



REGION 18 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, TX 79706

Notice: Of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM, in the Conference Rooms A and B, Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, TX 79706. The Board may retire to executive session at any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for purposes of deliberating business as authorized in Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071-551.074 and 551.076. Action, if any, will be taken in open session. (Texas Government Code Chapter 551.102)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Audience
5. Information Items
 - a) Financial Statement
The Financial Report is shown in three sections.
 1. Financial Statement - shows the budget to actual variances for both revenues and expenditures.
 2. Statement of Position - uses projected revenues and expenditures to estimate a fund balance at fiscal year end, August 31, 2023.
 3. Investment Report - reflects investment balances, interest earned and comparison of interest rates to market trends.
6. Director Reports
 - a) Dr. Dewitt Smith - Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
 - b) Britt Hayes - Chief Financial Officer
 - 1) Joann Taylor - Chief TxCEE Officer
 - c) Linda Jolly - Deputy Director of School Improvement and Federal Programs
 - 1) Dr. Autumn Sloan - Chief School Improvement & Accountability Officer
 - 2) Jill Rivera - Chief Instructional & Federal Programs Officer
 - 3) Chris Enriquez - Director of Instructional Technology & Analytics
 - d) Ronnie Golson - Deputy Director of Leadership & Superintendent Support
 - 1) Casey Ritchie - Chief Technology Officer
7. Action Items
 - a) Consider Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2023 Board Meeting
The February 9, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting minutes are attached or review and approval.
 - b) Consider Approval of Uncontested Board Election
An amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 53, Regional Education Service Centers, Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules provides for cancellation of the board member election if all positions in the election are uncontested. The deadline to file as a candidate for the Region 18 ESC Board of Directors was February 20, 2023. As of that date, Dr. Richard C. Jolly - Place 1 and incumbents Mr. Wayne Mitchell - Place 2 and Mr. Randy Graham - Place 6 were the only three people that submitted applications. Therefore, no Board of Directors Election for Region 18 ESC was held.

The following candidates were uncontested:

Dr. Richard C. Jolly

Place 1, designated as the confines of the following school district: Midland ISD.

Mr. Wayne Mitchell

Place 4, designated as the confines of the following school districts: Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County, Grady, Grandfalls-Royalty, Greenwood, Kermit, McCamey, Rankin, Reagan County, Stanton and Wink-Loving ISDs.

Mr. Randy Graham

Place 6, designated as the confines of the following school districts:
Pecos-Barstow-Toyah and Fort Stockton ISDs.

c) Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #4

The Texas Education Agency requires the Service Center to adopt a General Fund budget by function code. Amendments to the adopted budget between functions must be reflected in the official minutes. The following summary includes amendments for the 2022-2023 budget year. Transfers only move appropriations within the approved budget. They do not increase the total amount budgeted for the given fiscal year. Amounts in the Amendments section are in addition to the total amount approved in the initial budget and may impact fund balance.

d) Consider Approval of Extension of Depository Agreement with Prosperity Bank through August 31, 2025

Prosperity Bank has agreed to extend the current contract through August 2025. Because of the excellent service provided, management recommends that the ESC continue to utilize Prosperity Bank as its Depository for the fiscal years of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

e) Consider Approval of Revised Board Policy DEB(LOCAL) Regarding Compensation and Benefits, Leaves and Absences

Deliberation and possible action to modify Board policy DEB(LOCAL) regarding eligibility for reimbursement of accrued local leave upon retirement from Region 18.

8. Executive Session

a) Personnel

b) Seek and receive legal advice regarding pending litigation in the 250th Judicial District of Travis County, Texas. (Closed Session under Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

c) Consultation with Region 18 ESC general counsel to seek and receive legal advice regarding pending legal matters including, but not limited to, personnel matters and/or pending or contemplated litigation. (Closed Session under Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

d) Discuss Evaluation and Employment Letter Agreement of Executive Director (Closed Session under Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.074)

9. Action Items (Continued in Open Session)

a) Consider Approval of Evaluation and Employment Letter Agreement with Executive Director

An evaluation of the performance of the Executive Director was conducted during the Executive Session of this Board meeting. Action is required to approve the Employment Letter Agreement with the Executive Director.

10. Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting of the Region 18 Board of Directors is scheduled for June 8, 2023. There being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.