**University of Texas-University Charter School**
**Advisory Board**
**Austin, Texas**
**August 10, 2026**

**Attendees**

- Board Members:
  - Present: Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Eboni Ceasar
  - Absent: Dr. Jane Gray, Ms. Suzon Kemp
  - Non-voting board associates present: Dr. Debra Cantu Dr. Nicole Whetstone, Mr. Chris Hutto
  - Non-voting board associates absent:
- Guests: Dr. Victor Saenz
- UT-UCS Staff: Jenny Davis, Sharon Yarbrough, Dr. Autumn Leal-Shopp,

**I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum**

*Dr. Whetstone called the meeting to order at 11:31AM and noted that a quorum was present.*

**II. Welcome and Recognition of Special Guests**

*None at this time.*

**III. Citizen Comments**

*No comments from the public.*

**IV. Items for Consideration by Consent**

a. Consider approval of the Consent Agenda.

*A motion that the Consent Agenda be approved was made Dr. Loredo and seconded by Dr. Franklin*

*For – 7 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray,*

**V. Action Items**

a. Consider approval of a non-expansion amendment to close the Laurel Ridge, High Point and Nexus Woodlands campuses

*A motion to approve was made by Dr. Loredo and seconded by Ms. Nishimura.*

Board discussion regarding the moving of staff to other locations.

*For – 7 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray,*

b. Consider approval of the Senate Bill 12 (TEC §39.008): Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws-Prohibition of DEI

*A motion to approve was made by Dr. Loredo and seconded by Dr. Franklin*

Dr. Whetstone explained this is an annual item board approval and we are in compliance.

*For – 7 Opposed – 0 Abstain –0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray*

c. Consider the nomination of Dr. Cynthia Franklin for an additional three-year Advisory Board term effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

*A motion to approve was made by Dr. Ceasar and seconded by Dr. Alvarado*

*For – 7 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray*

d. Consider the nomination of Ms. Christine Nishimura for an additional three-year Advisory Board term effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

*A motion to approve was made by Dr. Franklin and seconded by Dr. Ceasar*

*For – 7 Opposed –0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray*

## VI. Reports/Discussion Items

None at this time.

## VII. Adjournment

*A motion that the meeting be adjourned was made by Dr. Loredo and seconded by Ms. Nishimura*

*For – 7 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2*

*For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Judith Loredo*

*Opposed – none*

*Abstain – none*

*Absent – Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Jane Gray*

Dr. Whetstone adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM