

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District
January 21, 2026**

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following are the official minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Wednesday, January 21, 2026** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 by school board president, Fernando Sanchez. The pledges were said and a moment of silence was held.

Members present were: Fernando Sanchez, Jon Tom Lowrance, Enrique Rivera, Angela Duperrault and Chase McCrory

Members absent were: Wes Billings and Marco Fuentez

Administration in attendance were: Staff in attendance were:

Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Blain Chriesman, CFO, David Carrasco, Technology Director / CTE, Virginia Garza, Counselor / CTE, Jessica Harkins, Tami Carrasco, Gina Roberts

Students and Community Members and Guests in attendance were:

Singleton Clark & Co. Certified Public Accountants: Mr. and Mrs. Preston Singleton Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Franco, Little Regina Trucking Company

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)]

Mr. Franco spoke to the board regarding his proposed quote to repave the gym and cafeteria parking.

Presentation of the 2025 FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Mrs. Lowrance and Mr. Chriesman reported on the 2025 FIRST Rating for TCISD. TCISD received an 88 / B rating. The rating was presented with an explanation of the 12 points deducted. Mrs. Lowrance and Mr. Chriesman reported 2 points lost due to assets : liability should not be deducted next year and they are hopeful the district will receive an A rating for the 2026 FIRST Rating.

Presentation of Annual Financial Report FYE August 31, 2025 by Singleton & Clark, P.C.

Mr. Singleton with Singleton Clark and Co. presented the Annual Financial Report FYE August 31, 2025. Mr. Singleton reported there were no 'findings' and TCISD has a 'clean' audit. He also reported the fund balance has grown from \$463,174 in FYE 2024 to \$952,900 for an increase of \$489,726 in one fiscal year. He reported this is the best audit he has been able to present in the ten years he has audited the district.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)] regarding FIRST Rating or Annual Financial report FYE August 31, 2025. None

District Reports

a. **Elementary and Junior High UIL Report: J. Harkins T. Carrasco**

Mrs. Harkins and Mrs. Carrasco reported both the elementary and junior high placed second at the district UIL meet held in Sanderson on December 10, 2025. They reported our students competed very well and worked hard to represent our school. We hosted the UIL meet again this year.

b. **Yearbook Report: G.Roberts**

Mrs. Roberts reported she is working on the 2021 and 2026 yearbooks. Students have pages assigned and are working on them. She has completed the UIL results pages.

c. **Technology Director Report: D.Carrasco**

Mr. Carrasco reported everything is working well and he and the staff have been working to include Multifactor Authentication updates as required.

d. **Counselor Report: V.Garza**

December EOC results have been rec'd. One of the two students passed. Midland College students started their classes last week. We have 16 students taking dual credit classes for a total of 31 courses. Seniors are currently working on completing the FAFSA, housing applications, orientation, etc. Nurse V will be taking students on the health pathway to Fort Stockton tomorrow to tour the hospital. The second week in March we will be administering the Sat and ACT for all Juniors and Seniors. I will check to see if any lower classman would like to take the test. We will be gearing up for STAAR testing with training of certified staff. Testing will begin the second week in April.

e. **Athletic Director Report: J.Garza**

Mrs. Lowrance reported for Coach Garza: varsity girls are sitting in good shape in district, they will be playing for the first position tomorrow against Buena Vista, for the first half of district play they are 3-0. The HS boys won against Marathon last night and are 1-0 in district. The JH girls won the Sanderson JH tournament and the boys came in second. The JH game against Grandfalls was canceled due to illness, at this point the games will not be made up. The JH District Tournament is scheduled for January 31 in Buena Vista. We are not hosting the HS Rio Grande relays this year due to scheduling conflicts.

f. **Financial Report: B.Chriesman** reported on the List of Bills, Financials and Tax Report.

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g. Superintendent/Principal / Maintenance Reports: T.Lowrance

Mrs. Lowrance reported she has reached out to begin getting quotes for a new medium bus. Honeywell will work on the ice machines when they are here next week. Mr. Dunn along with EMS, DPS and the K9 unit conducted emergency training at the school for three hours during the school holiday on Monday. BTA training will be during the Teacher Workday on February 19 presented by ESC 18 staff. It will include stakeholders from the community including: Border Patrol, Sheriff's Department, EMS, Volunteer Fire Department, Texas Game Wardens, Guardians and school staff.

Consent Agenda :

The motion was made by Mrs. Lowrance and seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 17, 2025 as presented.

The motion passed 5:0

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Budget Amendments: none

Action Items:

- a. Mr. McCrory mentioned and Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion to approve the Annual Financial Report FYE August 21, 2025 as presented by Singleton, Clark & Co., PC.**

The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

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- b. Mr. Lowrance motioned and Mr. McCrory seconded the motion to approve designating Study Hall as a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts as provided by Education Code 25.0823.
The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

- c. Mrs. Duperrault motioned and Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion to approve the superintendent to submit an attendance waiver for January 13,14, 15 and 16 2026 to TEA due to low attendance caused by illness.
The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

- d. No action was taken on the quote for gym / cafeteria parking lot paving to be procured through TIPS Cooperative Purchasing.** The board asked Mrs. Lowrance to reach out for more bids.

The board went directly into executive session at 8:00.

Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code 551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 p.m.

- i. Personnel (resignations, retirements)
- ii. CFO Contract
- iii. Athletic Director Contract
- iv. Superintendent Appraisal

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The board reentered open meeting at 9:20.

**Mr. Lowrance motioned and Mr. Rivera seconded to extend the CFO contract by one year. Extending the contract through July 31, 2028.
The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

**Mr. Rivera motioned and Mrs. Duperrault seconded the motion to extend the Athletic Director's contract by one year. Extending the contract through July 31, 2028.
The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Adjournment

**Mr. Rivera motioned and Mr. McCrory seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. McCrory - for

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sanchez at 9:22 P.M.

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
President

X_____

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance
Secretary