



Board Workshop Minutes
September 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Ornelas Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Rd, Tyler, TX 75707

ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Voting Members:

Alan Buckland
Dr. Gina Doecker
Dr. Dominick Fazarro

Dr. Joanna Neel
Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Eric Semlear, President

Non-voting attendee

Heather Bailey
Christian Chesnut
Dr. Aimee Dennis

Amanda Kaiser
Dr. Tim Kennedy
Andrew Kohls

Dr. Jaclyn Pedersen
Donna Phillips

ATTENDING ON ZOOM:

Voting Members:

Dr. Michael Odell

Non-voting Members:

Rachel Hawkins
Milton Marshall

Shelly Parsons
Holli Tate

Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mr. Semlear called the UT Tyler University Academy board meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, confirming that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was said, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Open for Public Comment

- a. Mr. Semlear noted that no one registered for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Previous Minutes, [Thursday, August 21, 2025](#).
 - b. Dr. Doecker moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Neel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Buckland, Dr. Doecker, Dr. Fazarro, Dr. Neel, Dr. Odell, Dr. Oliveras, and Mr. Semlear voting in the affirmative.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Superintendent Job Description Development
 - a. Dr. Oliveras will be leading the superintendent search committee.
6. Committee Member Discussion- discussion led by Dr. Oliveras.
 - a. Board
 - b. Stakeholder Engagement
7. Superintendent Search Timeline- discussion led by Dr. Oliveras.
8. Discussion of future process of providing written recommendations and supporting artifacts to the Interim Dean to advance the proposed process and committee formation.
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Buckland, seconded by Dr. Oliveras. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Buckland, Dr. Doecker, Dr. Fazarro, Dr. Neel, Dr. Odell, Dr. Oliveras, and Mr. Semlear voting in the affirmative.