

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

December 16, 2024

The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman

Dr. Blair called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Education Service Center Region 11 to order at 10:27 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2024.

B. Invocation

Dr. Rue gave the invocation.

Members Present	Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman Dr. Jay Thompson, Vice-Chairman Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary Dr. Jeff Hanks, Place 2 Dr. Kevin Rogers, Place 3 Dr. Jeff Turner, Place 6 Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7 Natalie Texada, Charter School Member
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Members Absent	None
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Staff Members Present	Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Executive Director, Rory Peacock, Dr. Pam Brown, Brandilyn DePalma, Laura Weir, Laurie Enocksen, Hailee Fojtasek, and Nelline Dignum
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Guest(s)	Paula Lowe; Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP
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C. Citizen / Employee Comments

None.

D. Board Recognition

Dr. Steelman recognized the board and expressed his gratitude for their commitment and support of the ESC Region 11 staff and the LEAs within our region.

E. Consider Minutes of October 28, 2024, Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Hanks, seconded by Dr. Rogers, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, board meeting, as presented. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

SEPARATE ITEMS**G. Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

1. Check Registers for October and November 2024
2. Financial Reports for October and November 2024
3. Investment Reports for October and November 2024
4. Budget Amendments for October and November 2024
5. RFQ #24-14-25 – New Vehicles

H. Consider Financial Audit 2023-2024

Ms. Lowe presented the audit to the board. A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Texada, and passed (unanimously) that the board accept the ESC Region 11 Financial Report dated August 31, 2024, as presented by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

I. Review ESC Region 11 (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) Investment Policy

1. Investment History
2. Lone Star Investment Pool
3. TexPool Investment Pool

Ms. DePalma updated the board and reviewed CBF (LEGAL) and CBF (LOCAL). No changes were proposed.

J. Consider Resolution Regarding Review of the Investment Policy

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Rue, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve and sign the Resolution of Education Service Center Region 11 Board of Directors Regarding Review of the Investment Program. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

K. Announce Expirations of Terms of Office of the Board of Directors and Call Election as Prescribed

A motion was made by Dr. Hanks, seconded by Dr. Rue, and passed (unanimously) that the board call an election for Places 3 and 6.

L. Consider Designating and Authorizing the Board Election Clerk to Approve Non-Contested Elections for the Purpose of Eliminating the Election Process

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Texada, and passed (unanimously) that the board appoint Nelline Dignum as election clerk, and approve having no election if all places are uncontested.

M. Consider Date to Canvass the Election Results

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Rogers, and passed (unanimously) that the canvassing of election results, if necessary, will be included on the April 28, 2025, agenda.

N. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Grant Applications
2. Personnel Report

3. TASB Membership Letter
4. Board and Guest Christmas Dinner
5. Midwinter Breakfast
6. Board of Directors' Conference Registration List
7. 2024-25 Budget Update
Ms. DePalma updated the board.
8. Construction Update
Ms. DePalma updated the board.
9. Commissioner's Meeting Update
Dr. Steelman and Dr. Brown updated the board.
10. Technology Update
Mr. Peacock updated the board.
11. Instructional and Administrative Services Update
Dr. Brown updated the board.
12. Employee Recognition

O. Consider June 2025 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Rogers, and passed (unanimously) that the board change the June board meeting date to June 16, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Blair stated that at 11:40 a.m. the board would enter into executive session as authorized by Gov't Code 551.076, considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.

The board reconvened into open session at 12:10 p.m.

P. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session If Any

See action taken on agenda item F.

F. Deliberation and Possible Action to Modify Policy CK (LOCAL) to Authorize Certain Education Service Center Region 11 Employee(s) who Possess a License to Carry a Firearm under Texas Government Code, Chapter 411, and who are Subsequently Certified by the Executive Director as Meeting other Administrative Criteria, to Carry Such Firearm(s) on Education Service Center Region 11 Premises, at ESC-Sponsored or ESC-Related Activities, and at Board Meetings

A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Hanks, and passed (unanimously) that the board approves to modify Board policy CK (LOCAL) to authorize certain Education Service Center Region 11 employee(s) who possess a license to carry a firearm under Texas Government Code, Chapter 411, and who are subsequently certified by the Executive Director as meeting other administrative criteria, to carry such firearm(s) on Education Service Center Region 11 premises, at ESC-sponsored or ESC-related activities, and at board meetings.

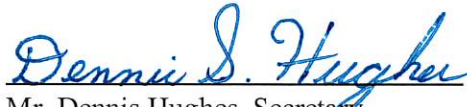
Q. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors will be Monday, February 24, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Being no further business, Chairman Blair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman



Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary

By: Nelline Dignum