

Minutes of the Regular Meeting**The Board of Trustees Commerce ISD**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on November 17, 2025 at the Commerce ISD Administration Building. President Kathleen Hooten called the meeting to order, expended a warm welcome and announced that a quorum was present. The meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Board members present for the meeting were Mrs. Kathlenn Hotten, Mrs. Kristal Jackson, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mr. Wayne Pierce and Mrs. Abbie Harper. Mrs. Tamara Beadles and Mrs. Ann Reel were not present.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. as allowed by Texas Government Code Section 551.071; 551.074; and 551.082.

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:07 p.m. on November 17, 2025.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the American Flag was led by Mrs. Harper, the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Dr. Hendricks.

Recognitions

Cross Country and Volleyball were recognized for their successful season.

Public Hearing on FIRST Rating

Mr. Steve Drummond explained the district rating.

Action of Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to accept the employment of Stephanie Saenz and Caroline Morgan. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Mrs. Harper, aye. Dr. Hendricks, aye.

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2025, and the Financial Statement and Investment Reports of October, 2025.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Harper, aye. Dr. Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Hooten, aye.

Consider Approval of Current Year Financial Audit by Rutherford, Taylor and Company
No Action Taken

Consider Approval of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Required Turnaround Plan for A.C. Williams and Commerce Elementary Schools

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the required turnaround plan. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Dr. Hendricks, aye. Mr. Pierce, aye.

Consider Approval of a Resolution to Cast the District's Allocated Votes for the Board of Directors of the Hunt County Appraisal District

Mr. Pierce made a motion to cast 102 allocated votes for Jim Bob Grove. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Jackson, aye. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Dr. Hendricks, aye.

Consider Approval to Begin the Application Process for a Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the application process. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Jackson, aye. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Mr. Pierce, aye.

Consider Approval to Add, Revise, or Delete (LOCAL) Policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 126

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Mrs. Harper, aye.

Consider Adopting a Resolution Allowing Commerce ISD to Opt Out of the Requirement for Seat Belts on School Buses for the 2025-2026 School Year Due to Budgetary Constraints

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Hooten, aye. Mrs. Harper, aye.

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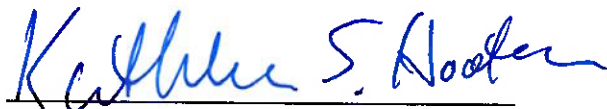
The Regular December Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at the Central Administration Building with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Member Comments

None

Adjournment...

Mrs. Harper made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.



Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Mr. Wayne Pierce, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees