

The Region 4 ESC Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2025
Board 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 June 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Mr. Victor White, Mrs. LaVerie Wise, Mrs. Scotty Bass, and Mr. Andy Reyes. Dr. King Davis, Ms. Lalla Morris, and Mrs. Carmen Moreno were absent.

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

Kate Mejia served as recording secretary.

1. General Items

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Chair.
- B. The invocation was led by Mr. Victor White. The pledges of allegiance were led by Mr. Andy Reyes.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Dr. Watson introduced Mr. Paul Castro, Chief of Strategic District Support. Dr. Watson also shared that he and Dr. Jennifer Brock have been selected to participate in the leadership programs with the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs). Dr. Watson announced that Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Superintendent, Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, was selected to represent Region 4 in the state Superintendent of the Year competition. Galena Park Independent School District Board of Trustees was selected to represent Region 4 in the Texas Honor Board competition. Dr. Watson provided attendance information for the virtual Bluebonnet Learning Conference. Dr. Watson gave an update on the preliminary STAAR results. Dr. Watson shared that the new Region 4 website and online store are live. Lastly, Dr. Watson reminded Board Members of the upcoming Teachers of the Year luncheon celebration.

2. Reports/Information Items

- A. Kate Mejia, Senior Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, administered the Oath of Office to reelected Board Members, Mrs. Margaret "Scotty" Bass—Place 1 and Mr. Andy Reyes—Place 2.
- B. Dr. Rodney Watson and Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared the report on the 2025–2026 Budget Proposal.
- C. Dr. Melody Goffney shared the report on personnel matters, including employment, retirement, and termination of full-time or part-time employees.
- D. Dr. Julie Hill presented the Report on Region 4 Educator Certification Interlocal Agreements.

E. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared the report on public agencies utilizing OMNIA Partners/Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) contracts.

3. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Linda Tinnerman recommended that Items 3A-1, 3B-1, 3B-2, 3C-1, and 3C-2 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 April 22, 2025

B. Business Office

3B-1 Approval budget amendments.

3B-2 Approval of interim financial statement for Fiscal Year 2024–2025

Financial Statement Reports as of April 30, 2025 and May 31, 2025,

Monthly Investment Reports as of April 30, 2025 and May 31, 2025.

C. OMNIA Partners

3C-1 Approval of contract renewals

November 2025

- Emburse, Inc.
- Global Equipment Company, Inc.
- Motion Industries
- Uniglobe Travel Designers

December 2025

- Acolad, Inc.
- AutoZone Parts, Inc.
- Corpay, Inc. through its subsidiaries Corpay Technologies Operating Company, LLC and Comdata Inc.
- DIRT Environmental Solutions
- Fellowes, Inc. dba ESI Ergonomic Solutions
- GLOBO Language Solutions, LLC
- Homeland Language Services
- Humanscale Corporation
- Language Line Services, Inc
- Lawson Products, Inc.
- Lionbridge Global Solutions II, Inc.
- Loftwall, Inc.
- MasterWord Services, Inc.
- Propio LS, LLC (formerly United Language Group)
- GlobalVision International, Inc. A Division of Summa Linguae Technologies
- VARI Sales Corporation
- Webbco Enterprises, LLC dba Visual Communication Services
- Workrite Ergonomics

3C-2 Approval of internal contract renewals

July 2025

- 4Imprint, Inc.
- Quill LLC
- Everest Trading Corp.

- Butler Business Products LLC

September 2025

- Disc Pro Graphics, Inc.
- Gurrola Reprographics, Inc.
- RR Donnelley
- T Enterprises dba 1 Vision

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

4. Action Items

A. Administration

- 4A-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve Mrs. Linda Tinnerman to serve as Chair, Mrs. LaVerie Wise to serve as Vice-Chair, Mr. Victor White to serve as Secretary, and Mr. Andy Reyes to serve as Assistant Secretary. Dr. Rodney Watson shared information regarding the approval of the reorganization of the officer positions for the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4A-2 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve the 2025–2026 Board meeting dates as presented. Dr. Watson reviewed information regarding the approval of the 2025–2026 Board meeting dates. The following dates are recommended for the 2025–2026 Board meetings: October 28, 2025; December 16, 2025, February 24, 2026; April 28, 2026; June 23, 2026; and August 25, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4A-3 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the pay structure plan for 2025-2026 as proposed in the April 22, 2025, TASB Compensation Plan Review. Dr. Julie Hill reviewed information regarding the approval of Region 4 ESC pay structure plan for 2025-2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4A-4 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve a 2% of the midpoint general salary increase for those employees within the Region 4 ESC salary structure, a 2% of the midpoint salary increase for employees who are at or above the pay grade maximum, and a 2% salary increase for those employees on the Executive Administration Pay Plan. Dr. Jorgannie Carter reviewed information regarding the approval of Region 4 ESC compensation plan for 2025-2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4A-5 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve the Region 4 annual employer contribution of eight thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars (\$8,676) per employee for health insurance coverage options for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Dr. Julie Hill reviewed information regarding the approval of Region 4 employer

contribution for health insurance coverage options for 2025-2026 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4A-6 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve the revision of the Region 4 Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD); execute the revised Shared Services Agreement with Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, Aldine, and Spring ISDs and Bloom Academy and DRAW Academy Charter School as presented and authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into Interlocal Agreements with additional LEAs as presented. Dr. Jennifer Brock reviewed information regarding the approval of the revision of the Region 4 Regional Day School Program For the Deaf Shared Services Arrangement with Houston ISD, Pasadena ISD, Deer Park ISD, Aldine ISD, Spring ISD, Bloom Academy, and Draw Academy. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4A-7 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve the contract between UCNLEARN and Region 4 and authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and enter into an agreement. Dr. Jennifer Brock reviewed information regarding the approval of UCNLEARN Licensing and Revenue Agreement Contract. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Business

- 4B-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve the procured budgeted purchases that aggregate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding the 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 procured budgeted purchases aggregating one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, and authorize subsequent purchases as requested, for the Open Education Resource (OER) Instructional Material Print Operations Project as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of Procured Budgeted Purchases Aggregating \$100,000 or More for the Open Education Resource Instructional Materials Print Operations Project. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4B-3 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve a two (2) year contract with the option of three (3) two-year renewals for Depository Services as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for RFP# R42025-02 Depository Services. Administration recommends award to Wells Fargo Bank. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4B-4 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve funding, not to exceed one million three hundred fifty

thousand dollars (\$1,350,000), for Region 4 School Support Grants to be made available to all eligible school districts and charter schools within Region 4. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of funding for Region 4 School Support Grants. The motion carried unanimously.

C. OMNIA Partners

4C-1 A motion was made by Mr. Andy Reyes and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for Cyber Security Solutions as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for Cyber Security Solutions. Administration recommends award to BLACKWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.; CompuNet, Inc.; Netsync; NuHarbor Security Inc.; Optiv Security, Inc.; rUSD solutions; and TD SYNEX Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

4C-2 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for On-Demand Transportation (Rideshare), Meals, and Logistics Solutions as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for On-Demand Transportation (Rideshare), Meals, and Logistics Solutions. Administration recommends award to Uber Technologies, Inc. and Via Transportation, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Closed Session

Mrs. Linda Tinnerman requested a motion to enter into Closed Session. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to enter into Closed Session to discuss goals and evaluation for the Executive Director [Tex. Gov. Code Section:§551.074]. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Closed Session at 12:26 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Laverie Wise to reconvene the Board Meeting. The Board reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Linda Tinnerman adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.



Chair



Secretary