

The Region 4 ESC Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2024
District Systemic Support Conference Room
7145 West Tidwell Road
Houston, Texas 77092

The Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4) Board of Directors met in a Regular meeting on April 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Mrs. LaVerie Wise, Mr. Victor White, and Mrs. Scotty Bass. Ms. Lalla Morris, Dr. Hugh Hayes and Mr. Andy Reyes were absent.

Staff members in attendance included: Dr. Rodney Watson, Dr. Kelly Ingram, Dr. Jennifer Brock, Ms. Stephanie Noriega, Mr. Jeff Kohrman, Ms. Jorgannie Carter, Dr. Julie Hill, and Dr. Melody Goffney.

Kate Mejia served as recording secretary.

1. General Items

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Chair.
- B. The invocation was led by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman. The pledges of allegiance were led by Mrs. Scotty Bass.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Dr. Watson shared updates on bringing Region 4 employees back into the office after building renovations were completed. Dr. Watson also gave an overview of the progress of McKinney Conference Center renovations. Dr. Watson reviewed the visit from Texas Education Agency cabinet members in early April. He shared that Ken Culbreath, Director of the Region 4 Office of Emergency Management and School Safety, has been recruited by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to join their Houston Criminal Investigation Division Task Force representing Region 4 on this team. Dr. Watson provided an update of the work Region 4 is achieving with the collaboration of the Houston Endowment. Region 4 held the Child Nutrition Managers Academy Graduation Ceremony with 50 graduates. Dr. Watson also introduced Dr. Jennifer Brock as the newest member of the cabinet team.
- E. Dr. Watson reviewed date options for a Special-Called Board of Directors Meeting.

2. Reports/Information Items

- A. Dr. Melody Goffney shared the report on personnel matters, including employment, retirement, and termination of full-time or part-time employees.
- B. Dr. Julie Hill shared the report on Region 4 Educator Certification interlocal agreements.
- C. Ms. Jorgannie Carter shared the report on public agencies utilizing OMNIA Partners/Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) contracts.
- D. Ms. Christine Zenteno from TASB shared the report on TASB Pay System Maintenance Review.

3. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Carmen Moreno recommended that Items 3A-1, 3B-2, and 3C-1 be presented, reviewed, and handled in one motion, one second, and one vote.

A. Administration

3A-1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting on February 27, 2024

B. Business Office

3B-1 Approval of budget amendments.

Item 3B-1 was presented, reviewed, and handled separately. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3B-2 Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Financial Statement Report as of March 31, 2024, and Monthly Investment Reports as of February 28, 2024, and March 31, 2024.

C. OMNIA Partners

C-1 Approval of contract renewals
September 2024

- BSN SPORTS LLC
- Riddell
- Samson Equipment
- School Health Corporation
- School Specialty, LLC
- Iron Bow Technologies, LLC
- SYNEX Corporation
- ThunderCat Technology, LLC
- Daikin Applied Americas, Inc.
- Johnson Controls, Inc.
- TDIndustries, Inc.
- WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC.
- Schindler Elevator Corporation
- TK Elevator Corporation
- E-Z-GO Division of Textron Inc.
- Granite Telecommunications, LLC
- RingCentral Inc.

October 2024

- Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.

December 2024

- K12 Insight LLC

A motion was made by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve consent agenda items 3A-1, 3B-2, and 3C-1 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items

A. Administration

4A-1 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve declaring the unopposed candidates elected to the following places on the Region 4 Board of Directors.

- Mr. Victor White, Place 5 - representing Harris County (Channelview, Crosby, Deer Park, Galena Park, Goose Creek Consolidated, Huffman, La Porte, Pasadena, and Sheldon Independent School Districts)
- Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Place 6 - representing Chambers and Liberty Counties (Anahuac, Barbers Hill, Cleveland, Dayton, Devers, and Tarkington Independent School Districts)
- Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Place 7- representing Galveston County (Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, Hitchcock, Santa Fe, and Texas City Independent School Districts).

The motion carried unanimously.

4A-2 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Victor White to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and execute the contract for services from FSG at a price not to exceed three hundred fourteen thousand fourteen dollars (\$314,014). Mr. Jeff Kohrman shared information regarding the approval to negotiate final terms and execute the contract to install exterior signage with new logos.

The motion carried unanimously.

4A-3 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Computer Cooperative (Region 20 Education Service Center) to formalize a partnership between The Texas Education Exchange and the Texas Computer Cooperative. Mr. Jeff Kohrman shared information regarding the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Computer Cooperative and The Texas Education Exchange. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-4 A motion was made by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve, adopt, and execute the Board Resolution to Establish Non-Business Days in Accordance with HB 3033 [88th Texas Legislature (2023)] as presented. Dr. Julie Hill shared information regarding the approval of Board Resolution to Establish Non-Business Days in Accordance with HB 3033 [88th Texas Legislature (2023)]. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Business

4B-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman to approve the ratification of procured budgeted purchases that aggregate \$100,000 or more as presented. Ms. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval ratification of procured budgeted

purchases that aggregate \$100,000 or more. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-2 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve the resolution establishing a capital projects fund and authorizes the transfer of twenty-eight million one hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars (\$28,172,394) from the general operating fund to the capital projects fund. Further moved that the Board authorizes administration to reclassify fiscal year 2023-2024 expenditures and commitments related to Region 4's renovations. Ms. Jorgannie Carter reviewed information regarding the establishment of a capital projects fund and reclassification of expenses related to the Center's renovations. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-3 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve Weaver and Tidwell, LLP to carry out the annual financial audit for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Ms. Jorgannie Carter reviewed information regarding the approval of auditor for fiscal year 2023-2024 financial audit. The motion carried unanimously.

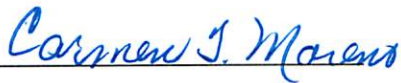
5. Closed Session

[Closed Session was moved to follow Item 1E]

Mrs. Carmen Moreno requested a motion to enter into Closed Session. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman to enter into Closed Session to review Human Resources updates [Tex. Gov. Code Section 551.074]. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Closed Session at 11:12 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to reconvene the Board Meeting. The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and seconded by Mr. Victor White to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Carmen Moreno adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.



Chair



Secretary