

# Minutes of Special Board Meeting October 25, 2016

## The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

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*Members Present:*     *Dickey Campbell, President*  
                              *Hal Biery, Vice President*  
                              *Melba Anderson*  
                              *David Moss*  
                              *Tom Prouty*

*Absent:*                 *Bryan Thompson*

*Also Present:*        *Dr. Cynthia Lusignolo, Superintendent*  
                              *Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education*  
                              *Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business &*  
                              *Operations*

*Anne Anderson, Director of Instructional Programs*  
                              *Rita Baldwin, TCISD Social Worker*  
                              *James Banks, Executive Director of Technology*  
                              *Dr. Terri Burchfield, Executive Director of Support Services*  
                              *Lisa Campbell, Director of Student Data/PEIMS*  
                              *Richard Chapa, Director of CTE*  
                              *Sergeant Chris Filidei, TCISD Liaison Officer*  
                              *Jennifer Folse, Elementary Coordinator*  
                              *Marion Godeaux, Executive Director of Maintenance*  
                              *Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources*  
                              *Deborah Laine, Director of Foundation for the Future*  
                              *Holly La Roe, Principal of Texas City High School*  
                              *Dave Lusignolo, Community*  
                              *Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant*  
                              *Ricky Nicholson, Principal of La Marque High School*  
                              *Donna Peterson, Director of Special Education*  
                              *Sherri Simmons, Secondary Coordinator*  
                              *Billy Trader, Coordinator of Special Education*  
                              *Melissa Tortorici, Director of Communications*  
                              *John VanDever, Director of Nutrition Services*  
                              *Trey White, Director of Technology*

*\*Please see attached sheet for additional community members who attended this meeting held October 25,2016.*

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Tuesday, October 25, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Simpson Education Support Center Board Room.

**1. First Order of Business**

- A. Announcement by the President whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law

**2. Pledge & Invocation**

*Mr. Tom Prouty, Board Member, led the pledges to the flags.*

*Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, gave the invocation.*

**3. Public Hearing**

- A. *Public Hearing on Redistricting of Trustee Positions Resulting from Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD*

*Mr. Dickey Campbell, President, opened the Public meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Campbell announced that questions and comments concerning redistricting and transition plans were encouraged. Mr. Campbell introduced Lisa McBride and David Thompson, School Attorneys from Thompson & Horton LLP and Mr. Dennis Harner, the District's demographer. Mrs. McBride stated that by Federal Court order and TEA Commissioner letter dated December 18, 2015, La Marque Independent School District was ordered to be annexed effective July 1, 2016. Mrs. Mc Bride also explained that Texas City Independent School District has operated under a 6:1 trustee electoral scheme since the 1990's. Trustees are elected from territorial units called "single-member districts." Texas City Independent School District elects six trustees from single-member districts and one member at large. As a result of the annexation, Texas City Independent School District must redistrict Trustee positions to meet conditions given by the state. Texas City Independent School District will begin phasing-in a redistricting plan that will provide geographic representation to the La Marque community. The proposed phase-in plan provides for the Texas City Independent School District Board to appoint a representative from La Marque proper in December 2016. This appointee will replace former District 2 Trustee, Manuel Guajardo Jr., who recently passed. The election cycle following the annexation of La Marque ISD into Texas City ISD will require three May elections to be fully implemented as Trustee terms expire in 2017, 2018, and 2019.*

*Mr. Dennis Harner, the District's demographer, presented the proposed redistricting maps and gave statistics for the 6-1 Plan C map. TCISD territory has been divided into six Single Member Districts using census data so that each Single Member District represents approximately 9,000 people. Census data was also used to identify minority opportunity districts. By law, the most populous Single Member District cannot be more than 10 percent greater than the least populated Single Member District. Under the proposed plan, two Single Member*

*Districts would be within the former La Marque ISD boundaries; two would be within the former Texas City ISD boundaries, two would be a combination of the former LMISD and TCISD boundaries, and one would be an at-large position. A session of questions and answers was opened for public comment. Many people from the community spoke, along with elected officials from Texas City and La Marque, and gave their concerns and support. This list of speakers includes the following;*

- 1. Barbara Anderson, Community*
- 2. Najet Ayachi, Community*
- 3. Reverend D. N. Benford, Community*
- 4. Mary Castillo, Community*
- 5. Edna Courville, Community*
- 6. Jack Cross, Community*
- 7. Dee Ann Haney, Community*
- 8. John Humphrey, Community*
- 9. Reverend James Daniels, Community*
- 10. Dorthea Jones, Community*
- 11. Kurt Koopman, Community*
- 12. Bill McGarvey, Community*
- 13. Joseph Pointer, Community*
- 14. Phil Roberts, Community*
- 15. Geraldine Sam, Community*
- 16. Bob Senter, Community*
- 17. Kimberly Yancy, Community*

*A suggestion was made to tweak the proposed map. The district is accepting suggestions for changes to the map through Friday, October 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. A Board Sub-Committee will then review all proposals Monday, October 31, 2016, and post proposed changes on the Texas City Independent School District website on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.*

*The Public Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.*

- 4. Closed Meeting** - Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - 551.084 concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the following sections and purposes: Texas Government Code Sections:

*Mr. David Moss, Board Member, made a motion to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.084. Mr. Tom Prouty, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 8:21 p.m.*

- A. **551.071** For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law
  - 1. when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:
    - a. A settlement offer; or
  - 2. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with this chapter;
  - 3. Consider legal advice regarding items specifically listed on the Agenda.
  - 4. Consider legal advice regarding Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD, including redistricting of trustee positions and related transition plan
- B. **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:
  - 1. Consider Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD and related actions
- C. **551.074** For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, resignation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee;
  - 1. Consider hiring of professional personnel;
  - 2. Consider Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD and related actions
  - 3. Consider board member vacancy and related actions
- D. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
- E. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel
- F. **551.083** For the purpose of considering the students, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representative of employee groups
- G. **551.084** Excluding witness for a hearing

**5. Reconvene from Closed Meeting**

*The Board of Trustees reconvened into open session at 8:43 p.m.*

**6. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

- A. Consider Board approval of professional personnel recommendations

*Mr. Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources, asked for approval of the hiring of professional personnel as discussed in closed session. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, moved for approval. Mr. Hal Biery, Vice President,*

*seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

- B. Consider Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD and related actions including redistricting of trustee positions and related transition plan

No action was taken on this item.

**7. Adjournment**

*Mr. Tom Prouty, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Mr. David Moss, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

Approved:

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Dickey Campbell  
TCISD Board of Trustees

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Adriana Lyle, Secretary  
TCISD Board of Trustees

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Date