Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026
Board of Trustees
Katy Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School District was held on **Monday, July 27, 2026** in the Board Room of the Katy ISD Education Support Complex, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas, 77494. Public access to the free Livestream of the Regular Meeting was made available through the Katy ISD Board Meeting Livestream link. The following Board members were present: Lance Redmon, Dawn Champagne, James Cross, Rebecca Fox, Jim Davidson, Nathan Shipley, and Cicely Taylor.

1. **Call to Order**
   At 5:01 p.m. Board President Lance Redmon called the meeting to order. Dr. Ken Gregorski verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code were met in accordance with the public notice of the meeting.

2. **Pledges of Allegiance**
   Katy ISD Police Officer Robert Lister led the pledges of allegiance.

3. **Recognitions**
   Dr. Ken Gregorski introduced Dolores Hernandez, Multimedia & Communications Manager, for the recognitions portion of the meeting.

   3.1 Texas House Representative Matt Morgan, District 26 Presentation to Honor FFA and University Interscholastic League State Championship Teams and Students.

   3.2 Office of Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones Presentation to Honor FFA and University Interscholastic League Championship Teams and Students.

   3.3 2026 FFA Career Development Events State Championship.

   3.4 University Interscholastic League 2026 6A Academic State Championship.

   3.5 University Interscholastic League 2026 6A Boys Doubles Tennis State Championship.

   3.6 University Interscholastic League 2026 6A Track & Field State Championship.

   3.7 University Interscholastic League 2026 6A Softball State Championship.

4. **Public Comment/Citizen Participation - In accordance with BED(LEGAL) and BED(LOCAL) the Board shall hear from persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up via email at publicspeakers@katyisd.org by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026.**
   4.1 Public comment on posted agenda items.
      a) Shaunte Allen spoke regarding Item 9.20 Approval of acquisition of New Library books.
      b) Regina Johnson spoke regarding item 9.2, May 2026 Financial Reports.

   4.2 Public comment on non-agenda items.
      a) Mandar Shimpi spoke regarding agenda item 4.2, bus transportation change for Whitmar Trail community.
      b) Srinivas Pattela spoke regarding agenda item 4.2, bus transportation.

5. **Public Hearing**
   5.1 Public hearing on Compliance with Senate Bill 12 Requirements. No speakers

6. **Closed Meeting - Closed Meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.** Board President Lance Redmon announced the Board will convene in Closed Meeting, the time was 5:50 p.m.

   6.1 Consultation with Board's attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)

   6.2 Discuss safety/security update. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)

7. **Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting.** Board President Lance Redmon called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

8. **Reports**
   8.1 Progress Report on the Student Attendance Incentive Initiative. Jamey Hynds, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Dr. Emily Craig, Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership and Campus Support presented.

   8.2 Planning for Growth: Attendance Boundary Modification (ABM) for the 2027 - 2028 School Year: Elementary #49 Update. Ted Vierling, Chief Operating Officer presented.

   8.3 TIA Presentation - Teacher Incentive Allotment Update. Kyle Allen-Sanchez, TIA Coordinator presented.

Full Consent Agenda Option
Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda for items 9.1 through 9.22, except for items 9.10 and 9.11 which has been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Rebecca Fox.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9. **Consent Agenda**
   9.1. Consider Board approval of the Workers Compensation Excess Reinsurance Program for the period September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal for Workers compensation Excess Reinsurance for the period September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027 as presented by Midwest Casualty.

   Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

   9.2 Consider Board approval of the claims administration by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund for workers compensation claims. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the claims administration program by Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund for the period 9/1/2026 to 8/31/2027.

   Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.3 Consider the 2026-2027 Professional Development Plan. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Professional Development Plan.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.4 Consider Board approval of the May 2026 Financial Reports. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the District's May 2026 financial statements.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.5 Consider publication of the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the publishing of the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate, with a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate. Rates will be determined based on Truth in Taxation calculations which utilize property value information to be provided by Harris, Fort Bend, and Waller Counties.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.6 Consider Board approval of the July 2026 budget amendments. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the District's July 2026 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.7 Consider Board approval for the purchase of white fleet, police vehicles, field turf, track repairs and replacement, and audio-visual replacement equipment. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of white fleet, police vehicles, field turf, track repairs and replacement, and audio-visual replacement equipment.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.8 Consider Board approval of the renewal for 2026-2027 UIL Student Accident Insurance proposal for UIL events as well as catastrophic coverage as proposed by Greater East Texas Agency. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of the 2026-2027 UIL Student Accident Insurance proposal for UIL events as well as catastrophic coverage as proposed by Greater East Texas Agency.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.9 Consider approval of the Voluntary Benefit Products for Plan Year 2027. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Voluntary Benefit Products for Plan Year 2027.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.10 Consider Board approval of the 2026-2027 Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-2027 Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.11 Consider naming a portion of a facility at Katy High School. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Jim Davidson that the Board of Trustees approves naming a portion of a facility at Katy High School in honor of Kalum Haack as Kalum Haack Softball Field.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.12 Consider Board approval of the proposals for the Building Management Control System replacements at Paetow High School and Stockdick Junior High School. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the contracts for the replacement of the Building Management Control System (BMCS) at Paetow High School to Unify Energy Solutions, LLC, utilizing TIPS No. 25010502 in the amount of $2,995,000 and Stockdick Junior High School in the amount of $1,045,000 with the total project cost not to exceed $4,664,400.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.13 Consider Board approval of a contract for the construction of the new Opportunity Awareness Center. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to Anslow-Bryant Construction, Ltd., for the construction of the new Opportunity Awareness Center in the amount of $10,224,842 and approves the total project cost not to exceed $11,788,333.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.14 Consider Board approval of Amendment One to The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company contract related to the renovations and additions to the Maintenance buildings located at Central Maintenance, Lester Reinecker II East Transportation, Anna Baker West Transportation, and Cyndy Self South Transportation. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves Amendment One to The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company contract related to the renovations and additions to the Maintenance buildings located at Central Maintenance, Lester Reinecker II East Transportation, Anna Baker West Transportation, and Cyndy Self South Transportation for the Guaranteed Maximum Price of $1,676,013.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.15 Consider Board approval of the launch of a district virtual high school for the 2026–2027 school year under Texas Education Code Chapter 30B. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve of the launch of the District's Virtual High School for the 2026–2027 school year under Chapter 30B of the Texas Education Code and authorize for the Superintendent or designee to submit all required documentation to the Texas Education Agency in support of the District's virtual school application.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.16 Consider Compliance with Senate Bill 12 Requirements. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves of compliance with Senate Bill 12 requirements.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.17 Consider Board endorsement of a nominated individual for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Director for Region 4, Position B. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve of Alief ISD Trustee Ann Williams to be nominated for the vacant position of TASB Region 4, Position B, on the TASB Board of Directors.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.18 Consider Board endorsement of a delegate and alternate delegate to the 2026 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve endorsement of Lance Redmon as delegate and James Cross as alternate delegate to the 2026 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.19 Consider Board Approval of Acquisition of New Library Books. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approve the acquisition of new library books.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.20 Consider Board approval of a blanket electrical easement to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC associated with the construction of Elementary School #49. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees awards CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC a blanket electrical easement associated with the construction of Elementary School #49 as depicted in the attached easement document.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.21 Consider Board approval of the minutes for the June Board meetings. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves of the minutes for the June Board meetings.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9.22 Consider Board approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 172 and Katy Independent School District. Moved by Cicely Taylor second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 172 and Katy Independent School District to construct playground equipment at James E. Randolph Elementary School.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10. Information Items

10.1 Recap of Board member requests for Information.

- Request regarding Teacher Incentive Allotment and comparison with other districts are handling subjects not approved by TEA.

11. Future Meetings

11.1 Special Board Meeting – Team Building – August 8, 2026. Lance Redmon Board President announced that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

11.2 Board Work Study Meeting – August 17, 2026. Lance Redmon Board President announced that there will be a Board Work Study Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026.

11.3 Regular Board Meeting - August 24, 2026. Lance Redmon Board President announced that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2026.

11.4 Special Board Meeting – Strategic Planning – August 31, 2026. Lance Redmon Board President announced there will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026.

13. Adjournment

Board President Lance Redmon announced that there being no further business before the Board the meeting is adjourned, the time was 9:21 p.m.

REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE

Lance Redmon
President, Board of Trustees

James Cross
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: August 24, 2026