

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 February 16, 2026 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. Kathleen Hooten, Mrs. Kristal Jackson, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mr. Wayne Pierce, Mrs. Abbie Harper, Mrs. Tamara Beadles and Mrs. Ann Reel.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. on February 16, 2026 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 7:14 p.m. on February 16, 2026.

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.

Showcase ACW

Mrs. Copeland kicked things off by showing a video highlighting all the ACW classes. She then introduced her ACW staff.

Recognitions

The Robotics Team was recognized for their outstanding performances.

Citizen's Comments

Kelly Wineinger introduced herself. She is running for Hunt County Clerk.

Action of Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept the resignations of Danny Kirst, Danielle Davis, Stephenia Erwin and Jacklyn Haynes. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye.

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Mrs. Jackson made a motion to consider employment of Sam Day, Director of Operations and Kris Crews, 6-8 Life Skills. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Mrs. Reel made a motion to extend Personnel Contracts for Administrators and Supervisory Personnel. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January, 2026 and the Financial Statement and Investment Reports of January, 2026.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the minutes and financial reports of January, 2026. Mrs. Beadles seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye.

Consider Approval of Current Year Financial Audit by Rutherford, Taylor and Company

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the report as presented by Mr. Robert Lake. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye.

Consider Approval to Submit a Waiver Application/Plan to TEA to Delay the Timeline of HB2 Certification requirements for Uncertified Teachers

Mrs. Beadles made a motion to approve the Application/Plan as presented. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye.

Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar

Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the calendar for the 26-27 school year. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Consider Approval for Robotics to Travel Out of State for Competition at Worlds

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the travel to St. Louis if/when Robotics qualifies for Worlds. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye.

Consider Approval of a Resolution to Pay Employees During Emergency Closure

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Beadles seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye.

Consider Approval to Apply for State Attendance Waiver for Emergency Closure

Mrs. Reel made a motion to apply for the State Attendance Waiver for two of the four days missed due to weather. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye.

Consider and Approve Authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the Electricity Contract on behalf of the District, Including Participation in a Reverse Auction Process if Applicable

Dr. Hendricks made a motion for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the Electricity Contract as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye.

Consider Approval of a MOU between Commerce ISD and Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine

Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the MOU as presented. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Consider Approval of a MOU between Commerce ISD and Performance Services, Inc. for Investment Grade Technical Energy Audit and Project Development

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the MOU pending amendment of language in the MOU. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Consider Approval to Cancel the Contract with Texas Professional Janitorial Services

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve cancelling the contract effective March 1, 2026. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye.

Consider Approval of a Change Order for PrimeTime Industries in the Amount of 50K for Additional Expenses in the Demolition of the Old CMS

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to table until the completion of the project. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mrs. Tamara Beadles, aye. Mrs. Ann Reel, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye.

Consider Approval of the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Employees When a District Vehicle is Unavailable

Mrs. Beadles made a motion to keep the reimbursement rate at .50 cents a mile. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Kristal Jackson, aye. Mrs. Abbie Harper, aye. Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, aye. Mr. Wayne Pierce, aye. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, aye.

Informational Reports

Mr. Steve Drummond gave a recap of our enrollment.

The CMS Principal Report was presented by Mrs. Nelle.

Mr. Jake Rawlinson, Technology Director, gave an update on the purchase of equipment for classrooms.

The Regular March Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026 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

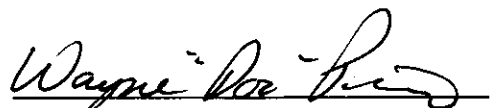
None

Adjournment...

Mrs. Tamara Beadles made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.



Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Mr. Wayne Pierce, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees