



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, August 20, 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, Joe Gatto, Andrea Link, Jordan Marye, Chris Barbic, Brian Colona

YES Prep Staff Members Present: Mark DiBella, Carmen Darville, Phil Wright, Dana Foughty, Isy Castillo, Tony Munoz, Julie Nguyen, Cesar Cedillos, Amanda Rawlings, Beth Carlson-Young, Liz Martinez

1. **Call to Order, quorum determined, meeting declared open at 8:01 AM**
2. **No public comment**
3. **Close meeting, open workshop at 8:02 AM**
4. **Introduction of Board Member Candidate – Adrienne Amin**
5. **Close workshop, open executive session at 8:05 AM**
6. **Executive session closed, open meeting at 8:11 AM**
7. **Business Agenda**

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8. Consent agenda:

1	Vote to approve meeting minutes from June 3, 2026.
2	Vote to approve the training contract with Kander Consulting LLC for Fall 2026.
3	Vote to approve the agreement with BEN Systems Leadership Coaching for SY2026-2027.
4	Vote to approve the agreement with Moncrief Consulting, LLC to assist with the YES Prep CFO transition during Fall 2026.
5	Vote to approve the agreement with DGW Group to assist with CFO candidate sourcing during Fall 2026.
6	Vote to approve the contracts retroactively, previously authorized by the CEO's temporary approval during the summer recess, in alignment with the standard requirement for board approval on all contracts.
7	Vote to approve awarding a contract to CFI Mechanical Inc. for HVAC maintenance services through Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract #22/049MF-05, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
8	Vote to approve awarding a contract to Pref Tech for Genetec Building Integration Services through DIR-CPO-6159 contract, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
9	Vote to approve renewal of selected software contracts , and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
10	Vote to approve authorizing the CEO to award the contract ERC Environmental & Construction Services, Inc. for RFP#YESP2026-16 BOS Restroom Renovation, and delegate authority to the CEO and his designees to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement(s) and amendment(s).
11	Vote to approve authorizing the CEO to award the contract for RFP#YESP2026-20 Thrive Roof Replacement, with the final contract approval to be presented at the September board meeting.
12	Vote to approve the MoU with Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) for the NFL Flag-in-School PLAY 60 Champions initiative in 2026-2027.
13	Vote to ratify the contract agreement with Ro Health, LLC for SY2026-2027.
14	Vote to ratify the SaaS contract with Speakable Technologies, Inc. for 2026-2027.
15	Vote to approve the interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for 2026-2027.
16	Vote to ratify the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) and PEIMS support services agreement with Region 4 ESC for SY2026-2027.

17	Vote to approve the interlocal agreement with the University of Texas at Austing Regional Security Operations Center for 2026-2027.
18	Vote to approve the confidentiality agreement with Varonis Systems, Inc. for 2026-2027.
19	Vote to approve the easement dedication to the City of Houston on the Fifth Ward Elementary property.
20	Vote to approve the SY2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct for Elementary Schools.
21	Vote to ratify the partnership agreement with Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse for SY2026-2027.
22	Vote to ratify the partnership agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc. for SY2026-2027.
23	Vote to ratify the rental agreement with Any Occasion Tents & Events, LLC for the 2026 YES Prep Coaching Institute.
24	Vote to ratify the contract agreement with Brittany McGruder for executive leadership skill coaching from July 2026 – March 2027.
25	Vote to ratify the contract agreement with Brittany McGruder for interim co-principal support from August 2026 – March 2027.
26	Vote to ratify the grant partnership with Community High School Foundation to fund a pilot subscription to the Futre software platform for Fall 2026.
27	Vote to ratify the Copyleaks, Inc. software subscription agreement for 2026-2027.
28	Vote to ratify the contract agreement with Dalton Educational Services SY2026-2027.
29	Vote to ratify the ECINS CORP. service level agreement for SY2026-2027.
30	Vote to ratify the partnership agreement with Eduvention Mentoring and Counseling for SY2026-2027.
31	Vote to ratify the independent contract agreement with Ellen Winstead for SY2026-2027.
32	Vote to ratify the partnership agreement with Emerging 100 Houston for SY2026-2027.
33	Vote to ratify the independent contract agreement with Expedited Reports, LLC for 2026-2027.
34	Vote to ratify the contract agreement with FinalForms for 2026-2027.
35	Vote to approve the interlocal contract with Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) for School-Based Therapy Services during SY2026-2027.
36	Vote to approve the partnership agreement with HealthCorps, Inc. for 2026-2028.
37	Vote to approve the three-year collaboration agreement with the Institute of Psychological Studies (ISEP) for 2026-2029.
38	Vote to approve the partnership agreement with Journey Through Life, LLC for 2026-2027.
39	Vote to approve the partnership agreement with LEAD (Letting Everyone Achieve Dreams) for 2026-2028.
40	Vote to approve the rate schedule for the SY2026-2027 Merchants Fleet van lease agreement.
41	Vote to approve the ParentSquare, Inc. contract renewal for 2026-2027.
42	Vote to approve the three-year practicum placement agreement with Saint Xavier University for 2026-2029.
43	Vote to approve the partnership agreement with Street Grace for SY2026-2027.

44	Vote to approve the partnership with The Children's Assessment Center for SY2026-2027.
45	Vote to approve the partnership with The Women's Resource of Greater Houston for SY2026-2027.
46	Vote to approve the MoU between YES Prep and Therapeutic Intervention Services, Inc. for SY2026-2027.
47	Vote to approve the interlocal agreement with UT Austin for access to OnRamps courses during SY2026-2027.
48	Vote to approve the promotional service agreement with Cumulus Media during Fall 2026 to boost student enrollment at YES Prep.
49	Vote to approve the casino party agreement with iHostPoker LLC for the 2027 YES Prep annual poker tournament.
50	Vote to approve the fundraising service agreement with Qtego, LLC for the 2027 YES Prep Energy Texas Hold 'Em Tournament.
51	Vote to approve the contract agreement with PrudentRX, LLC for 2026-2027.
52	Vote to approve the contract agreement with Garner Health Technology, Inc. for 2026-2027.
53	Vote to approve the 3-year service agreement renewal contract with HSA Bank.
54	Vote to approve the business associate agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

Motioned	Brian Colona
Seconded	Joe Gatto
Motion carried at	8:15 AM

Board Member	Vote
Chris Barbic	☒ Assent ☐ Dissent ☐ Absent ☐ Recuse
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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§551.074 and 551.076, the Board will deliberate, in accordance with the above statutes, recent unannounced intruder detection audit findings and specific personnel matters.

9. Executive Session can be called at any time for the Board to engage with the above stated matters.

10. Adjournment at 8:17 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.*