

The Region 4 ESC Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026
McKinney, Conference Center, 101
7145 West Tidwell Road
Houston, Texas 77092

The Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4) Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on February 24, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mrs. LaVerie Wise, Mrs. Scotty Bass, Mr. Victor White, Mr. John Bass, Mr. Stephen McCanless, and Mrs. Carmen Moreno. Ms. Lalla Morris attended virtually. Mr. Andy Reyes was absent.

Staff members in attendance included: Dr. Rodney Watson, Dr. Kelly Ingram, Ms. Stephanie Noriega, Dr. Jorgannie Carter, Mr. Mark Miranda, Dr. Julie Hill, Mr. Paul Castro, and Dr. Melody Goffney.

Kate Mejia served as recording secretary.

1. General Items

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Mrs. LaVerie Wise, Vice-Chair.
- B. The invocation was led by Mr. Victor White. The pledges of allegiance were led by Mrs. Carmen Moreno.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Dr. Watson welcomed Mr. John Bass and Mr. Stephen McCanless to the Region 4 Board of Directors. Dr. Watson also shared information for recently held conferences—The Spanish Spelling Bee, the School Counselor's Symposium, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Student Fair, the regional Math Conference, and the IMRA Publisher's Showcase. Dr. Watson shared congratulations to Dr. Jorgannie Carter for being elected as the Director of TASBO. He informed the Board that the Region 4 Communications and Marketing team won several awards at the Texas School PR and Communications Association conference. Lastly, Dr. Watson shared that Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Superintendent of Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, was named AASA National Superintendent of the year.

2. Reports/Information Items

- A. Kate Mejia, Senior Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, administered the Oath of Office to appointed Region 4 Board Members for Place 4, Mr. John Bass and for Place 6, Mr. Stephen McCanless.
- B. Dr. Melody Goffney shared the report on personnel matters, including employment, retirement, and termination of full-time or part-time employees.
- C. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared the report on public agencies utilizing OMNIA Partners/Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) contracts.
- D. Dr. Kelly Ingram reviewed the report on 2025 Texas Regional Education Service Centers Client Satisfaction Survey.
- E. Dr. Jorgannie Carter reviewed the report on 2026–2027 Budget Development Calendar.

3. Consent Agenda

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

A. Administration

3A-1 Approval of the minutes of the Special-Called meeting on January 22, 2026.

B. Business Office

3B-1 Approval budget amendments.

3B-2 Approval of financial statement for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Financial Statement Reports as of November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025, Monthly Investment Reports as of September 30, 2025; October 31, 2025; November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carmen Moreno and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve consent agenda items 3A-1, 3B-1, and 3B-2 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items

A. Administration

4A-1 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to affirm the Board Election for Place 3 and Place 4 as uncontested as presented. Dr. Rodney Watson shared information regarding the approval of affirming Board Election for Place 3 and Place 4 as uncontested. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-2 A motion was made by Mrs. Carmen Moreno and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the one-year contract with the option of three (3) one-year renewals for Crisis Prevention Institute certification trainings and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and execute all related agreements as presented. Dr. Kelly Ingram presented information regarding the approval of Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Training Contract with Regin 4 Education Service Center. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-3 A motion was made by Mr. Stephen McCanless and seconded by Mr. John Bass to approve the interlocal agreement with two (2) additional annual renewals for twelve (12) months each year between the Community Youth Services (CYS) Program AWARE Harris Project and Region 4 Education Service Center and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and execute all related agreements as presented. Dr. Kelly Ingram presented information regarding the approval of Community Youth Services (CYS) Program AWARE Harris Project Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-4 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Ms. Lalla Morris to approve the purchase of workplace interior furniture for the Phase II Renovation Project with McCoy Rockford, in an amount not to exceed two million eight hundred seven thousand three hundred seventy-

three dollars (\$2,807,373) and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and execute all related agreements. Dr. Jorgannie Carter and Mr. Mark Miranda presented information regarding the approval of workplace interior furniture purchase for Phase II Renovation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-5 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Carmen Moreno to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Package 2 for the Phase II Renovation Project with Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, with the total cost not to exceed nineteen million four hundred sixty-eight thousand eight hundred sixty-two dollars (\$19,468,862) and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and execute all related agreements. Mr. Mark Miranda shared information regarding the approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Package 2 for the Phase II Renovation Project with Satterfield & Pontikes Construction. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-6 A motion was made by Mr. John Bass and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the 2026-2027 Region 4 ESC Calendar as presented. Dr. Julie Hill presented information regarding the approval of 2026–2027 Region 4 ESC calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-7 A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mr. Stephen McCannless to authorize the Executive Director or designee for a period of five years from this date to negotiate final terms and enter into educator certification interlocal agreements, including but not limited to local governmental entities pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 Interlocal Cooperation Contracts, provided that the Executive Director or designee shall report to the Board at the first available Board meeting regarding all new agreements. Dr. Julie Hill presented information regarding the approval to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and enter into educator certification interlocal agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Business

4B-1 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White 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. John Bass and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the professional Services Agreement with Keen Logic LLC for customer success and outreach services for The Texas Education Exchange at a cost not to exceed three hundred sixty-three thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$363,825), funded by a grant from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, and authorize the Executive Director to execute all related agreements as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of the Professional Services Agreement

with Keen Logic LLC for Customer Success and Outreach Services for The Texas Education Exchange. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-3 A motion was made by Mr. Stephen McCanless and seconded by Ms. Lalla Morris to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Region 4 Education Service Center and Mesquite Independent School District as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Region 4 Education Service Center and Mesquite Independent School District for the Provision of Standard and Customized Products and Services. The motion carried unanimously.

4B-4 A motion was made by Mrs. Carmen Moreno and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve the transfer of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund and corresponding budget amendment as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of transfer of two million dollars from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

C. OMNIA Partners

4C-1 A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mr. John Bass to approve a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals for technology solutions, products, and services as presented. Dr. Jorgannie Carter shared information regarding approval of contract award for Technology Solutions, Products, and Services. Administration recommends award to CDW Government LLC; Central Technologies Inc.; Education Analytics; Fortinet, Inc.; GovConnection, Inc. dba Connection – Public Sector Solutions; HP Inc.; Insight Public Sector, Inc.; ODP Business Solutions, LLC; ThunderCat Technology, LLC; and World Wide Technology, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Closed Session

Mrs. LaVerie Wise requested a motion to enter into Closed Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. Carmen Moreno 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 11:44 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Victor White and seconded by Mrs. Carmen Moreno to reconvene the Board Meeting. The Board reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Carmen Moreno and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. LaVerie Wise adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.



Chair



Secretary