

**Mansfield Independent School District  
District-wide Educational Improvement Council  
The Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts  
Minutes – September 10, 2025**

The Mansfield Independent School District's District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) held its meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2025 beginning at 4:30 pm at the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts with Dr. Tiffanie Spencer as the DEIC Chairperson.

**DEIC Members registered as present:** Jadzia Ajemian, Daniel Beauford, Sherrine Biwoule, Stephanie Bonebrake, Amber Bowen, John Carpenter, Krystal Clark, Eboni Cleshay, Tamie Colston, Quentin Cook, Lindsey Cottle, Victoria Ellis, Jacqueline Franco, Maya Garcia, Ana Gonzalez, Adrienne Gordon, Kelsee Hudson, Melissa Jones, Tiffany Jones, Tanya Kelly, Crystal Kempken, Tiffany Kennedy, Michaela Knapp, Loni Lawson, Lianne Lindsey, Andrew Marsh, Rebecca McCain, Leeann McKinney, Samantha Nouredine, Jonathan Phipps, Josh Powell, Samuel Riley, Julian Rivera, Cheryl Stallings, Zackary Stephenson, Christi Stinson, Elashun Summerville, Laura Watts, Kallie White, Elizabeth Whiting, Alicia Williams, Daniela Vasquez, Olabisi Lasode, Toye Penny.

**DEIC Members registered as absent:** Rene Almanza, Erin Finn, Maya Fleming, Keisha Gray McGlown, Michael Helbert, Lavona Hopkins, Stephen Johnson, Jamie Kuykendall, Camille Tortorici, Christie Walton, Brandon Williams, Kymberlee Buntyn, April Green, Sherry Smith, Erin Wuerz, Ally Peer.

**Others in attendance:** Dr. Tamara Liddell, Director of Federal Programs, Dr. Michelle Edwards-Scott, Executive Director of Special Populations, and Mrs. Kimberly Schwartz, Director of Special Education.

**Approval of DEIC Minutes:** Dr. Tiffanie Spencer asked all DEIC members to review the May 1, 2025, DEIC Minutes and let her know if any items needed to be revised or addressed. Lindsay Cottle from Della Icenhower motions to approve the minutes and Tiffany Kennedy from Legacy High School seconds the motion.

**Discussion:** Welcoming the DEIC Members

- Engage
- Who's in The Room
- Meeting Norms
- Welcome New & Returning DEIC Members
- Robert's Rule of Order -Let's Practice
- Review Meeting Minutes
- MISD Strategic Plan Vision 2030
- Purpose
- DEIC Composition
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Meeting Dates
- DEIC Annual Required Updates
- Vote for Intent of Federal Funds

- Communication and Positive Relationships
- Commitment

**Discussion:** Dr. Tamara Liddell, Director of Federal Programs, Beginning of Year Intent for Federal Programs

- Objective
  1. Provide an overview of Mansfield ISD's 2025-2026 federal grants.
  2. Explain the intent for use of the Title I-Title IV federal grants.
  3. Share the purpose of Parent and Family Engagement.
  4. Highlight the Department of Family & Community Engagement programming for 2025-2026.
- Vision 2030
- Identify the Needs for Each Group
- Federal Funds Overview
  1. Targeted
  2. Supplemental
  3. To Provide Equity & Close Gaps
- Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs \$4,612,424
  - A. Schools
    1. 25 MISD Schools
    2. 2 Private Non-Profits
    3. Dr. Sarah Jandrucko Early Learning Academy
  - B. Purpose
    1. Close educational achievement gaps
    2. Parent Engagement
  - C. How Funds Are Utilized
    1. Staff
    2. Technology
    3. Tutoring
    4. Professional development
    5. Supplement instruction materials
- Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction \$902,516
  - A. Intent
    1. Teachers
    2. Leaders
  - B. Purpose
    1. Increase student achievement by improving teaching and leadership and recruit and retain teachers
  - C. How Funds Are Utilized
    1. Keeps teacher mentor program
    2. Supplemental instructional materials
    3. District -level professional development
- Title III English Language Learners \$489,912
  - A. Intent
    1. Limited English Proficient students
    2. Purpose
    3. To help LEP students with language proficiency & master state content area standards
  - B. How Funds Are Utilized

1. Web-based learning platform
  2. Supplemental instructional materials
  3. Professional Development
  4. Instructional Materials
  5. Parent engagement & support activities
- Title IV \$346,300
    - A. Intent
      1. For all students
    - B. Purpose
      1. Well- rounded educational opportunities
      2. Safe and healthy student activities
      3. Effective use of technology
    - C. How Funds Are Utilized
      1. Develop & support innovative programs in STEM
      2. CCMR (Career College & Military Readiness)
      3. Staff
      4. Social & Emotional Learning Training
  - Immigrant English Language Learners
    - A. Intent
      1. Immigrant students
    - B. Purpose
      1. To provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant's children and youth.
    - C. How Funds Are Utilized
      1. Summer school
      2. Tutors
      3. Resources

**Approval of Federal Funds-** Dr. Tiffanie Spencer asked all DEIC members to vote on the Federal Funds. Johnathan Phipps from Alma Martinez motion to approve the minutes and Daniel Beauford from Charlotte Anderson seconds the motion.

**Discussion:** Dr. Michelle Edwards-Scott, Executive Director of Special Populations & Mrs. Kimberly Schwartz, Director of Special Populations, MISD Website, Special Population

- A. Parent Academy Calendar of Events
- B. Parent Panel
- C. Transition Events
- D. Life Ready: Community -Based Parent Tours

**Next DEIC Meeting:** October 16, 2025 is the next DEIC meeting at 4:30-6:00PM, at the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center of Performing Arts.

**Adjourned the DEIC Meeting:** Dr. Tiffanie Spencer, DEIC Chairperson, adjourned the DEIC Meeting at 5:47 PM.

