

Jean Massieu Academy / Jean Massieu Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2026

DATE: June 26, 2026

LOCATION: Jean Massieu Academy Board Room, 823 N. Center St., Arlington, TX 76011

TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

I. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Board Members	Administration & Others
Jane Ann Shelton, President (Present)	Monica Fox, Superintendent (Not Present)
Christina Haslage, Vice President & Secretary (Present)	Ashley Blakeslee, Incoming Superintendent / Asst. Superintendent (Present)
William (Bill) Green, Treasurer (Present)	Sign Language Interpreters (Present)
John Coffey, Member (Present)	
Rebeka Gillilan, Member (Present)	

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING & PRELIMINARIES

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A. Declaration of Quorum & Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Board President Jane Ann Shelton. Quorum was declared met with five (5) voting members present. President Jane Ann Shelton transferred the power to Vice President Christina

Haslage as the acting President.

- **B. Reading of the JMA Mission Statement:** The official Jean Massieu Academy Mission Statement was read aloud by Assistant Superintendent Ashley Blakeslee.
- **C. Public Comments:** The floor was opened for public comments (limited to 5 minutes per individual). No members of the public requested to speak.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Approval of Minutes (May 1, 2026 Regular Meeting): Review and motion to approve the board meeting minutes from May 1, 2026.
 - **Motion:** Jane Ann Shelton
 - **Second:** William Green
 - **Outcome:** Unanimously approved.
- **2. JMF Financial Reports (April & May 2026):** Review and motion to approve the Jean Massieu Foundation financial reports for April and May 2026.
 - **Motion:** John Coffey
 - **Second:** William Green
 - **Outcome:** Unanimously approved.
- **3. JMA Financial Reports (April & May 2026):** Review and motion to approve the Jean Massieu Academy financial reports for April and May 2026.
 - **Outcome:** Tabled.

IV. REPORTS

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- **President's Report (Jane Ann Shelton):** Expressed appreciation to the administrative team and board members for their ongoing leadership during the leadership transition and commended the commitment to Deaf education excellence. She also welcomed Ashley back from maternity leave.
- **Vice President's Report (Christina Haslage):** Commended outgoing Superintendent Monica Fox for her dedication, leadership, and successful initiatives during her tenure at JMA.
- **Secretary's Report (Christina Haslage):** Reported on record-keeping status and confirmed that previous minutes have been brought into compliance with TEA and charter standards.
- **Treasurer's Report (William Green):** Provided an overview of Foundation accounts, current banking relations, and operational reserves.

B. Academy Administrative Reports

- **Transportation Report:** Review of vehicle maintenance, fuel usage, and ongoing evaluation of student transit services. Bussing will stop running for the summer and will not resume for the academic year 2026-2027.
- **Building & Maintenance Report:** Update on campus facilities, summer maintenance schedules, and safety-security equipment checkups.
- **Superintendent's Report (Monica Fox & Ashley Blakeslee):**
 - **TAP Reflection Submission:** Finalization of the Turnaround Plan (TAP) reflection completed in coordination with ESC Region 11 for submission to TEA before the end of June. ESC Region 11 approved the finalization and the draft was then sent to TEA.
 - **224 Special Education Grant Audit:** Review of the initial documentation stage submitted to TEA to safeguard and guarantee 2026–2027 special education funding allocations.
 - **BrevAll Technologies Transition:** Successful execution and signing of the new contract with BrevAll Technologies for campus IT infrastructure and tech support, especially in regards to the WiFi usage as well as ensuring cybersecurity is updated.
 - **Superintendent Transition:** Formal recognition of Monica Fox's departure effective June 30, 2026, and transition of all executive administrative responsibilities to Ashley Blakeslee starting July 1, 2026.
 - **Payroll Administration:** Finalized assistance for the June 27 payroll processing cycle by Susan and Monica.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Item Description	Motion By	Seconded By	Vote Result
1. Staff Development Waiver Request (2025–2026): Formal approval to submit a waiver request to TEA for additional staff development days to make up instructional minutes lost due to	Rebeka Gillilan	William Green	Approved Unanimously (5-0)

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inclement winter weather.			
2. Frost Bank Account & Signature Card Update: Formal authorization designating Ashley Blakeslee with administrative access and signature authority on all Frost Bank accounts, effective July 1, 2026, and removing Monica Fox from the account.	Rebeka Gillilan	William Green	Approved Unanimously (5-0)
2a. Amendment to Action - Bank of America needs to be updated.	Rebeka Gillilan	William Green	Approved Unanimously (5-0)
3. Board Governance Training Date: Approval to schedule annual mandatory board governance training facilitated by Mrs. Carey Carter from ESC Region 11 for August 2026.	Rebeka Gillilan	Christina Haslage / Jane Ann Shelton	Approved Unanimously (5-0)
4. Appointment of New Superintendent: Formal board action appointing Ashley Blakeslee as the official Superintendent of Jean Massieu Academy, effective July 1, 2026.	Jane Ann Shelton	Rebeka Gillilan	Approved Unanimously (5-0)

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

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Executive Session: The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to discuss administrative transitions at 12:00 PM and reconvened in open session at 12:12 PM.
- **Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Christina Haslage, Board Secretary
Jean Massieu Foundation / Jean Massieu Academy