volunteer to fulfill the duties of a school counselor. "

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve administration recommendation

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

CHISD POLICY GKG (LEGAL), Community Relations: School Volunteer Program

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Kisha McDonald; Director of Family and Community Engagement

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

**ENCLOSURES:**

Resolution of the Board to Accept as Volunteers Chaplains

**RESOLUTION**  
**REGARDING ACCEPTANCE AS VOLUNTEERS CHAPLAINS**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**COUNTY OF DALLAS**  
**CEDAR HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code permits the district to employ or accept as a volunteer chaplain to provide support, services and programs for students as assigned by the Board;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024 on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Education Code Chapter 23;

**WHEREAS**, [Board Policy GKG](#) (Legal) already requires Cedar Hill ISD to develop and maintain a volunteer program;

**WHEREAS**, federal law prohibits the exclusion of any student from any education support, service, or program on the basis of their religion;

**Be it resolved**,

1. That all of the above-referenced paragraphs, findings, and recitals are incorporated into and made part of this resolution.
2. That the Board affirms the current Cedar Hill ISD Board Policies and administrative regulations related to the use of volunteers at district campuses.
3. That the Board does not permit a Cedar Hill ISD campus to employ a person to serve as a chaplain.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February 2024 by the Board of Trustees for the Cedar Hill Independent School District.**

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**Gayle Sims**  
**President of the Board of Trustees**

**Cedar Hill Independent School District**

**Attest:**

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**Ramona Ross-Bacon**  
**Secretary of the Board of Trustees**  
**Cedar Hill Independent School District**

**CHISD**

Senate Bill 763



# Senate Bill 763

Under SB 763, passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, each school board is required to take a record vote between September 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024 on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Education Code Chapter 23.



# What are the options?

School districts can select from three courses of action regarding the bill:

- Hire chaplains to perform the duties of a school counselor
- Accept chaplains as volunteers
- Reject any use of chaplains





# Action Steps:

October 18, 2023 presented SB 763

- Superintendent's Pastor Roundtable

December 6 - January 9

- Pastoral committee

January 10, 2024

- Superintendent's Roundtable  
presentation of Chaplain Resolution

January 16, 2024

- Board Action

# Adopt A School



Campus	Church
Bessie Coleman MS	Trinity Church of Cedar Hill, Restoration Church of Cedar Hill, High Pointe Espanol
Cedar Hill HS	Trinity Church of Cedar Hill (Inspire)
Collegiate Academy & HS	Hill City
Collegiate Prep ES	Cornerstone Bible Church, Hill City
High Pointe' ES	High Pointe Baptist Church, Hillcrest Baptist Church
Highlands ES	High Pointe Baptist Church, High Pointe Espanol, Trinity Church of Cedar Hill
Lake Ridge ES	First United Methodist, First Baptist
Plummer ES	Cedar Hill Church of Christ, Omni Fellowship, Rock of Faith
W.S. Permenter MS	Point of Light Church, Omni Fellowship
Waterford Oaks ES	New Life Apostolic Church APC, Trinity Church of Cedar Hill



# Recommended Board Action:

The CHISD Board of Trustees **does not** permit a Cedar Hill ISD campus to **employ** a person to serve as a chaplain.

The CHISD Board of Trustees **does allow** a Cedar Hill ISD campus to allow a chaplain to serve as a **volunteer**.

# Questions



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