

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **May 26, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Memorial High School Auditorium, 935 Echo Lane, Houston, Texas 77024, with the following Board members present: Walker Agnew Jr., Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Jennifer Hyland, David Slattery, Ted Tredennick.

Board President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted that a quorum of Board members was present.

President Anderson certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Chris Earnest**
2. **Opening Prayer: Walker Agnew Jr.**
3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
Lizzie McBeth and Emma Hall addressed the Board regarding a student project focused on keeping Nottingham Park clean.
5. **Special Presentations**
 - A. Recognition of SBISD Retirees
Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement Linda Buchman introduced the SBISD retirees.
 - B. Recognition of First Tee Champions Golf Challenge Winners
Director of Fine Arts and Health Fitness Houston Hayes and Assistant Health Fitness Director Pamela Thompson introduced the student honorees.
 - C. Recognition of Pierce McKeon for Earning Maxima Cum Laude Silver Medal on National Latin Exam
Pierce McKeon was recognized for earning a Maxima Cum Laude Silver Medal on the National Latin Exam.

- D. Recognition of FFA Agricultural Sales Students Advancing to National Competition
FFA Advisor Mike McManners and Guthrie Center Principal Joe Kolenda introduced the student honorees.
- E. Recognition of High School Speech and Debate Students Qualifying for State and National Tournaments and CASE Debates Program Coach Awards
Speech and Debate coaches Victoria Beard, Harry Yu, and Carlos Diaz, along with WAIS Director Valerie Hernandez, introduced the student honorees and recognized coach award winners.
- F. Recognition of Student Athletes, Trainers and Coaches
Executive Director of Athletics Paige Hershey introduced the student athletes, trainers, and coaches.
- G. Recognition of Landrum Middle School Teachers Honored by the Houston Area Association of Bilingual Educators
Director of the Multilingual Department Yoset Altamirano introduced the honorees.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding agenda items: Denise Bell - 12B11; Sean Gambini - 12A; David Lopez - 7A, 7D, and 10A; and Diana Alexander - 7A.

Virginia Elizondo addressed the Board regarding academics and ratings.

7. First Reading of Policy

- A. First Reading of Policy: CJ (LOCAL) - CONTRACTED SERVICES
- B. First Reading of Policy: DEC (LOCAL) - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS - LEAVES AND ABSENCES
- C. First Reading of Policy: FL (LOCAL) - STUDENT RECORDS
- D. First Reading of Policy: GE (LOCAL) - RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Policy Liaison David Slattery reviewed the proposed policy revisions and timeline for Board consideration. He noted that proposed amendments are due by June 3, 2026, and that public comment will remain open through June 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

8. Executive Session

President Anderson recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes listed below.

- A. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers

- B. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act for Deliberations Regarding Employment, Duties, Evaluation, and Dismissal of Employees Including But Not Limited to Deliberation Regarding Consideration of Superintendent Recommendation to Terminate Probationary Contract Employee(s)/Suspend Without Pay Pending Discharge Employee(s).
- C. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
- D. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
- E. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as Authorized by Law, including, but not limited to, discussion of *Elizondo v. Spring Branch ISD*, Civ. Act. No. H-21-1997, and Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Anderson reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:33 p.m. and stated that no action was taken while in closed session.

9. Action as Needed from Executive Session

A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items

Motion made by Trustee Caroline H. Bennett and seconded by Trustee Walker Agnew Jr. that the Board of Trustees approve routine personnel items as recommended.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. Request to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation to Propose Suspension Without Pay Pending Discharge of Probationary Contract for Good Cause (Chandler Price)

Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board propose the suspension without pay pending discharge of the probationary contract of Chandler Price for good cause and further authorize the Superintendent or her designee to give notice of this action to the employee.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

C. Request to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation to Propose Termination of Probationary Contract for Good Cause (Chandler Price)

Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board propose the termination of the probationary contract of Chandler Price for good cause and further authorize the Superintendent or her designee to give notice of this action to the employee.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

10. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Consideration of Resolution Affirming the Board’s Commitment to Flexibility and Choice in Programming Options
Motion made by Secretary Ted Tredennick and seconded by Trustee Chris Earnest to indefinitely postpone consideration of the Resolution Affirming the Board’s Commitment to Flexibility and Choice in Programming Options.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

11. Action

- A. Request for Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct
Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Earnest that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.
- B. Request for Approval of SB 546 3-Point Seat Belt Requirements Resolution
Motion made by Trustee Jennifer Hyland and seconded by Vice President Slattery that the Board of Trustees approve the SB 546 3-Point Seat Belt Requirements Resolution.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

12. Consent Agenda Action Items

- A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2026
- B. Request for Approval of Contract Awards
1. Change Order #002 for the Buffalo Creek ES and Cedar Brook ES Emergency Use Generators
 2. Contract for Bunker Hill ES Playground and Sitework and Drainage Renovations
 3. Contract for Elevator Maintenance Services
 4. Contract for Fire Sprinkler Services
 5. Contract for Sign Manufacturing and Supplies
 6. Contract for Frostwood ES Active Panel Installation & Teaching Wall Modification-Phase I
 7. Summer 2026 Middle School Track Repair and Replacement
 8. Contract for Purchase of School Buses
 9. Contract Lawn Care Services
 10. Increase Contract for District Instructional Materials and Allotment Funds
 11. Contract for Student Technology Software, Online Access, Testing Vouchers for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs
 12. Communities in Schools Houston (CISH)
 13. Contract with School Health and Related Services (SHARS) for Special Education
 14. Contract for Augmented Technology Staffing
 15. Contract for Processing of U.S. Department of Agriculture Donated Commodities
 16. Contract for Fresh Produce

- C. Request for Approval of Middle School and High School UIL Exempt Course Lists for the 2026-2027 School Year
- D. Request for Approval of the Agreement Between the City of Houston, SPARK and Spring Branch ISD - SPARK Program for the Wilchester Elementary School SPARK Park
- E. Request for Approval of MOU with the Harris County Juvenile Board for the Harris County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)
- F. Request for Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for Specialized Services Highpoint School East
- G. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Gifts
- H. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - April 2026
- I. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings
 - 1. April 13, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
 - 2. April 27, 2026 - Regular Meeting

President Anderson read the rules for the adoption of the consent agenda action items. Trustee Agnew Jr. requested that items 12B10 and 12B12 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and a separate vote.

Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Vice President Slattery that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda action items with the exception of items 12B10 and 12B12.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

12B10. Increase Contract for District Instructional Materials and Allotment Funds
Associate Superintendent for Finance Christine Porter explained the increase in the contract amount.

Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Bennett that the Board of Trustees approve item 12B10.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

12B12. Communities in Schools Houston (CISH)
Associate Superintendent for Academics Dr. Annie Wolfe and Executive Director for Guidance and Counseling Tyra Walker explained the item regarding Communities In Schools (CIS).

Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Bennett that the Board of Trustees approve item 12B12.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

13. **Reports and Discussions**

- A. Report and Discussion of the Draft FY 2027 Budget
Christine Porter, Associate Superintendent for Finance, Emeritus, presented.

14. Information

A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of April 2026

Trustee Agnew Jr. asked about facility contingency funds included in the 2017 Bond Facility Improvement Program April 2026 Budget and Contingency Changes report. David Bender, Associate Superintendent for Finance, explained.

15. Closing Remarks by the Superintendent

Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

16. Meeting Adjourned

President Anderson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:23 p.m.

Courtney Anderson
President, Board of Trustees

Ted Tredennick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: June 22, 2026