

Minutes of the May 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Denver City Independent School District

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Lecture Hall of the Denver City High School, 601 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX.

Board Members Present: Cody Ellison, Brad Woosley, Alan Peters, Bo Wells, Janet Gibson, and Ashli Galvan.

Board Members Absent: Danny Escalante

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Lisa Robinson, Kristi Ivy, Elizabeth Calk, Zach Duncan, Chris Brattain, Cody Hogan, Brad Irons, Peri Kaye Padgett, Eric Harrel, Carley Casbeer, Michael Munoz, Bessie Pierson, and Becky Riley.

Visitors Present: David Ritchey, Chris Ballard, Jennifer Ables, Jarod Galvan, Cesar Yanez, Elidia Orona, and recognized students and guests.

Board President Cody Ellison called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag. Brad Woosley led the invocation.

Esmeralda Rodriguez administered the Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected Board members Ashli Galvan, Janet Gibson, and Alan Peters. Board President Cody Ellison then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Rick Martinez for the reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Martinez called for nominations for the office of Board President. Bo Wells nominated Cody Ellison, and the nomination was seconded by Brad Woosley. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Mr. Martinez then called for nominations for Vice President. Brad Woosley nominated Alan Peters, and the nomination was seconded by Bo Wells. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Mr. Martinez called for nominations for Board Secretary. Alan Peters nominated Bo Wells, and the nomination was seconded by Brad Woosley. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

David Ritchey with Region 17 Education Service Center provided School Board Training.

During District Recognition, the following students were recognized for earning state-level honors across various organizations: Reagan Miller, Rylan Miller, Aniston Floyd, Lizzy Dominguez, Evan Dominguez, Cole Webb, Jacob Fulton, Matin Ramirez, Kirk Padgett, Irvin Madrid, Scott Glasscock, Juan C. Villa, Anthony Ramirez, Manuel Espinoza, Diezel Shark, Kenneth Valenzuela, Juan D. Villa, Rundell Miller, Gael Ortega, Andres Hernandez, Julissa Granados, Micaela Acosta, Kolie Ellison, Cambrie Huse, Jocelyn Acevedo, Yaneli Martinez, Loreli Valencia, Maggie Castro, Sammie Itchell, Mylin Macal, Anahi Macal, Mariely Gozalez, Yatzary Banda, Kimberly Sanchez, Azul Gonzalez, Dulce Corral, Jaden Gabaldon, Joshua Garcia, Jollette Gonzales, Noah Herrera, Johovanna Ortiz, Katie Roberts, Lilianna Quezada, Omar Lopez, Isaac Manriquez, Jesus Mejia, Andrew Parada, Jonathan Perez, Anthoy Ramirez, Spencer Rautbort, Erick Reyes, Luciano Reyes, Jonathan Rivero, Sadie Garica, Dylan Tarango, Jose Villa, Yareth Nunez, Yoliana Ortiz, Stephany Villa, Analee Larrea, Martin Ramirez, and Aryan Bhakta.

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Cesar Yanez
- Elidia Orona

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2026. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Kristi Ivy, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the Financial Report for Denver City ISD.

Motion was made by Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to approve the High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Motion was made by Board President Cody Ellison to table the following action item, “Adopt Human Sexuality Curriculum – Worth the Wait.”

Motion was made by Bo Wells and seconded by Alan Peters to approve the Library Titles for Purchase for the following campuses: Dodson, Kelley, and Denver City High School. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Zach Duncan, Director of Operations, presented information on the district’s bus fleet in relation to Senate Bill 546, focusing on the implementation and status of three-point seat belts.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to approve New Hires: Tiffany Williams/Jr. High 6th Math, and Mario Sanchez/High School Science. Resignations: Gracie Delgado/Dodson Teacher, Darla Gleaves/High School Athletic Trainer, Joni Doshier/Diagnostician Secretary, Lida Bustos/High School ESL Teacher, Saul Gutierrez/High School Teacher-Coach, Stephanie Scott/Jr. High Dean of Students, Kerri Greenwalt/Kelley Teacher-5th, Maria Gutierrez/Cafeteria, and Lori Friesen/Kelley Teacher-3rd Math. Reassignments: Deborah Breith from Kelley IA to Special Education IA, Elizabeth Calk from Director of CTE to Chief Academic Officer, Maria Garica from Payroll to Human Resources Assistant, Lynette Gonzales from Accounts Payable to Payroll, BJ Green from Diagnostician to Special Education Coordinator, Cody Hogan from Jr. High Principal to High School Principal, Ayleen Sanchez from Diagnostician Secretary to Special Education PEIMS, and Mandy Torres from Kelley Secretary to Diagnostician Secretary. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Superintendent Rick Martinez reported on the following:

- Great success across the district
- Awards Assembly at Kelley and Jr. High
- Senior walk at Kelley Dodson Elementary
- Kindergarten, Family Literacy, and High School Graduations
- Upcoming Summer Leadership Institute (SLI)

At 8:02 PM, motion was made by School Board Member Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to enter into closed session over personnel items. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:23 PM.

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Bo Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Approved: 06/15/2026

Cody Ellison, President of the Board

Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board