



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, May 7, 2026, at 8:00 AM**. The Board convened in Open Session at 5455 South Loop East Freeway, Houston, TX 77033.

All final votes, actions, or decisions were taken in an open meeting.

YES Prep Board of Directors Present: Michol Ecklund, Mickey Barrett, Joe Gatto, Andrea Link, Brian Colona, Jordan Marye, Andrea Link, Chris Barbic

YES Prep Staff Members Present: Mark DiBella, Carmen Darville, Phil Wright, Dana Foughty, Luis Mena, Isy Castillo, Tony Munoz, Julie Nguyen, Cesar Cedillos, Robert Trevino, Elizabeth Carlson-Young

1. **Call to Order, quorum was determined, and the meeting was declared open at 8:03 AM.**
2. **No Public Comment**
3. **Unannounced Intruder Detection Audit Notification**
4. **Board Notification of School Bus Seatbelt Requirement (SB 546)**
5. **Business Agenda**

1 **Voted** to approve adoption of the board policy titled *PG-2.203 State Assessments*.

Motioned	Joe Gatto
Seconded	Jordan Marye
Unanimously approved at	8:05 AM

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Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
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Ben Marshall	☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse
Jordan Marye	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse

2 **Voted** to approve adoption of the board policy titled *PG-3.202 Compulsory Attendance*.

Motioned	Brian Colona
Seconded	Jordan Marye
Unanimously approved at	8:05 AM

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Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
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Jordan Marye	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse

3 **Voted** to approve adoption of the board policy titled *PG-3.203 Attendance Accounting*.

Motioned	Brian Colona
Seconded	Chris Barbic
Unanimously approved at	8:06 AM

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Jordan Marye	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse

4 **Voted** to approve adoption of the board policy titled *PG-3.309 Wellness Policy*.

Motioned	Brian Colona
Seconded	Jordan Marye
Unanimously approved at	8:06 AM

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5	Voted to approve adoption of the FFA (Local) Wellness Policy. <table border="1" data-bbox="354 226 1062 359"> <tr> <td>Motioned</td><td>Brian Colona</td></tr> <tr> <td>Seconded</td><td>Jordan Marye</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unanimously approved at</td><td>8:07 AM</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 394 1247 772"> <tr> <th>Board Member</th><th>Vote</th></tr> <tr> <td>Chris Barbic</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mickey Barrett</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Brian Colona</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Michol Ecklund</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe Gatto</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andrea Link</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ben Marshall</td><td>☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jordan Marye</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> </table>	Motioned	Brian Colona	Seconded	Jordan Marye	Unanimously approved at	8:07 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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6	Voted to approve adoption of the board policy titled <i>PG-3.402 Student Discipline</i>. <table border="1" data-bbox="354 884 1062 1016"> <tr> <td>Motioned</td><td>Brian Colona</td></tr> <tr> <td>Seconded</td><td>Jordan Marye</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unanimously approved at</td><td>8:07 AM</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="354 1052 1240 1430"> <tr> <th>Board Member</th><th>Vote</th></tr> <tr> <td>Chris Barbic</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mickey Barrett</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Brian Colona</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Michol Ecklund</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe Gatto</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andrea Link</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ben Marshall</td><td>☐ Assent ☐ Dissent ☒ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jordan Marye</td><td>☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse</td></tr> </table>	Motioned	Brian Colona	Seconded	Jordan Marye	Unanimously approved at	8:07 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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7	Voted to approve Graduation Waivers for Class of 2026. - A question was raised about the number of graduation waivers for the class of 2026 compared to prior years, and the team provided detailed data and explanations, highlighting a significant decrease in waivers due to AP enrollment strategies and special education considerations. Waiver Numbers Comparison: The number of students represented for waivers dropped from 264 in 2023 to 111 in 2026, and the number of waivers submitted decreased from 309 in 2023 to 139 in 2026, indicating significant progress. AP Enrollment Strategy: Early AP course enrollment for 10th graders contributed to the reduction in waivers, with over 90% of 10th graders enrolled in at least one AP course. Special Education Impact: It was noted that over 50% of students needing waivers receive special education services, and only nine waivers were due to AP requirements, with two campuses having 0% general education students needing waivers.																								

- **EOC Pass Rates:** It was reported that only 38 seniors had not passed all EOCs, which contributed to the individual graduation committee numbers and further reduced waiver needs.

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Seconded	Brian Colona
Unanimously approved at	8:10 AM

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6. Consent agenda:

1	Voted to approve meeting minutes from April 2, 2026.
2	Voted to approve awarding a contract to a pool of vendors for procuring software and related-services and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
3	Voted to approve awarding a contract to Tellepsen Services LLC for RFP#YESP2026-11 HBS and NCS Serverly Improvements in the amount of \$289,900, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
4	Voted to approve awarding a contract to Innovative Environments (Sabre Technologies, LP) for RFP#YESP2026-13 Graphics Phase IV in the amount of \$83,500, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
5	Voted to approve awarding a contract to Tellepsen Services LLC and Tapwater Construction LLC for RFP#YESP2026-14 Exterior Interior Painting in the amount of \$829,400, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
6	Voted to approve awarding a contract to DTK Landscaping LLC for RFP#YESP2026-08 Landscaping Services in the amount of \$457,600, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
7	Voted to approve awarding a contract to Digital Pro Installation, LLC for RFP#YESP2026-15 BOS, NLS, SES, SWS - AV Improvement in the amount of \$171,800, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
8	Voted to authorize the CEO to execute a power contract up to 5 years not to exceed \$20MM and was brought to the Board for ratification.

9	Voted to approve awarding a contract to Austin Fire Systems for RFP#YESP2023-13 Fire System Services, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
10	Voted to approve the contract renewal with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest using Choice Partners COOP (#25/018MF-79) for copier leases during 2026-2029 school years.
11	Voted to ratify the brand development contract with 5plus8 to create a mascot and logo for YES Prep North Rankin Secondary.
12	Voted to ratify the 1-year partnership agreement with AliefVotes.
13	Voted to ratify the legal representation agreement with Ramirez & Associates, PC.
14	Voted to ratify the 3-year E-Rate contract with Brighten Technology Solutions.
15	Voted to approve the contract with El Caminante Cater, LLC for Summer 2026.
16	Voted to ratify the amendment to the FY2027 contract with Everdriven Technologies, LLC to reduce the minimum trip fee for SpEd bus monitors.
17	Voted to approve the contract renewal addendum with Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services in FY2027.
18	Voted to ratify the contract addendum with Kokua Education, Inc for SY2026-2027.
19	Voted to ratify the contract addendum renewal with Scoot Education, Inc. for SY2026-2027.
20	Voted to approve the contracts and addendum renewals with Providence Treatment Center for two YES Prep students in Summer 2026.
21	Voted to ratify the contract with ESC Region 4 for the Reading Academies in a Local Implementation Model.
22	Voted to approve the venue license agreement with the City of Stafford for the 2026 YES Prep College Fair.
23	Voted to approve the 2.5-year chronic disease prevention education service agreement with Harris County Public Health.
24	Voted to ratify the Hudl contract addendum for 2026-2027.
25	Voted to ratify the independent contractor agreement with Majestic Legacy Mentors.
26	Voted to approve the purchase agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc. for practice teacher certification exams.
27	Voted to approve the partnership agreement with The Council on Recovery for 2026-2027.
28	Voted to ratify the contract with Harris County Department of Education Academic Behavior School East for two students in Spring 2026.
29	Voted to approve the renewal of contracts with qualified vendors to provide services to students in Special Education during SY26-27 (FY2027), and delegate authority to the CEO and their designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreements and any related amendments.
30	Voted to ratify the disclosure and informed consent agreement with Foley & Foley PC.
31	Voted to approve the 3-year subscription renewal with LinkedIn Corporation.
32	Voted to approve the 3-year MoU with Texas Tech University College of Education for teacher education programs from 2026-2029.

Question on Consent Vote 8:

- **Power Contract Process:** A question was raised regarding the process for delegating authority to the CEO on the power contract; The procedure for rate evaluation, contract selection, and board ratification was explained, including working directly with electricity suppliers and avoiding brokers.
- **Contract Duration and Rate Lock:** It was confirmed that a five-year contract locks in the rate for the entire period.

Motioned	Brian Colona
Seconded	Jordan Marye
Unanimously approved at	8:14 AM

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Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
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7. Close meeting and open Executive Session at 8:14 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§551.074 and 551.076, the Board deliberated, in accordance with the above statutes, recent unannounced intruder detection audit findings and specific personnel matters.

8. Adjournment at 8:38 AM.



*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.*