

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the
Region 8 ESC Board of Directors
Friday, May 22, 2026
Region 8 ESC Board Room
4845 US-271
Pittsburg, TX 75686
9:30 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, April 23, 2026.

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 Support Report - Denise Davis*

C. *TIPS Cooperative Report - Charlie Martin*

D. *Executive Director Report - David Fitts*

4. Public Forum

5. Matters Requiring Board Approval

- A. Administer the Oath of Office to James Morton, Place 2, and Mickey Allen, Place 5, to take office on the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors, June 1, 2026.

Approve the appointment of James Morton, Place 2, and Mickey Allen, Place 5, to the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors, effective June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2029.

- B. Consider the Financial Reports for April 2026.
C. Consider the Budget Amendments for April 2026.
D. Consider approval of RFP R8FPC072026 for the Region 8 Food Cooperative for SY 26/27.
E. Consider to approve the following memberships for 2025-2026 school year:
 ___ TASA – Texas Association of School Administrators
 ___ TASB – Texas Association of School Boards
 ___ TACS – Texas Association of Community Schools
 ___ TREA – Texas Rural Education Association
 ___ TASBO – Texas Association of School Business Officials
F. Consider appointing the Region 8 TASB Delegate and Alternate to the 2026 Fall TASA/TASB Convention in **Houston**, October 8-11, 2026.
G. Consider discussion and approval of Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws to form The Region 8 Education Foundation.
H. 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.
I. 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.

Upon recommendation from TIPS Administration, the Board votes to approve the Termination of TIPS Contract 240403 Data Analytics, Solutions, and Services effective immediately.

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 of the following staff:

Employment –

Resignation –

Retirement -

9. Adjourn

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

Dennis Townsend, Chair
Region 8 Board of Directors

Mickey Allen, Secretary
Region 8 Board of Directors