

MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP – STAFFORD CITY COUNCIL AND  
STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Stafford, Texas and Board of Trustees of the Stafford Municipal School District (SMSD) met in the Board Room of the Scarcella Administration Building in said City. The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Ken Mathew, Mayor Pro Tem Alice Chen, and Council Members William K. Bostic Jr., Tim Wood, Virginia Rosas, and Xavier Herrera (left at 8:57 p.m.). Absent: Council Member Christopher Caldwell. The following members of the SMSD Board of Trustees were present: President Manuel Hinojosa, Vice-President Ash Hamirani, Trustee Joyce Wilkins, Trustee Suzette Thompson, Trustee Patricia Soza-Montelongo, and Trustee Adam Sanchez. Absent: Secretary Jacqueline Jean-Baptiste. The following SMSD Staff were present: SMSD Executive Assistant/Board Coordinator Sonya M. Austin.

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. Call to Order.

President Hinojosa called the meeting to order for the SMSD Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mathew called the meeting to order for the City Council at 7:00 p.m.

2. Presentation by Chief Financial Officer Dovran Ovezov.

Clarence Grier, with RBC Capital Markets, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding bond election scenarios.

Mr. Grier answered questions from City Council Members and SMSD Board Trustees.

SMSD Chief Financial Officer Dovran Ovezov spoke regarding the needs assessment that would be presented at a future meeting.

4. **Closed Meeting** - Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - 551.076 concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Sections:

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. Pending or contemplated litigation or

- b. 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 Texas Education Code 11.303 and related actions
- 5) Discuss and obtain legal advice regarding facilities and real property needs, including discussion of security measures
- B) **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:
  - 1) Discuss and obtain legal advice regarding facilities and real property needs, including discussion of security measures
- C) **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
  - 1) Discuss and obtain legal advice regarding facilities and real property needs, including discussion of security measures.

The SMSD Board of Trustees and City Council went into closed session at 7:59 p.m.

5. Return to Open Session.

The SMSD Board of Trustees and City Council returned in open session at 9:13 p.m.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

None.

6. Adjournment.

Trustee Soza-Montelongo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m., and Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. President Hinojosa, Vice-President Hamirani, and Trustees Wilkins, Thompson, Soza-Montelongo, and Sanchez voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Chen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m., and Council Member Wood seconded the motion. Mayor Mathew, Mayor Pro Tem Chen and Council Members Bostic, Wood, and Rosas voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

Roxanne Benitez  
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City Secretary

Ken Mathew  
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Mayor