

**COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 11, 2025**

5:30 PM

**Cooper ISD Administration Office
759 FM 1528
Cooper , Tx 75432**

AGENDA

Members Present: **Thomas Darden, President** _____
 Mandy Freeman, Vice President _____
 Jeffrey Phifer, Secretary _____

Kregg Slakey _____
 Shawn Stegall _____
 Lea Waller _____
 Jason Choate _____

Denicia Hohenberger, Superintendent _____

Others Present:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW This is to verify that the provisions of Section 551 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.
3. GUESTS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY- the Board allows up to three minutes of time per person for agenda-related comments with submission of a Public Testimony form prior to the start of the meeting. Alternativley, comments may be e-mailed to misty.bates@cooperbulldogs.net by 4PM of date of scheduled board meeting.
4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CALL A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR ANY OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED HERETO
5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RETAINING THE LAW FIRMS OF POWELL LAW GROUP, LLP ("PLG") AND FROST BROWN TODD, LLP ("FBT"), (COLLECTIVELY "CO-BOND COUNSEL") TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC SECURITIES BY THE DISTRICT; FINDING THAT PLG AND FBT ARE COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING SUCH ISSUANCES OF PUBLIC SECURITIES, HAVING HANDLED SUCH MATTERS FOR MORE THAN A DECADE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS; FINDING THAT: (I) SUCH LEGAL SERVICES REQUIRE SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY PERFORMED BY THE ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORTING PERSONNEL OF THE DISTRICT; (II) SUCH LEGAL SERVICES CANNOT BE REASONABLY OBTAINED FROM

ATTORNEYS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UNDER A CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF HOURLY FEES WITHOUT CONTINGENCY BECAUSE THE DISTRICT WILL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO PAY ANY LEGAL FEES UNLESS THE PUBLIC SECURITIES ARE APPROVED AND ACTUALLY ISSUED; AND (III) ENTERING INTO A CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT WITH PLG AND FBT TO SERVE AS CO-BOND COUNSEL IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT BECAUSE PLG AND FBT WILL ONLY BE PAID IN THE EVENT THAT THE PUBLIC SECURITIES ARE ACTUALLY ISSUED; AND ALL MATTER RELATED HERETO

6. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO REIMBURSE COSTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.150-2 OF THE TREASURY REGULATIONS, INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRICT'S PLANNED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS WHICH WILL FINANCE THE 2025 BOND PROJECTS
7. BOND ETHICS AND BOND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD TRAINING
8. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code: Section 551.074, personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees of the District; and Section 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding retaining bond counsel and a potential bond election.
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