

Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Wayside: Eden Park Academy, 6215 Menchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745

Board Members Physically Present: Elaine Candelas

Board Members Virtually Present: Jesus Becerra, Meredith Sembello, Dr. Ruth Reinhart, Cynthia Gonzalez, and Paul Duchene

Board Members Absent: Dr. Nicole Trevino

Leadership Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott and Dawn Fair

Leadership Staff Members Virtually Present: Susan Pommerening, Marcia Molinar, and Francisco Garcia

Public Physically or Virtually Present: None

Elaine Candales called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature

None

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from October and April regular board meetings.

This item was tabled until the next meeting

Consent Agenda Items. discussion and possible action on:

a. Consent Items:

- Federal Grant Entitlements: Title I, Part A; Title II Part A; Title III Part A Immigrant; Title III Part A ELL; Title IV Part A; IDEA B Formula; IDEA B Preschool; Perkins V
- Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of a Provider at the conclusion of the Public RFP Process of a Complete Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning System at William Cannon
- Wellness Policy - Child Nutrition

b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:

- eDynamic - Academics
- Food Service Management Company Contract - School Nutrition Program
- Independent Contractor - Transportation
- SchoolStatus - Student Data
- TMHP ERA - SPED
- Transfinder - Transportation

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items and the item discussed.

Dr. Ruth Reinhart made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

Chief Executive Officer Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on:

Matthew abbott discussed the TEA Complaint #: IR2024-04-007 - Agreed Resolution and Action Plan concerning TELPAS Testing Irregularity from Spring 2024 and reviewed the document needing signing from the board. Wayside Schools agree to the provisions of the corrective action plan as presented by TEA and will be in compliance no later than the detailed dates in the agreement.

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to approve the TEA Complaint #: IR2024-04-007 - Agreed Resolution and Action Plan concerning TELPAS Testing Irregularity from Spring 2024.

Dr. Ruth Reinhart made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Paul Duchene seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Clint Wise presented the School Safety Updates and Possible Actions and Resolution(s) for HB 3 Compliance and School Safety specifically reviewing the findings of the May 7, 2025 District Vulnerability Assessment Findings and Corrective Action Plan in executive session as allowable per law. Clint Wise also asked for the board to consider signing the compliance survey certifying to TEA no later than August 1st, 2025 that Wayside had met the requirements of the TSSSC Safety Audit and Board Survey.

All actions on these items would be taken at the conclusion of the executive session to ensure the safety and security of the school.

Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring (Executive Session):

This item was tabled for the executive session.

Chief Operating Officer Update

Chief Operations Officer Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on:

Statement of Activities as of 4.30.25

Francisco Garcia reviewed the statement of activities as provided in the board materials. Similar to last month, Wayside continues to show that it will finish the year in a deficit as listed on the report and our finance team continues to focus on areas where additional cuts can be made to limit the size of the deficit.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session):

No action taken on this item.

Closed Session:

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to enter executive session as allowable in law.

Jesus Becerra made a motion to enter executive session, Ruth Reinhart seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive session discussion.

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to exit the executive session.

Meredith Sembello made a motion to exit executive session, Jesus Becerra seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon reentering open session, as a result of deliberations in executive session, Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to accept and approve the results of the May 7, 2025 District Vulnerability Assessment Findings and Corrective Action Plan in addition approval to sign the compliance survey certifying to TEA no later than August 1st, 2025 that Wayside had met the requirements of the TSSSC Safety Audit and Board Survey as well.

Dr. Ruth Reinhart made a motion to approve as stated by Elaine Candelas above, Cynthia Gonzalez seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Ruth Reinhart motioned to adjourn, Jesus Becerra seconded, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nicole Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm