



Rockdale ISD

School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes June 4, 2025

Tiffany Whitsel, Assistant Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was posting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Committee Members Present:

Tammie Ammons, RISD Teacher
Jason Barcak, RISD Board of Trustees
Lorena Borjas, RISD Teacher
Cody Dudley, RISD Director of Maintenance
Hudson Evans, RISD Administrator
Stephen Goodrich, Rockdale Police Department
John Helenberg, Milam County Sherriff Office
Robert Hunter, RISD Director of Transportation
Charles Miles, RISD President Board of Trustees (virtual)
Dr. Denise Monzingo, Superintendent (virtual)
James Pratt, Milam County Sherriff Office
Susan Reinders, Milam County Emergency Preparedness Manager
Candice Staton, Milam County School Resource Deputy
Kacie Strouth, Milam County School Resource Deputy
Ken Swiech, RISD Director of Technology
Tiffany Whitsel, Assistant Superintendent
Ashley Willard, RISD Administrator
Michael Young, RISD Administrator

Tiffany Whitsel reviewed recent updates to HB 3, specifically the requirement for Behavioral Threat Assessment data to be entered into the TEA Sentinel portal beginning August 1, 2025.

Mrs. Whitsel also shared information regarding HB 6 and its impact on school safety communications. Assistant Principals will work on updating campus plans and communication strategies prior to the start of the school year.

No public comments were received.

Mrs. Whitsel reported that all campuses were compliant with HB 3 safety drill requirements for 2024–2025. A sample CrisisGo report from Rockdale High School was shared.

April 1 – RHS (Online Threat): The need to consider RHS's expanded footprint (including the College & Career Academy and Field House) was discussed. The suggestion was made to relocate students to RJH in similar future events. Communication during the early-morning threat was effective.

May 21 – RJH (Gas Leak): The committee discussed the importance of communicating with on-



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site safety personnel during evacuations and ensuring access to water if students remain outside for extended periods.

May 22 – RES (Water Main Break): Early parent notification led to issues as students were not yet prepared for pickup. A reminder to coordinate release procedures more carefully was noted.

Mrs. Whitsel and Mr. Dudley provided updates:

Bond construction is 98% complete, with minor punch-list items remaining at RJH. EDA grant-funded construction at the College & Career Academy has begun, currently focused on demolition.

Mrs. Whitsel shared that a recent meeting with the Milam County Sheriff's Office was held to discuss School Resource Deputy (SRD) coverage for 2025–2026. Funding and staffing options are under review, with current staffing including 2 SRDs and 1 school safety specialist.

Committee members broke into job-alike groups to review and provide feedback on the 2024–2025 Emergency Operations Plan. Suggested revisions were shared, and all documents were collected, as the plans are not publicly distributed.

Questions, comments, and upcoming trainings were then shared:

- RES Tornado Shelter Keys: Ashley Willard noted that key access is still needed.
- CrisisGo Roster Issues: Hudson Evans reported ongoing issues with substitute teacher rostering.

Training Updates:

- Captain Goodrich shared that Rockdale PD will host ALERT Training at RIS in July.
- Deputy Helenburg reported that Milam County Sheriff's Office will hold ALERT Land Training at Buckholts ISD in June and ALERT Air Training at Milano ISD in July.
- Susan Reinders provided updates on the TxDOT radio tower site.
- Ken Swiech noted pending cable upgrades at RJH as part of construction.
- Mrs. Whitsel shared the changes to upcoming substitute training including changes to CrisisGo training.

Mrs. Whitsel confirmed that all exterior door audits have been completed. No closed session was necessary for this meeting. Mrs. Whitsel thanked committee members for their participation. The meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025 | 4:30–5:30



Sign-In Sheet

School Safety & Security Committee

June 4, 2025

Parent	Role	Signature
Ammons, Tammie	RISD Teacher - RIS	Tammie
Barcak, Jason	RISD School Board	Jason Barcak
Borjas, Lorena	RISD Teacher - RES	Lorena
Brinkley, Ethan	RISD Teacher - RJH	
Clore, Mike	Milam County Sheriff Office	
Eschberger, April	RISD Administrator	
Evans, Hudson	RISD Administrator	Hudson Evans
Goodrich, Stephen	Rockdale Police Department	Stephen Goodrich
Helenberg, John	Milam County Sheriff Office	John Helenberg
Matous, Warren "Dude"	Rockdale VFD Chief	
Meadors, Jerry	Rockdale Police Chief	
✓ Miles, Charles	RISD School Board, President	virtual
Mitchell, Sharee	Parent	
Monzingo, Denise	Superintendent	virtual
✓ Muston, Preston	Rockdale VFD	
Oliver, Kenzie	Milam Co. Emergency Mgmt.	
Ormsby, Jason	Parent	
Reinders, Susan	Milam Co. Emergency Preparedness Manager	Susan Reinders
Sanders, Allen	RISD School Safety Specialist	
Schneebeli, Kenny	Parent	
Stancik, Kinley	RISD Teacher - RHS	
Stanton, Candice	School Resource Office - RHS	Candice Stanton
Strouth, Kacie	School Resource Officer - RJH	Kacie Strouth
Tindle, Bobby	Parent	
Whitsel, Tiffany	Assistant Superintendent	Tiffany C. Whitsel
Willard, Ashley	RISD Administrator	Ashley Willard
Young, Michael	RISD Administrator	Michael Young
Cody Dudley		Cody Dudley
James Pratt	MCSO	James Pratt

Simeon Kern

Technology

Hunter, Robert

Transportation

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School Safety & Security Committee Agenda

Date:

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Time: 12:00-1:00 PM

Location: RISD Conference Center

Purpose: Rockdale ISD HB 3 Summer Safety Agenda Agenda

1. **Welcome and HB3 Updates**– *Tiffany Whitsel*
 - HB 3 requirement for threat assessments to be placed in Sentinel beginning August 1.
2. **Public Comments to Agenda Items Only**
 - The Committee will allow members of the public to speak on items listed on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the Committee must sign up at the meeting location.
3. **Review of Safety Drills 2024-2025**– *Tiffany Whitsel*
 - Update on compliance with HB 3 requirements.
4. **Review of Spring Campus Evacuations**– *Tiffany Whitsel*
 - April 1 – RHS (Online Threat)
 - May 21- RJH (EBCO Gas Leak)
 - May 22- RES (City Water Main)
5. **Construction Update and Safety Officer Updates** – *Denise Monzingo*
 - Overview of recent upgrades in personnel, technology, and facilities.
6. **Table Top Activity – Review of 24-25 EOP**
7. **Next Steps / Q & A**
 - Trainings 2025-2026 (Rockdale PD- ALERT Training at RIS July)
 - Summary of actionable items, responsibilities, and timelines.
8. **Closing Remarks** – *Tiffany Whitsel*
9. **Closed Session**
 - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076 the committee will meet in closed session to discuss the Texas Education Agency Intruder Detection Audit Findings.
 - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076 the committee will meet in closed session to discuss the District/Campus Security Audit

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