

MEETING MINUTES

Notice was hereby given that the Board of Directors of YES Prep Public Schools held a regular meeting, open to the public, on **Thursday, March 19, at 8:00 AM**. The Board convened in Open Session at 5455 South Loop East Freeway, Houston, TX 77033. It was the intent of the Board to have a quorum physically present at the above address. If a quorum of the Board was not physically present at the above address, it was the intent to have the presiding officer physically present at the above address. Other members of the Board may have participated via videoconference in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.127(e)).

Videoconferencing link was provided upon request by emailing julie.nguyen@yesprep.org. Members of the public could submit a request to comment on any agenda items(s) to dana.foughty@yesprep.org before or during consideration of the item.

The subjects discussed or considered upon which any formal action might have been taken are listed below. Items did not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Consent agenda items, if applicable, were acted on at one time. If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda was held in a closed meeting, the Board conducted a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting was convened, the presiding officer publicly identified the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions were taken in an open meeting.

YES Prep Board Members Present: Michol Ecklund, Chris Barbic, Ben Marshall, Joe Gatto, Jordan Marye

YES Prep Staff Present: Mark DiBella, Dana Foughty, Julie Nguyen, Isy Castillo, Phil Wright, Tony Munoz, Cesar Cedillos, Elizabeth Carlson Young, Amanda Rawlings, Carmen Darville

1. **Call to Order, quorum determined, meeting declared open at 8:08 AM.**
2. **Public Comment – none provided**
3. **Unannounced Intruder Detection Audit Notification**
4. **Business Agenda**

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Vote to approve adoption of the board policy titled PG-3.201 Admissions and Enrollment.

Motion	Ben Marshall
Second	Jordan Marye
Unanimously approved at	8:11 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
2	Vote to approve adoption of the board policy titled PG-4.101 Equal Employment Opportunity.	
	Motion	Ben Marshall
	Second	Jordan Marye
	Unanimously approved at	8:12 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
3	Vote to approve adoption of the board policy titled PG-4.102 Nondiscrimination Policy.	
	Motion	Joe Gatto
	Second	Chris Barbic
	Unanimously approved at	8:12 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	Vote to approve adoption of the board policy titled PG-4.605 Internet Safety and Cybersecurity.	
	Motion	Chris Barbic
	Second	Jordan Marye
	Unanimously approved at	8:12 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	

5. Consent agenda:

1	Vote to approve meeting minutes from the February 19, 2026, Board meeting.
2	Vote to approve awarding a contract to F. W. Walton, Inc. for RFP#YESP2026-04TRV Roof Replacement in the amount of \$104,242.00.
3	Vote to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$19,649,186 for Fifth Ward Elementary campus with Linbeck.
4	Vote to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$20,444,472 for Northside Secondary campus with Durotech.
5	Vote to approve awarding a contract to Element Architects, LLC for Northside Elementary campus for RFQ# YESP2024-26 Architectural Design Services in the amount of \$438,750.00, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
6	Vote to approve awarding a contract to Element Architects, LLC for North Rankin Secondary campus for RFQ# YESP2024-26 Architectural Design Services in the amount of \$553,750.00, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
7	Vote to ratify the catering contract agreement with Churrascos for the 2026 Poker Tournament.
8	Vote to approve the independent contractor agreement with Paloma Learning Inc. for Spring 2026.
9	Vote to ratify the partnership agreement with Sandal Gap Studios.
10	Vote to approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement with Cadeco Industries, Inc. for the 4720 Clinton Drive property (Fifth Ward Elementary).
11	Vote to approve expansion of the scope of work and payment for the independent contractor agreement with Adrian Acosta.
12	Vote to ratify the statement of work contract with YASH Technologies, Inc. for the Student Enrollment Application Phase 2 project.
13	Vote to ratify the amendment to the Interlocal Contract for Specialized Services Academic Behavior School West with Harris County Department of Education for SY2025-2026.
14	Vote to approve adoption of the Open Education Resource (OER) Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Math titled YES Prep OER Transition Plan.
15	Vote to approve the School Year 2026-2027 Allotment and TEKS Certification.

Motion	Joe Gatto
Second	Chris Barbic
Unanimously approved at	8:13 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
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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§551.076, the Board will deliberate, in accordance with the above statutes, recent unannounced intruder detection audit findings.

6. Executive Session

7. Adjournment at 8:17 AM.



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