

MEETING MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of YES Prep Public Schools will hold a special meeting, open to the public, on **Thursday, January 16 at 8:30 AM**. The Board will convene in Open Session at 5455 South Loop East Freeway, Houston, TX 77033. It is the intent of the Board to have a quorum physically present at the above address. If a quorum of the Board is not physically present at the above address, it is the intent to have the presiding officer physically present at the above address. Other members of the Board may be participating via videoconference in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.127(e)). Videoconferencing link provided upon request at julie.nguyen@yesprep.org. Members of the public may submit a request to comment on any agenda item(s) to dana.foughty@yesprep.org before or during consideration of the item.

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 order shown on this meeting notice. Consent agenda items, if applicable, will be acted on at one time. If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in an open meeting.

YES Prep Board of Directors Present: Michol Ecklund, Luly Castillo, Andrea Link, Chris Barbic, Amy Wright, Brian Colona, Ben Marshall, Jordan Marye

YES Prep Staff Present: Mark DiBella, Dana Foughty, Carmen Darville, Cesar Cedillos, Julie Nguyen, Luis Mena, Tony Munoz, Phil Wright

1. Call to Order, quorum determined, meeting declared open at 8:32 a.m.

2. Real Estate Updates

- Presented by Carmen Darville
 - YES Prep executed a contract for Fifth Ward
 - Closing scheduled for July 2025
 - Management will discuss sequencing related to Fifth Ward in the coming months
 - Current Fifth Ward property was appraised, and we've met with our real estate broker to review the appraisal
 - Appraised land with and without building
 - Had meeting with Waterman Steele to discuss potential buyers
 - The Capital Budget shows projected costs and areas of saving to show that we are staying within the overall capital budget even with our land acquisitions this year

3. Business Agenda:

- 1) **Vote** to approve the discretionary expansion amendment submission and corresponding resolution for an increase in the maximum, allowable enrollment.

Motion: Jordan Marye
Second: Chris Barbic
Unanimously approved at 8:38 a.m.

4. Consent Agenda:

- 1) **Vote** to approve meeting minutes from the November 21, 2024, Board meeting.
- 2) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract retroactively to CFI Mechanical for the RFP#YESP2024-33- HVAC Selective Replacements at Gulfton Secondary, North Central Secondary, White Oak Secondary for an amount of \$621,780.00.
- 3) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract retroactively to Preferred Technologies for the RFP#YESP2024-34-Camera Replacements at Gulfton Secondary, North Central Secondary, and Southeast Secondary for an amount of \$95,684.00.
- 4) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract retroactively to Intex United for the RFP#YESP2024-35 – Brays Oaks and White Oak Elementary Building Letters and Monument Sign for an amount of \$139,620.00.
- 5) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract retroactively to Diffco for the RFP#YESP2024-36 – North Central Elementary Additional Parking Spaces for an amount of \$369,285.00.
- 6) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract retroactively to EZ Demolitions & Underground LLC for the RFP#YESP2024-38 – Bennington Site Demolition for an amount of \$167,000.00.
- 7) **Vote** to approve awarding a contract to a pool of vendors to purchase software for a total of \$45,950.
- 8) **Vote** to approve the purchase of school furniture from Gateway utilizing the GoodBuy COOP Contract #23-24 4M000 for an estimated amount of \$977,468.58.
- 9) **Vote** to approve the purchase of cafeteria equipment from TARI INC. dba Jean's Restaurant Supply utilizing the Choice Partners COOP Contract #23-038TP-08 for an amount of \$177,231.14.
- 10) **Vote** to approve purchase of long-lead equipment (switchgear, chillers, air handlers) for West Campus for amount of \$783,361.
- 11) **Vote** to approve pending contracts.

Vendor	Contract Description	Cost
NextGen Talent, Inc.	MoU to share data and provide students with college and career advising during the Spring 2025 semester	N/A

12) Vote to ratify executed contracts

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The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts	MoU with The Hobby Center to provide YES Prep 5th graders with a TEKS-aligned performing arts educational program for SY2024-2025	\$14,123.28
5plus8	Brand development contract for the YES Prep brand refresh from January – July 2025	\$50,000 upfront + \$5,000/month retainer fee
Breaking Bounds LLC	Contractor agreement with Breaking Bounds LLC to provide a facilitator to conduct a PD session at the 2025 DCO retreat	\$2,000
CDAB VI, LP	First amendment to Commercial Contract - Unimproved Property (Clinton)	N/A

Interquest Detection Canines	Contract agreement for substance awareness and detection services at YES Prep campuses for FY25	\$5,850
Pinstripes	Venue contract agreement with Pinstripes for the DCO retreat in April 2025	\$2,460
Region 4 ESC	Region 4 will provide one specialist to conduct 10 professional development sessions for YES Prep staff between January – August 2025	\$8,040 for 20 participants + \$25 per additional participant
UT Health Houston	Three-year data sharing agreement with the Children's Learning Institute at UT Health Houston	N/A

Questions:

- Long lead item equipment – are we purchasing early because we are expecting price/availability issues?
 - Procurement is done early due to logistics and backlog in the industry to ensure timely arrival for school construction without delays
- Furniture Purchase – More info requested on furniture purchases
 - We receive a price break in buying in bulk through a co-op
 - We replace a smaller amount of furniture due to wear and tear as compared to purchasing all new furniture for our campuses opening in August
 - We have storage space for furniture as a part of summer replacement projects and new furniture for new campuses goes directly to campuses

Motion: Jordan Marye

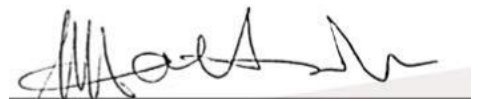
Second: Brian Colona

Unanimously approved at 8:41 a.m.

5. Updates:

- Board Succession Planning:
 - Dana Foughty will send a survey to Board members for input on succession planning, focusing on skills and experiences valued most.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - The Executive Committee will meet next week.
 - Next Board Meeting is on February 13, 2025
 - Special Topic: Accountability and Testing
- Poker Tournament Update:
 - Expected to be sold out in the next 10 days – anyone wanting to get a table needs to act quickly.

6. Adjournment at 8:44 a.m.



Reviewed and approved by Board Secretary, Andrea Link