University of Texas-University Charter School
Advisory Board
Austin, Texas
October 7, 2026

Attendees

- Board Members:
  - Present: Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Dr. Jane Gray
  - Absent: Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Eboni Ceasar
  - Non-voting board associates present: Dr. Debra Cantu Dr. Nicole Whetstone, Mr. Chris Hutto
  - Non-voting board associates absent: none
- Guests: Itai Almor
- UT-UCS Staff: Jenny Davis, Sharon Yarbrough, Dr. Autumn Leal-Shopp, Dr. Janina Roberts, Giovanny Cantoran, Dr. Amy Gonzales, Shelley Nix

I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Dr. Whetstone called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM and noted that a quorum was present.

II. Welcome and Recognition of Special Guests

Recognize UT student and Graduate Research Assistant Itai Almor is working on the 20-year research study with Dr. Gonzales

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 by Dr. Maedgen.

For – 5 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 3

For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Cynthia Franklin,

Opposed – none

Abstain – none

Absent – Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Eboni Ceasar, Dr. Jane Gray

V. Action Items

a. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan

A motion to approve was made by Suzon Kemp and seconded by Christine Nishimura.

Dr. Whetstone gave an executive summary of the plan that is in the board packet. She explained how staff and partners came together to help create the plan.

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For – 6 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2

For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Dr. Jane Gray

Opposed – none

Abstain – none

Absent – Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Eboni Ceasar

b. Consider approval of a 2026-2027 Budget Amendment

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

Jenny Davis explained that the budget amendment includes staff and revenue changes that are the result of one of our campus' unexpected closures.

For – 6 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2

For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Dr. Jane Gray

Opposed – none

Abstain – none

Absent – Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Eboni Ceasar

VI. Reports/Discussion Items

a. Executive Director Updates
Dr. Cantu reviewed the email that was sent last week noting that Dr. Whetstone is now the superintendent for all 3 UT Public Schools districts. She also shared that she has been able to visit many of the UT Charter campuses this semester. Finally, she explained the Expansion Task Force she is putting together to consider the expansion of our schools.

b. Superintendent's report
Dr. Whetstone gave the happy moment of sharing that the goats have arrived at Pathfinders!

c. ESL Report
Dr. Roberts reviewed the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Report to look at the efficacy of the program.

d. Report on student enrollment, Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Turnover Data and Monthly Financial Report

VII. Adjournment

A motion that the meeting be adjourned was made by Dr. Gray and seconded by Suzon Kemp

For – 6 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 2

For – Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Dr. Claire Alvarado, Ms. Christine Nishimura, Ms. Suzon Kemp, Dr. Cynthia Franklin, Dr. Jane Gray

Opposed – none

Abstain – none

Absent – Dr. Judith Loredo, Dr. Eboni Ceasar

Dr. Maedgen adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM