

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

Monday, April 27, 2026

The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call - Dr. Jeff Turner, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman, Dr. Jeff Turner.

Board of Directors Present: Dr. Jeff Turner, Dr. Jay Thompson, Mr. Dennis Hughes, Dr. Jeff Hanks, Dr. Kevin Rogers, and Dr. Patricia Linares.

Board of Directors Absent: Ms. Natalie Texada

There is a vacancy in Place 1.

ESC 11 Officials present: Dr. Brad Schnautz, Dr. Pam Brown, Rory Peacock, Dr. Hailee Fojtasek, Ravonne Allmon-Smith, Laura Weir.

B. Invocation

Dr. Jay Thompson gave the invocation.

C. Public Comments

No one addressed the Board during public comment.

D. Reports

1. Construction Update

Huckabee Architects provided a construction update related to the expansion of Region 11.

2. Consideration and Possible Action to Solicit Proposals Using the One-Step Construction Manager at Risk Process

Laura Weir provided an explanation on the one-step Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process and benefits.

Move for the Board of Directors to authorize the Service Center, per CH (LEGAL) to solicit competitive sealed proposals for the purpose adding to the main building of the Service Center by using the one-step Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process.

This motion, made by Dr. Kevin Rogers and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Hanks, Passed 6-0.
Dr. Jeff Hanks: Yea, Dennis Hughes: Yea, Dr. Patricia Linares: Yea, Dr. Kevin Rogers: Yea,
Dr. Jay Thompson: Yea, Dr. Jeff Turner: Yea.

3. Consideration and Possible Action Requesting Delegate Authority to the Executive Director for Contractor Selection

Brian Green from Huckabee and Laura Weir explained the delegation process for contractor selection.

Move for the Board of Directors to approve the delegation of authority to the Executive Director as outlined.

This motion, made by Dr. Patricia Linares and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Hanks, passed 6-0.
Dr. Jeff Hanks: Yea, Dennis Hughes: Yea, Dr. Patricia Linares: Yea, Dr. Kevin Rogers: Yea, Dr. Jay Thompson: Yea, Dr. Jeff Turner: Yea

E. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session from 11:17 – 11:28 a.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

- Deliberation regarding potential candidate(s) to fill the Board of Director vacancy in Place 1 for the remainder of the unexpired term due to the resignation of Director Dr. Larry Blair

F. Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:28 a.m.

G. Reports

1. Deliberation and Possible Action to Appoint a Replacement Director to Fill the Vacancy in Board of Director Place 1 for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term in Accordance with Commissioner of Education Rule 53.1001(a)(4)

Move for the Board to appoint Dr. Ellen Blair to fill the vacancy in Board of Director Place 1 for the remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with Education Code 8.003(c); 19 TAC 53.1001(a)(4).

This motion, made by Dr. Jay Thompson and seconded by Dr. Jeff Hanks, passed 6-0.
Dr. Jeff Hanks: Yea, Dennis Hughes: Yea, Dr. Patricia Linares: Yea, Dr. Kevin Rogers: Yea, Dr. Jay Thompson: Yea, Dr. Jeff Turner: Yea

2. Commissioner of Education Letter Appointing Natalie Texada as Charter School Representative

The Board reviewed the notification letter from Commissioner Mike Morath appointing Natalie Texada to continue as the Charter School Member of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors.

3. Statement of Elected Officer

Dr. Schnautz explained that Natalie Texada, Dr. Jay Thompson, Dr. Jeff Hanks, and Dr. Ellen Blair will complete the statement of Elected Officer prior to taking the Oath of Office in June.

4. Act on Operational Calendar for 2026-2027

Dr. Brad Schnautz, Dr. Hailee Fojtasek, and Ravonne Allmon-Smith provided explanations on the draft 2026-2027 Operational Calendar. Ravonne Allmon-Smith explained the Remote Work Plan, including the structured framework. Questions and comments took place.

Move for the Board of Directors to approve the 2026-2027 Operational Calendar as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Jeff Hanks and seconded by Dr. Patricia Linares, passed 6-0.

Dr. Jeff Hanks: Yea, Dennis Hughes: Yea, Dr. Patricia Linares: Yea, Dr. Kevin Rogers: Yea, Dr. Jay Thompson: Yea, Dr. Jeff Turner: Yea.

5. Board Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

Board meeting dates for 2026-2027 were discussed.

H. Information Items

1. Board of Directors' Conference Registration List

Dr. Brad Schnautz provided the list of upcoming conferences.

2. Grant Applications and Awards

Dr. Brad Schnautz shared the new grants and award information.

3. Personnel Report

Dr. Schnautz shared the personnel report.

4. 2025-2026 Budget Update

Laura Weir provided an update on the budget, including fund balance.

5. Commissioner's Meeting Update

Dr. Brad Schnautz provided an update on the April Commissioner meeting that was related to Accountability.

6. Technology Services and School Safety Update

Rory Peacock provided an update related to School Safety, including the upcoming conference. He also provided a Technology Services update related to Fiber11. He gave a live demonstration on Vista, a data portal Region 11 is building.

7. Instructional and Administrative Services Update

Dr. Pam Brown provided an update on the Instructional and Administrative Services departments. She provided highlights related to the County Academic Network Meetings, Science of Teaching and Reading Leadership Cohort for 2026-27, and Dyslexia Therapist Training Cohort.

8. Employee Recognition

Dr. Brad Schnautz shared information on employees who earned advanced degrees, certifications, and leaders of organizations.

I. Consent Agenda for Approval

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kevin Rogers and seconded by Dennis Hughes, Passed 6-0.

Dr. Jeffrey Hanks: Yea, Dennis Hughes: Yea, Dr. Patricia Linares: Yea, Dr. Kevin Rogers: Yea, Dr. Jay Thompson: Yea, Dr. Jeff Turner: Yea

1. Approved Previous Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2026
2. Approved Check Registers for February 2026 and March 2026
3. Approved Financial Reports for February 2026 and March 2026
4. Approved Investment Reports for February 2026 and March 2026
5. Approved Budget Amendments for February 2026 and March 2026
6. Approved RFP #26-01-31 - Payroll Services for 3rd Party Reviewers - Re-award
7. Approved RFP #26-02-31 - E-Rate Internet Access Services
8. Approved RFP #26-03-31 - PEIMS Data Software
9. Approved RFP #26-04-31 - Professional Development & Educational Services
10. Approved RFQ #26-05 - Mobile Dental & Mobile Vision Services

J. Closed Session

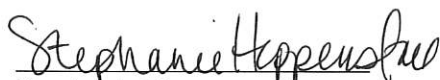
If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

No additional closed session was held.

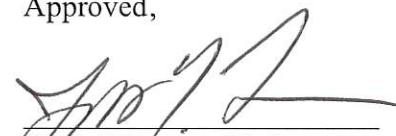
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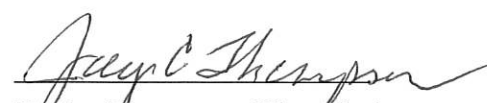
The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Heppenstall

Approved,


Dr. Jeff Turner, Chairman


Dr. Jay Thompson, Vice-Chairman