

MEETING MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of YES Prep Public Schools will hold a regular meeting, open to the public, on **Thursday, February 19, at 8:00 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 by emailing julie.nguyen@yesprep.org. Members of the public may submit a request to comment on any agenda items(s) to dana.foughty@yesprep.org before or during consideration of the item.

The subjects to be discussed or considered 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 Members Present: Michol Ecklund, Andrea Link, Mickey Barrett, Ben Marshall, Joe Gatto, Chris Barbic, Jordan Marye

YES Prep Staff Members Present: Mark DiBella, Dana Foughty, Julie Nguyen, Beth Carlson-Young, Leigh Levine, Amanda Rawlings, Cedric Cedillos, Tony Munoz

1. **Call to Order, quorum determined, meeting declared open 8:02 AM.**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Business Agenda**

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Vote to approve the Federal Audit Certification for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Motion	Joe Gatto
Second	Andrea Link
Unanimously approved at	8:03 AM

Board Member	Vote
Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Mickey Barrett	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse

	Brian Colona	☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse	
	Michol Ecklund	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse	
	Joe Gatto	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse	
	Andrea Link	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse	
	Ben Marshall	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse	
	Jordan Marye	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse	

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Vote to approve adoption of the board policy titled PG-3.509 Student and Parent Complaints and Grievances.

Motion	Joe Gatto
Second	Andrea Link
Unanimously approved at	8:03 AM

Board Member	Vote
Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Mickey Barrett	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Brian Colona	☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse
Michol Ecklund	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Joe Gatto	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Andrea Link	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Ben Marshall	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Jordan Marye	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse

4. Consent agenda:

1	Vote to approve meeting minutes from January 22, 2026.
2	Vote to approve the submission of a Low Attendance Day waiver request for Wednesday, 1/14/2026 for East End Secondary.
3	Vote to approve the submission of a Missed School Day waiver request for Monday, 1/26/2026.
4	Vote to approve the submission of a Low Attendance Day waiver request for Tuesday, 1/27/2026 for multiple campuses.
5	Vote to approve the submission of three Non-profit Security Grant Program applications (one each for East End Secondary, Northwest Secondary, and Southeast Secondary) and corresponding resolution.
6	Vote to approve the contract renewals for SY26-27 and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s), amendment(s) for the fourth renewal with Sodexo for the RFP # YP22-23-CN01 for Food Services Management services.
7	Vote to approve the purchase of long-lead items (pre-engineered metal building, chillers, air handlers and electrical) for Northside Secondary.
8	Vote to approve the purchase of long-lead items (pre-engineered metal building, chillers, air handlers and electrical) for Fifth Ward Elementary.
9	Vote to approve the purchase of staff and student electronic devices through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract #DIR-CPO-5850 with Intech Southwest Services, at a cost of \$497,690.00
10	Vote to approve the purchase of staff and student electronic devices using Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract #01-143 from Dell Marketing LP for an estimated \$3.97MM.

11	Vote to approve awarding E-Rate contract to InSource Technology Direct LLC, DataVox, ByteSpeed, and Brighten Technology solution for RFP #YESP2026-01 for Infrastructure Equipment (FCC Form 470 # 260005816) for a cost of \$808,580.
12	Vote to approve awarding E-Rate contract to Comcast Business for Managed Direct Internet Access Services (FCC Form 470 #260005815) utilizing RFP#YESP2026-02 Managed Direct Internet Access for a cost of \$223,170.
13	Vote to ratify the independent contractor agreement with Maya P. Thornton to provide support services to the YES Prep Safety & Security team in Spring 2026.
14	Vote to ratify the telecommunications license agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC to add backup internet services at two new campuses.
15	Vote to ratify the contract with Metis Associates to provide external grant evaluation services.
16	Vote to ratify the amendment to the 2025-2026 HopSkipDrive, Inc. sales agreement for a fee change.
17	Vote to approve the partnership agreement with Joe V's and Superior Text.
18	Vote to ratify the one-year partnership agreement with Acres Homes Community Advocacy Group (AHCAG) for 2026.
19	Vote to ratify the Finalsite contract for virtual webmaster support during the YES Prep website redesign in Spring 2026.
20	Vote to approve the contract with OUTFRONT Media for a YES Prep advertising campaign during Spring 2026.
21	Vote to approve the SY26-27 Elementary and Secondary Academic Calendars.
22	Vote to ratify the contract with OpenEDG for student academic enrichment in IT and programming.
23	Vote to approve the virtual music training subscription agreement with MakeMusic for SY2026-2027.
24	Vote to approve the amendment to the interlocal agreement with HCDE ABSE for the remainder of SY2025-2026.
25	Vote to approve the contract with HCDE ABSE to provide services to an eligible YES Prep student with disabilities for the remainder of SY2025-2026.
26	Vote to ratify the contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to provide support services to the YES Prep Finance team.

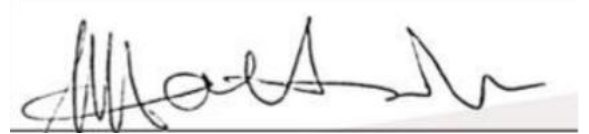
Motion	Chris Barbic
Second	Joe Gatto
Unanimously approved at	8:04 AM

Board Member	Vote
Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Mickey Barrett	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
Brian Colona	☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse
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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§551.076, the Board will deliberate, in accordance with the above statutes, specific personnel matters.

5. Executive Session

6. Adjournment at 8:08 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Link", written over a horizontal line.

*Reviewed and approved by Board Secretary, Andrea Link
Minutes will be posted within 7 days of the meeting, and it will be reposted after vote approval at the next Board meeting.*