

Minutes of Board Work Study

The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Board Work Study of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD was held Monday, May 4, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Terrell Memorial Stadium Community Room, 1300 W. Moore Avenue, Terrell, Texas 75160.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish that a Quorum is Present
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President, Dena Risinger and established that a quorum was present. Ann McDonald, Monty Westbrook, Tonya Derrick, Nick Alford, Kenneth Baker and Ashley Fivecoat were present.
2. 2026-2027 Budget Board Work Study Session
 - A. Budget: Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.043(c)(2), any board meeting at which the board will discuss or adopt a budget must include a Taxpayer Impact Statement. The majority of the information needed for the statement is not available until July, thus the attached document is based largely upon estimates.

Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the 2026-2027 Budget.
3. Board Operating Procedures
Dr. Warnock presented a draft of the board operating procedures for Board members to review.
4. Closed Session
 - A. The Board Will Convene in Closed Session for Deliberation Regarding the Potential Purchase of up to 55 Acres of Real Property in the Gilbert Willie Elementary Zone, City of Terrell, Kaufman County, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072, Which Permits the Board of Trustees to Conduct a Closed Session if Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Board's Position in Negotiations with a Third Person.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Nick Alford to convene in closed session at 5:45 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 0- Absent
5. Return to Open Session: Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the purchase of up to 55 acres of Real Property in the Gilbert-Willie Elementary Zone, in the City of Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas and delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a contract, as discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Ann McDonald to reconvene in open session at 6:20 p.m.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 0- Absent

6. Consider any Action as a Result of Closed Session

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick to approve the purchase of up to 55 acres of Real Property in the Gilbert Willie Elementary Zone, City of Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas and delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with the seller, as discussed in closed session.

The motion was seconded by Ann McDonald to approve the above item as presented.

Dena Risinger, Yea; Tonya Derrick; Yea; Ann McDonald, Yea; Kenneth Baker, Yea; Monty Westbrook, Yea; Nick Alford, Yea; Ashley Fivecoat, Yea.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 - Yea, 0 - Nay, 0- Absent

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, in accordance with applicable law, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). The Board shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Ann McDonald, Secretary of TISD
Board of Trustees

Dena Risinger, President of TISD
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