

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11, 2026

Hays CISD Board of Trustees

These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Hays CISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date. The complete video of the meeting is accessible at www.hayscisd.net for those who wish to hear the specific details of the discussions on the agenda topics presented.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hays CISD was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Merideth Keller Board Room at the Hays CISD Academic Support Center, located at 21003 Interstate 35, Kyle, TX 78640.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

Board President Byron Severance called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. All trustees were present. Mr. Severance introduced the two newly-elected trustees, Katy Armstrong and Alex Zavala, welcoming them to their first meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Trustee Esperanza Orosco led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Raul Vela read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were three people present requesting to address the Board. Gary Young addressed trustees regarding the Dahlstrom MS choir program losing its director. Daniel Signorino addressed trustees regarding the Dahlstrom MS choir position. Mr. Signorino provided a document shared with trustees at the dais. Brandi Honea addressed the Board regarding the choir programs at Dahlstrom MS and Johnson HS.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:18 PM to deliberate regarding Board reorganization, and matters related to the duties and responsibilities of Board officers and trustees pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:30 PM.

REORGANIZE BOARD

Discussion and possible action to reorganize the Board and select officers

Board President Byron severance introduced the agenda item and read the following statement: As per Board operating procedures, the Board President serves as the acting officer at Board meetings. As the current Board President, I will be presiding over the reorganization of the Board of trustees. Additionally, according to Board Operating Procedures and Board Policy BE, we will be observing parliamentary procedures as outlined in Roberts Rules of Order during this process. For the purpose of electing board officers, I request that voting be conducted by a show of hands for clarity. I will state for the record the names of the board members showing hands for each YES vote, and the same for each NO vote. Please note that the nominations do not require a second. The candidate with the majority of votes for each position will be declared elected to that position. If there is not a majority vote for any candidate, the nominations will be reopened to the process, and the process will start over. By law,

there cannot be a tie. Furthermore, if a person votes YES for one candidate, they must vote NO for another candidate that's in that position. You cannot vote YES for more than one candidate nominated for the same office. Once voting is done, we'll take a brief five-minute pause to allow the newly-elected officer to change their seats and/or rearrange their office title placards. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board President were open, asking for any nominations for the position. Trustee Courtney Runkle nominated Byron Severance for the position of President. Mr. Severance accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board President were closed. Mr. Severance asked for a show of hands to vote YES for the nomination. All trustees raised their hand voting YES, where Trustees Seibel, Orosco, Armstrong, Severance, Zavala, Vela, and Runkle all voted YES. Mr. Severance asked for a show of hands to vote NO for the nomination. There were no trustee's hands raised to cast a vote of NO. Voting was counted as 7-0, electing Byron Severance as the Board President for 2026-2027. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board Vice President were open, asking for any nominations for the position. Trustee Raul Vela nominated Geoff Seibel as the Board Vice President. Mr. Seibel accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board Vice President were closed. Mr. Severance asked for a show of hands to vote YES for the nomination. All trustees raised their hand voting YES, where trustees Seibel, Orosco, Armstrong, Severance, Zavala, Vela, and Runkle all voted YES. Mr. Severance asked for a show of hands to vote NO for the nomination. There were no trustee's hands raised to cast a vote of NO. Voting was counted as 7-0, electing Geoff Seibel as the Board Vice President for 2026-2027. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board Secretary were open, asking for any nominations for the position. Byron Severance nominated Esperanza Orosco for the position of Board Secretary. Esperanza Orosco accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. President Severance stated that the nominations for Board Secretary were closed. Mr. Severance asked for a show of hands to vote yes FOR THE NOMINATION. All trustees raised their hands voting YES to include Trustees Seibel, Orosco, Armstrong, Severance, Zavala, Vela, and Runkle. There were no trustees casting a NO vote for this nomination. Voting was counted as 7-0, electing Esperanza Orosco as the Board Secretary for 2026-2027. There was a brief pause for reorganization.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on enrollment of 25,000 with an average daily attendance of 93.39%. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board to provide updates for events around the district. Dr. Wright indicated that the class of 2026 is estimated to graduate 1,898 students from Hays CISD. Comments and questions were received from Trustee Raul Vela and President Byron Severance. Rick Bough, Director of CTE, responded to request regarding the Central Texas Healthcare Academy partnership with Austin Community College, referenced in a slide by Dr. Wright.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. The Athletics End-of-Year Report was provided by Lance Moffett, Director of Athletics and Dusty Gibbs, Assistant Director of Athletics. Mr. Moffett and Mr. Gibbs responded to questions and feedback from trustee Raul Vela, Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Katy Armstrong, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Vice President Geoff Seibel, and President Byron Severance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced each item included in Consent Agenda opening for discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Special Education Digital Assessment Library – NCS Pearson

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this topic.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Special Education IEP and 504 Software SuccessEd - Frontline

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Programs, responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Learning management System Schoology - PowerSchool

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Tier 1 Math Instructional Materials, STEMscopes – Accelerate Learning

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Amplify Boost Reading Program Software - Amplify

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Open Court Workbooks and Digital Licenses for Phonics for Grades K-2 – McGraw Hill

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Online Universal Screener NWEA Map Growth for Elementary, Middle, and High School Campuses - NWEA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Budget Amendments

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board Vice President Geoff Seibel.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the K-12 School District Audit Cycle 2023-2026

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety and Security Officer, addressed trustees to provide a summary of the information presented. President Severance moved that the CISD Board of Trustees accept the report of the K-12 School District Audit Cycle 2023-2026, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Trustees Runkle, Seibel, Zavala, Severance, Armstrong, Orosco, and Vela all voted YES. There were no votes of NO for this agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from Closed Session

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendations to contractually employ Administrative Personnel

This agenda item is scheduled for discussion and action at the May 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution Declaring Hazardous Traffic Conditions and the Current List of Designated Hazardous Areas – *No Anticipated Changes for the 2026-2027 School Year*

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions from trustee severance.

Consideration and possible approval to seek a Waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide Special Education Homebound Instruction

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer Marivel Sedillo introduced Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Programs to address the Board regarding this topic. There were no questions from trustees.

Consideration and possible approval for the purchase of the Supplemental Math Program ST Math – Mind Research

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, addressed the Board and responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Raul Vela, Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, and Board President Byron Severance.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There were no updates from the department nor questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Presentation of this information is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026.

Report of Purchasing Cooperatives with Rebates

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to provide information. There were no questions from trustees.

Review and Discussion of the 2026-2027 Board Calendar

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to provide information and share documents with the group. Mrs. Ottmers and Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, and Trustee Raul Vela.

Financial Statements

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Trustee Courtney Runkle and President Severance requested information during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.