



PfISD SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) Meeting Agenda

05/12/2026 at 4:30 P.M.

PfISD PACE Campus – EOC Meeting Room

700 W. Pecan Street

Pflugerville, Texas 78660

I. Attendance

Rachel Atkinson - Parent
Lindsay Ballard - Parent
Demetria George Caston - Parent
Tacoya Crump - Parent
Janiece Dickson - Parent
Terry Flood - Parent
Celia McDonald - Parent

Shelby Edmondson - District Advisor
Sara Hill - District Advisor
Ralph Hoard - District Advisor
Geoff Holle - District Advisor
Zana Muscove - District Advisor
Lori Patterson - District Advisor
Migdaly Centeno - District Advisor

II. RECORD (HB 1525) and Call Meeting to Order - Dr. Terry Flood 4:32 PM

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes 4:32 PM

- A. The committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes. A motion (Ralph Hoard) and second (Terry Flood) were made to approve the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Special Orders - Approve Bylaws 4:34 PM

- A. The committee reviewed the final version of the SHAC Bylaws. This final version incorporated all previously approved amendments. A motion (Terry Flood) and second (Ralph Hoard) were made to approve the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business 4:40 PM

A. Presentation from Counseling and Social Work 4:41 PM

Lori Patterson (Coordinator of School Counseling) and Zana Muscove (Coordinator of Social Work) provided a comprehensive overview of the district's mental health and academic support framework. Both departments report to Mr. Stephen Polk, the district supervisor.

The presentation defined the distinct operational tiers of the two departments:

- **School Counseling:** Primarily responsible for Tier 1 supports provided to the general campus population. Services include guidance lessons, individual student check-ins (limited to 15–20 minutes for a duration of



6–8 weeks), and academic scheduling.

- **Social Work:** Focuses on Tier 2 and Tier 3 intensive interventions. This team manages crisis response, supports special student populations, and coordinates with external agencies such as Integral Care.

The presenters shared data regarding "screeners" conducted following outcries of suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, or non-suicidal self-injury. From the beginning of the 2025 - 2026 school year until approximately the end of April 2026, the district recorded 743 total screeners (400 Elementary, 206 Middle School, and 137 High School). The committee noted with concern that the number of screeners in Elementary schools, although it's notable that Elementary enrollment (approx. 11,700) is only slightly lower than the combined Secondary enrollment (approx. 13,000).

The following systemic challenges were identified as significant impediments to service delivery:

- **Access to Schools:** Social work asks to be on the agenda at educator meetings occurring before the start of school, but oftentimes they cannot get on the agenda.
- **Staffing Ratios:** High school caseloads average 450:1, far exceeding the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) recommendation of 250:1. Elementary ratios are as high as 800:1.
- **Non-Counseling Duties:** Counselors are heavily tasked with administrative responsibilities, including AP/SAT/GT testing, 504/ARD coordination, lunch duty, at-risk coding, and TELPAS.
- **McKinney-Vento Support:** The district currently serves 700 students experiencing homelessness. PfISD is currently the only district in the region without a dedicated McKinney-Vento team, leaving the entirety of case management to the social work staff.
- **Physical Space and Infrastructure:** Social workers often lack adequate confidential office space, being relegated to closets, cafeteria stages, or rooms without working telephones, which prevents the hosting of interns or therapy groups.
- **Credentialing and Turnover:** While five staff members recently earned Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credentials, the district offers no financial incentive for this advancement, contributing to burnout and turnover.
- **Proposed Budget Cuts:** The presenters noted a recent consultant-led proposal to the Board of Trustees recommending the total elimination of the social work team to address budget deficits.

Community Incident Support Discussion

- A parent member voiced concerns regarding a perceived "siloed" response to a neighborhood murder that occurred at a school bus stop. The parent expressed that the incident lacked a visible social work presence for the affected students. The social work department clarified



that current district protocol dictates they do not deploy for community-based incidents unless a specific request is initiated by a campus Principal or an Assistant Superintendent.

B. 2026-2027 SHAC Meeting Dates [5:18 PM](#)

The committee discussed the schedule for the next academic year. A motion (Ralph Hoard) to set the 2026-2027 meeting dates for the second Tuesday of odd-number months (September, November, January, March, and May) was seconded by (Janiece Dickson) and passed unanimously. The committee reserved the right to call additional meetings if needed and will focus on that at the beginning of the new school year.

C. 2025 - 2026 Report to the Board of Trustees [5:26 PM](#)

The committee reviewed the 2026-2026 Progress Report to the Board of Trustees, which summarizes the committee's organizational establishment. A motion was made by (Ralph Hoard) and was seconded by (Rachel Atkinson). The motion passed unanimously.

D. Future Agenda Items [5:28 PM](#)

The committee established priorities for the September meeting:

- Curriculum and Physical Education: The committee invited Sara Hill (Science and Health Coordinator) to present on the health curriculum and PE alignment.
- Mandated Training: A review of state-mandated CPR certification requirements.
- Legislative Impacts (HB 3906): Discussion regarding parental consent requirements for courses such as psychology and sociology.

A proposal was made to form parent-led subcommittees over the summer to continue investigating the counseling and social work barriers identified during this session.

VI. Adjourn [5:33 PM](#)

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by (Janiece Dickson) and seconded by (Rachel Atkinson). The motion passed unanimously.