

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
May 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, and Janice Carrell. Linda Aguillón and Ariela Martinez were absent. Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Castleberry Administration Building, 5228 Ohio Garden Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76114, by stating the following:

“I call this meeting of the Castleberry Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.”

Board Vice President, Mary Lou Martinez, gave the invocation.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Board Member, Tracy Gallman.

There were no Communications from Citizens.

Dewey Taliaferro, Board President and presiding officer, canvassed the election by stating:

“As the presiding officer of the canvassing authority for Castleberry ISD General Election, held on the 2nd day of May, 2026, Tarrant County, Texas do hereby certify that the following is a total of all votes received by each candidate as shown by the precinct returns. I further certify that the following vote totals include early voting votes by precinct received under Section 87.1231 of the Texas Election Code.”

The School Board election results for Place 1 were 279 votes (100%) for Dewey Taliaferro as he was an unopposed candidate. Total votes by personal appearance on Election Day were 114, total votes by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period were 121, and total counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast were 44.

The School Board election results for Place 2 were 101 votes (32.69%) for Sydney Claridge and 208 votes (67.31%) for Tracy Gallman, with a total of 309 votes casted. Total votes by personal appearance on Election Day were 125, total votes by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period were 134, and total counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast were 50. Tracy Gallman was declared the winner for Place 2 receiving the majority votes.

The Board considered the approval of the canvass of the General School Board Election results for Place 1 and Place 2. Janice Carrell made a motion, and Mary Lou Martinez seconded the motion, to approve the canvass of the School Board election results as presented. The motion carried 5–0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

Elected Board Members Dewey Taliaferro and Tracy Gallman took the oath of office for a new three-year term. Executive Assistant and Public Information Officer to the Board of Education, Angela Branch, administered the oath of office. The newly elected Board Members were congratulated by their fellow Board Members.

Tracy Gallman left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Superintendent of Schools, opened the meeting up for Board President nominations. Mary Lou Martinez nominated Dewey Taliaferro for Board President. The motion carried 4–0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

Dewey Taliaferro took over the meeting, as Board President and opened nominations for Vice President. Janice nominated Mary Lou Martinez for Board Vice President. The motion carried 4–0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

Mary Lou Martinez nominated Cathy Gatica for Board Secretary. The motion carried 4–0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 1, 2026, as a Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by the Executive Assistant and Public Information to the Board of Education, Angela Branch, and reviewed by Board Secretary, Cathy Gatica.



Dewey Taliaferro
Board President
Castleberry Independent School District
Date Approved: June 1, 2026



Cathy Gatica
Board Secretary
Castleberry Independent School District
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