Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the
Region 8 ESC Board of Directors
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Region 8 ESC Board Room
4845 US-271
Pittsburg, TX 75686
8:30 AM

List of members:
Dennis Townsend, Chair
James Morton, Vice Chair
Mickey Allen, Secretary
Willie Williams
Sandra Billodeau
Margaret Davis
Mike Jansen

List of staff:
David Fitts, Executive Director
Jason McCullough, Deputy Executive Director, Leadership and Operations
Richele Langley, Deputy Executive Director, Academic Services
Blenda McNatt, Chief Financial Officer
Karla Coker, Director, Information Services
Leonard Beles, Director, State & Federal Programs
Brent Baker, Director, Technology
Henry Vallejo, Accountant
Tina Penny, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ESC STAFF PRESENT:

1. ***Call to Order***
A. Roll Call
B. Establishment of a Quorum
C. Vision, Mission, Beliefs and Motto
2. ***Minutes***
A. Consider the minutes of the regular meeting of the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors of Thursday, January 22, 2025.
3. ***Administrative Reports***
A. ***Chief Financial & Operations Officer Report - Michele Leach***
1. *Information Services Report - Wayne Snyder*
2. *Technology Report - David Jacobson*
B. ***Leadership and Instructional Services Report - Heather McGregor***
1. *Curriculum & Instruction Report - Julia Robinson*
2. *Leadership & School Performance Report - Denise Davis*
C. ***TIPS Cooperative Report - Charlie Martin***
D. ***Executive Director Report - David Fitts***

4. ***Public Forum***
5. ***Matters Requiring Board Approval***

A. Consider the Financial Reports for January 2026.
B. Consider the Budget Amendments for January 2026.
C. Consider canceling the Region 8 ESC Board Election for the spring of 2026. At this time, **James Morton** is unopposed as a candidate for the position of Place 2, Representing Lamar and Delta Counties. **Mickey Allen** is unopposed as a candidate for the position of Place 5, representing Red River County. The unopposed candidates will be sworn in on May 22, 2026.
D. Consider to approve Mutual Termination Agreement with Guaranty Bank & Trust, Division of Glacier Bank and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
E. Consider to approve RFP - R8CPC12026 for Further Processing of USDA Commodity Foods for program year 2026-2027.
F. Consider to approve Job Order Contracting as method of procurement for interior building renovations.
G. Consider approving new TIPS Membership agreements previously approved by the Executive Director with delegated authority. The Board package includes a list of recent Memberships and those, and others if accidentally omitted from the list, are ratified if the Board approves this action item.
H. Consider possible cancellation of TIPS awarded Vendor Agreement(s) previously awarded by the Executive Director with delegated authority. The Board package includes a list of recently awarded contracts and those awards, and others if accidentally omitted from the list, are ratified now ***without action*** unless the Board takes action now to terminate any specific contracts.

6. ***CLOSED SESSION:***

Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: (Time____________________)

1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
b. Employment of professional personnel (Information)
c. Employee resignations and retirements (Information)
2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
a. Any item listed on the agenda
b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

7. ***RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS COVERED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION***

ADJOURNMENT: (Time_______________)

8. ***Personnel***

A. ***Discuss and consider the employment / resignation / retirement and possible remuneration of staff:***

Employment –
Resignation –
Retirement -

9. ***Adjourn***

On a motion by ____________, and a second by ____________, the meeting adjourned.
Motion carried. Ayes _______; Nays _______

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Dennis Townsend, Chair	Mickey Allen, Secretary
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