

## Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Physically Present: Dr. Nicole Trevino

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

Board Members Absent: Elaine Candelas and Jesus Becerra

Public Physically or Virtually Present: None

Dr. Nicole Trevino 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. Cynthia Gonzalez arrived just after the scholar feature and was present for all voting items.

### Scholar and School Feature

Alejandra Mayne presented to the board an update on the newly launched “game changer” program. She also shared the early lessons learned and goals for SY25-26.

### Public Comments:

None

### Meeting Minutes

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

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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

### Consent Agenda Items, discussion and possible action on:

#### Consent Items:

- Acknowledge the Board Service and Resignation of Jesus Becerra and Meredith Sembello, effective July 1, 2025
- Appointment of new Board Treasurer, Paul Duchene, filling the role previously led by Jesus Becerra
- McConnell & Jones Audit Engagement Letter Agreement for FY 25
- TEA Attendance Waiver for the 24-25 School Year (Low Attendance Days)
  - January 9, 2025 (Weather)
    - Sci-Tech MS & HS (81.02%)
    - Altamira Academy (81.80%)
  - February 3, 2025 (Safety)
    - Altamira Academy (73.81%)
    - REAL Learning Academy (74.81%)

- Sci-Tech MS & HS (67.95%)
- District Attendance (74.18%)

b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:

- LPC Industries LLC - Agreement to proceed with HVAC at William Cannon

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Meredith Sembello made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Cynthia Gonzalez seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Paul Duchene abstaining.

Consent agenda items were approved unanimously, with Paul Duchene abstaining

#### Chief Executive Officer Update

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

#### Legislative Update

Matt Abbott provided an update to the board on legislation concerning school finance and the general nature of the HB2 school finance bill and early implications for Wayside. The major takeaway is that the bill funds specific TRS year 3+ experience teachers with targeted pay raises, as well as funds to help pay for facilities for charter schools. There is much more information needed before Wayside Schools has the information needed to make any additional payroll related obligations beyond the mandated. Wayside hopes to get this information in the months of July and August and will likely be asking the board to consider a budget amendment in either August or September.

#### Fundraising Update

Liz Wrona gave a presentation to the board on fundraising year to date. Wayside finished the year with approximately \$350k raised for FY 25, this was less than our target.

Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring (Executive Session):

This item was tabled for executive session.

#### Chief Academic Officer Update

June Academic Update on Student Performance and Programs

Susan Pommerening provided an update on academic performance in SY 24-25. At this time of year we are getting confidential data files from TEA that we are analyzing, but there is no information that can be shared publicly at this time. More information should be available in July, with publicly available information being provided in August.

Special Education Services concerning specific student(s):

Item not discussed and no action taken on this item.

### Chief Talent Officer Update

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

June Talent Report

Marcia Molinar shared a presentation on talent. Because we have yet to finish the fiscal year, she will be postponing any year in review information until the August meeting. At this time Wayside Schools has 21 open positions for the fall that her team is actively sourcing for.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

- No action taken on this item

### Chief Operating Officer Update

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

Enrollment Update:

Karlie Ramirez presented on current enrollment trends and a year in review for the FY 24-25 year. Wayside Schools served just over 1800 scholars this year finishing with just about 1780 scholars at year end.

Wayside has also received over 400 applications and is ahead of where we are typically this time of year.

Statement of Activities as of 5.31.25:

Francisco Garcia reviewed the statement of activities as provided in the board materials.

Year End Budget Amendment for FY 25 and Board Resolution:

Francisco Garcia presented the year end budget amendment and the board resolution allowing the board to all staff to amend the budget as needed to comply with TEA requirements during the FY25 Audit process.

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the Year End Budget Amendment for FY 25 and Board Resolution.

Cynthia Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Year End Budget Amendment for FY 25 and Board Resolution as presented, Dr. Ruth Reinhart seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

FY 26 Budget Adoption:

Francisco Garcia presented the FY 26 Budget for adoption. Francisco shared that the budget was built conservative on an enrollment of 1850 and includes the elements that are currently known as part of HB2, including the TRS year 3+ experienced teachers with targeted pay raises. The budget is a breakeven budget and requires Wayside to hit its fundraising target. Francisco also shared that the budget will need to be revised in August or September to align with actual enrollment and the additional clarity gained from HB2.

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the FY 26 Budget.

Paul Duchene made a motion to approve the FY 26 Budget as presented, Dr. Ruth Reinhart seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session):

No action taken on this item.

Closed Session:

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Cynthia Gonzalez made a motion to enter executive session, Paul Duchene seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Deliberations were taken in executive session.

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to exit executive session.

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

Return to public session.

No action was taken as a result of the deliberation in executive session.

Adjourn

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Paul Duchene motioned to adjourn, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nicole Trevino adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.