NOTICE OF MEETING

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, May 8, 2025 at 7:30 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: Brian Colona, Ben Marshall, Chris Barbic, Andrea Link, Luly Castillo, Mickey Barrett, Amy Wright, Michol Ecklund

YES Prep Staff Members Present: Tony Munoz, Isy Castillo, Leigh Levine, Dana Foughty, Mark DiBella, Julie Nguyen, Cesar Cedillos, Carmen Darville, Luis Mena

1. **Call to Order, quorum determined, meeting declared open at 7:30 AM**

2. **Public Comment**
   - **Jah Lowrey,** YES Prep Southwest Teacher commenting on Teacher Incentive Allotment placement policy
   - **Nagaad Tubea,** YES Prep Southwest Teacher commenting on Teacher Incentive Allotment placement policy

3. **Business Agenda:**

   1) **Vote** to approve Graduation Waivers for Class of 2025.

      Clarification requested :
      - **Number of students needing waivers this year:**
        - 184 total waivers (compared to 232 last year and 316 in 2023)

        - A 42% decrease in 2 years and a 21% decrease from last year.
        - Majority are for students who failed to meet our requirement of passing at least 1 AP class.
    - **Do we have students that don't meet our criteria, but they still meet TEA requirements?** Do we always give a waiver if they meet TEA requirements?
        - We have a higher bar than the state
        - Students who meet TEA criteria but not YES Prep criteria and don't receive a waiver could get a certificate from the state but not a YES Prep diploma

    Motion: Brian Colona
    Second: Chris Barbic
    Unanimously approved at 7:41 AM.

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

    Motion: Brian Colona
    Second: Andrea Link
    Unanimously approved at 7:42 AM.

3) **Vote** to approve submission of a low attendance day waiver request for 4/21/2025.

    Motion: Brian Colona
    Second: Amy Wright
    Unanimously approved at 7:43 AM.

4) **Vote** to approve the submission of three Non-profit Security Grant Program applications (one each for Fifth Ward Secondary, Brays Oaks Secondary, and Southside Secondary) and corresponding resolution

    Motion: Andrea Link
    Second Brian Colona
    Unanimously approved at 7:44 AM.

4. **Consent Agenda:**
    1) Vote to approve meeting minutes from April 10, 2025, Board meeting.
    2) Vote to approve the School Year 2025-2026 Allotment and TEKS Certification.
    3) Vote to approve purchasing 2025-2026 Instructional Materials, educational software and related services for an estimated amount of $4,660,202.21, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s), and amendment(s).
    4) Vote to approve the procurement of district software and services from a pool of qualified vendors, and delegate authority to the CEO and their designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreements and any related amendments.
    5) Vote to approve awarding a contract to Element Architects, LLC for Fifth Ward Elementary project for RFQ# YESP21-01 Architectural Design Services in the amount of $494,100.00, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
    6) Vote to approve awarding a contract to Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments LLC for RFQ#YESP2025-12 Facilities Audit Services in the amount of $158,349.38, and delegate

authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).

7) Vote to approve authorizing the CEO to award the contract for RFP#YESP2025-11 USAC Cybersecurity Pilot, with the final contract approval to be presented at the August board meeting for an estimated $741,245.55.

8) Vote to ratify personnel agreements from April 24, 2023, to present day in compliance with Texas Supreme Court precedent.

9) Vote to approve the FY2025-2026 contract agreement with BEN Systems Leadership Coaching.

10) Vote to approve the contract renewal with Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services in FY2026.

11) Vote to approve the MoU with the University of Texas at Austin: Longhorn Engineering Summer Camp for 2025-2026.

12) Vote to approve the MoU with Santoro Education Lifeskills Foundation, Inc. (SELF).

13) Vote to approve the SY2025 – SY2028 professional services agreement with Teach for America, Inc. (TFA).

14) Vote to approve the addendum to the contract agreement with Kindsight for FY2026.

15) Vote to approve the contract agreement with Payscale, Inc. for FY2026-2028.

16) Vote to approve the contract addendum renewal with Scoot Education, Inc. for SY2025-2026.

Consent Vote 5 – Is the cost of the work with this firm on par with what we normally pay?

- We do an RFQ and evaluate 3 firms, they came in the lowest and we have done business w/them before
- Is it higher than the bid we got years ago? Yes, there has been an increase.

Motion: Brian Colona
Second: Chris Barbic
Unanimously approved at 7:45 AM.

5. **Meeting closed at 7:45 AM.**

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

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

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

1. **Workshop declared open at 7:45 AM.**

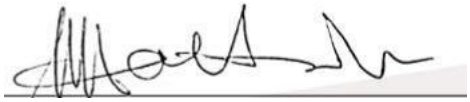
2. **Strategic Focus: Development in the Power of YES**
   - State and Federal Policy Updates, presented by Sarah Landsman
     - Last month of Texas legislative session
   - Supreme Court
     - TPCSA has not taken a strong stance on the supreme court case
   - Power of YES Campaign
     - Looking for donors committed to education that are financially capable, community oriented, and want to be involved in the mission for the long-term
     - Board Input
       - Personal involvement drives successful campaigns
       - Invite someone to an event as a guest to introduce them to YES Prep
       - Stewardship needs time
         - High level gifts are in motion
         - For lower level – we have time to cultivate for 3rd or 4th year asks
       - Consider top 10 repeat Poker attendees
       - Law firms - Have not established stronger relationships aside from Poker
         - Consider a Lunch & Learn about YES Prep for these relationships
         - Find the right leaders to champion internally at the company
       - Request: reach out to Leigh with information, such as a list of foundations to connect with
         - Will reach out to the Board for a small group session to drill through this together
         - When you are networking at events – send us ideas of what you see
       - More thoughts on how to approach corporations
         - One time support could be compelling; consider naming rights
         - Strategies that focus on $500,000 donors

3. **Workshop closed, meeting opened at 8:15 AM.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.076, the Board will deliberate, in accordance with the above statutes recent unannounced intruder detection audit findings and specific personnel matters.

4. **Executive Session**

5. **Adjournment at 8:30 AM**



Reviewed and approved by Board Secretary, Andrea Link