

NOTICE OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:30 PM

A January Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Administration Building - Distance Learning Center, 212 West Vance St., Refugio, TX 78377.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this notice.)*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE - School Board Recognition Month**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 5.A. Campus Reports
 - 5.A.a. Refugio Elementary School
 - 5.A.b. Refugio Jr. High School
 - 5.A.c. Refugio High School
 - 5.B. District Reports
 - 5.B.a. Academics
 - 5.B.b. CCMR Report - Samantha Meza
 - 5.B.c. Financials
 - 5.B.c.1. Budget Status
 - 5.B.c.2. Payment of bills
 - 5.B.c.3. Statement of Accounts
 - 5.B.c.4. Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025
Melissa Terry, CPA with Harrison, Waldrop, & Uherek, LLP
 - 5.C. Operations
 - 5.C.a. Acknowledgment of donation of time and materials for baseball field from RTX Athletics.
 - 5.D. Student Enrollment
 - 5.E. School Safety and Security
 - 5.F. School Counselor Monthly Minutes
 - 5.G. Mental Health Specialist Report
 - 5.H. Senate Bill 11 - Daily Prayer Time
 - 5.I. General comments on the state of the district
6. **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**
 - 6.A. February Board Meeting - Thursday, February 26, 2026
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 7.A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting - December 8, 2025
 - 7.B. Tax Exemptions for year 2026
 - 7.C. Refugio ISD Second Quarter Investment Report
 - 7.D. Consider and approve the budget amendments for the 2025-2026 budget.
 - 7.E. Accept donations and amend the 2025-2026 budget.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.A. Approve Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025.
 - 8.B. Discuss and approve the engagement letter for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026 with Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP.

- 8.C. Order general trustee election for single member district #6, and #7 for Saturday, May 2, 2026.
- 8.D. Adopt by resolution a board goal in support of TeachTX initiative.
- 9. **CLOSED SESSION - In accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.075**
 - 9.A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee.
 - 9.B. To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
 - 9.C. Employment of probationary contract employee (s) for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 9.D. Employment of probationary Non-Chapter 21 and/or Chapter 21 contract employee (s) of the GSEC Special Education Cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - 9.E. Superintendent's evaluation, contract extension, and compensation.
- 10. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
 - 10.A. Take any action necessary resulting from discussions held during closed session.
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- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC (LEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 418.183(f) | Deliberate information confidential under Government Code Sections 418.175-418.182, related to Homeland Security. |
| 551.071 | Private consultation with the board's attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings. |
| 551.072 | Deliberate purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. |
| 551.073 | Deliberate negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. |
| 551.074 | Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee. |
| 551.075 | To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions |
| 551.076 | Deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of, security personnel or devices, or a security audit. |
| 551.0785 | Deliberate the medical records or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from a public insurance, health, or retirement plan or a matter that includes a consideration of the information in the medical or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan. |
| 551.082 | Deliberate in a case involving discipline of a public school child, or in a case in which a complaint or charge is brought against a District employee by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in the need for a hearing. |
| 551.0821 | Deliberate a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation. |
| 551.083 | Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. |
| 551.084 | Excluding witnesses from a hearing. |
| 551.087 | Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the District and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations, or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect. |
| 551.089 | Deliberate 1. Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; 2. Network security information as described by Government Code 2059.055(b); or 3. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. |

Education Code Section:

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| 39.030(a) | Discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. |
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The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on January 12, 2026, at 3:45 PM.

Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent
(for the Board of Trustees)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(To call meeting to order)

Board President: I call this meeting of the Refugio Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of board members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

(To conduct a closed session)

Board President: This board will now conduct a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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