The Region 4 ESC Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 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 August 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Mrs. Scotty Bass, Mr. Andy Reyes, Mrs. LaVerie Wise, and Mr. Victor White. 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 11:02 a.m. by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Chair.
    B. The invocation was led by Mrs. LaVerie Wise. The pledges of allegiance were led by Mrs. Scotty Bass.
    C. There were no comments from the public.
    D. Dr. Watson thanked Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and Mrs. LaVerie Wise for attending the Region 4 teachers of the Year Award Luncheon. Dr. Watson shared that Mr. Paul Castro represented Region 4 along with Dr. Rebecca Brown, Dickinson ISD Superintendent, on Great Day Houston on KHOU. Dr. Watson reminded the board that Galena Park ISD was named the Region 4 Board of the Year, and announced that that they have been chosen as a Top 5 Honor Board from the entire state. Region 4 has increased the number of districts we will support in Strong Foundations. Region 4 awarded Spring ISD with the highest level of the Active Shooter Preparedness certification. Lastly, Dr. Watson gave an update on Phase II Renovations.
2. Reports/Information Items
    A. This item will be moved to the next Regular Boad Meeting.
    B. Dr. Melody Goffney shared the report on personnel matters, including employment, retirement, and termination of full-time or part-time employees.
    C. Dr. Julie Hill presented the Report on Region 4 Educator Certification Interlocal Agreements.
    D. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared the report on public agencies utilizing OMNIA Partners/Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) contracts.
    E. Dr. Rodney Watson and cabinet members shared information on the 2024-2025 Region 4 Annual Performance Report.
    F. Dr. Julie Hill reviewed the notification of TASB ESC Update 31 Legal Policy Provisions.
    G. Dr. Watson delivered the report on the Region 4 Employee Engagement Survey.

3. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Linda Tinnerman recommended that Items 3A-1, 3B-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 June 24, 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 June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025,
Monthly Investment Reports as of June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025.

C. OMNIA Partners

3C-1 Approval of contract renewals

<u>January 2026</u>

- Network Services Company
- ODP Business Solutions, LLC (formerly Office Depot)

<u>February 2026</u>

- Corby Energy Services, Inc.
- SAK Construction
- TCG Consulting Services

A motion was made by Mr. Andy Reyes and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve consent agenda items 3A-1, 3B-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. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the 2025–2026 Center-wide Goals as submitted. Dr. Rodney Watson shared information regarding the approval of 2025–2026 Center-wide Goals. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-2 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve and adopt Boad Policy CH(LOCAL) on the first reading as presented. Dr. Julie Hill presented information regarding the approval and adoption of Board Policy CH(LOCAL) on First Reading. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-3 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve and adopt all 21 ESC Update 31 Local Policy and Exhibit Provisions on the first reading as presented. Dr. Julie Hill reviewed information regarding the approval of First Reading of TASB ESC Update 31 Local Policy and Exhibit Provisions. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-4 A motion was made by Mr. Andy Reyes and seconded by Mr. Victor White to accept the resignation of Region 4 Board Member, Place 4. Dr. Rodney Watson reviewed information regarding the acceptance of the resignation of Region 4 Board Member, Place 4. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Business

4B-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass 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 Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget beginning September 1, 2025 as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-3 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve the Resolution to designate General Fund Balance commitments as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding the approval of Board Resolution to designate General Fund Balance commitments and revise Enterprise Fund transfer policy. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-4 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to authorize the Executive Director or designee for a period of five years from this date to negotiate final terms and enter OMNIA Partners membership agreements with member entities, including but not limited to local governmental entities under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, provided that the Executive Director or designee shall report to the Board at the first available Board of Directors meeting regarding all new membership agreements. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and enter into OMNIA Partners membership agreements with member entities. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-5 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the establishment of an ESC-wide Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Commerce Bank for participation in their Purchasing Card Program as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval to establish Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program and enter into agreement with Commerce Bank for participation in their Purchasing Card Program. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-6 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve a one (1) year contract with the option of four (4) one-year renewals for Speech and Related Services as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for speech and related services. Administration recommended contracts award to the following:

- Abilities Therapy and Consulting, LLC
- Academic Staffing, Inc.
- Accountable Healthcare Staffing, Inc.
- Amergis Healthcare Staffing
- American Medical Staffing, Inc.
- AMN Allied Services, LLC
- Assessment Intervention Management, LLC
- Barranco Educational Assessment Svcs. PLLC. (Barranco Educational Assessment, Counseling, and Consulting Services, PLLC.
- Beyond Therapy Educational Solutions
- Carr Speech Therapy Services, PLLC
- Cynet Health Inc.
- Diagnostic Assessment Services, Inc.
- eLuma, LLC
- Epic Special Education Staffing (3Chords Inc. and TherapyTravelers, LLC)
- E-Therapy Intermediate, Inc.
- Infojini Inc.
- Kaleidoscope Education Solutions (Delta-T Group)
- Next Level Speech Therapy, P.C.
- Pediatric Developmental Services (The Therapy Spot LLC)
- Pinwheel Therapy
- Point Quest
- PresenceLearning, Inc.
- ProCare Therapy (New Direction Solutions LLC, dba ProCare Therapy)
- RCM Technologies (USA), Inc., dba RCM
- Health Care Services
- Remote Speech, LLC
- SHC Services, Inc.
- Soliant Health, LLC
- Specialized Assessment & Consulting (Specialized Assessment & Consulting, LLC)
- Sunbelt
- TactStaff (The Tact Corporation of NYC)
- Texas Speech and More
- The Stepping Stones Group
- Visual Communication Services (Webbco Enterprises, LLC)

The motion carried unanimously.

4B-7 A motion was made by Mr. Andy Reyes and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve a one (1) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for Interpretation and Translation Services and Related

Solutions as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award to Interpretation and Translation Services and Related Solutions. Administration recommends contract award to Avantpage, Inc.; Bayou City Interpreting LLC; Effectiff LLC; Global Interpreting Network Inc; Homeland Language Services; Idea Language Services, LLC (dba Idea Translations); Language Line Services, Inc.; Linguistica International Inc.; MasterWord Services, Inc.; and Visual Communication Services (Webbco Enterprises, LLC). The motion carried unanimously.

4B-8 A motion was made by Mr. Andy Reyes and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the premium for property, windstorm and equipment breakdown insurance as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of premium for property, windstorm and equipment breakdown insurance. Administration recommended contract award to The Hartford. The motion carried unanimously.

C. OMNIA Partners

4C-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for Audio Visual Solutions as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for Audio Visual Solutions and Services. Administration recommends award to AVI-SPL LLC; B&H Foto and Electronics Corp.; Best Buy Stores, L.P.; Conference Technologies, Inc.; Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC; FORTE; and Key Code Media, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

4C-2 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for Learning Management System as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for Learning Management System. Administration recommends award to D2l Ltd.; Instructure, Inc.; and Meridian Knowledge Solutions, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

4C-3 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. Andy Reyes to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for Direct Purchase of Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for Direct Purchase of Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products. Administration recommends award to Galls, LLC and ServiceWear Apparel, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Closed Session

Mrs. Linda Tinnerman requested a motion to enter into Closed Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to enter into Closed Session to discuss goals and evaluation for the Executive Director [Tex. Gov. Code

Section:§551.074] and to consult with board legal counsel regarding board policies BBA and BBB and related resignation and appointment process. [Tex. Gov. Code Section 551.071] The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Closed Session at 12:25 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to reconvene the Board Meeting. The Board reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

6. Adjournment

   There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Linda Tinnerman adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

LaVerie Wise

Chair

Secretary