

MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP – STAFFORD CITY COUNCIL AND  
STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Tim Wood, Virginia Rosas (arrived at 8:04 p.m.; left at 8:44 p.m.), and Xavier Herrera. Absent: Council Members William K. Bostic Jr. and Christopher Caldwell. The following members of the SMSD Board of Trustees were present: President Manuel Hinojosa, Vice-President Ash Hamirani, Secretary Jacqueline Jean-Baptiste, Trustee Joyce Wilkins, Trustee Patricia Soza-Montelongo, Trustee Suzette Thompson (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), and Trustee Adam Sanchez. Absent: None. The following City and SMSD Staff were present: City Secretary Roxanne Benitez and 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 at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Mathew called the meeting to order for the City Council at 7:03 p.m.

2. Review updates and address questions from LAN and the RBC Group.

SMSD Superintendent Dr. Robert Bostic spoke on the needs of SMSD and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the long-range facilities master plan.

*Secretary Jean-Baptiste exited the meeting at 7:31 p.m.*

*Vice-President Hamirani exited the meeting at 7:37 p.m.*

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Public Comments were received from the following:

- Letty Almendarez spoke on SMSD, her history with SMSD, and investing in SMSD.

*Mayor Pro Tem Chen exited the meeting at 7:42 p.m.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Chen entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.*

- Sadie Williams spoke on SMSD and her history with SMSD.

- Joe Longoria spoke on the history and needs of SMSD.

*Secretary Jean-Baptiste entered the meeting at 7:58 p.m.*

*Vice-President Hamirani entered the meeting at 7:58 p.m.*

- Mary Kendrick spoke on her history with SMSD and the needs of SMSD students.
- Joe Longoria advised that, if a Council Member was not in favor of a bond election, he would like to know why.
- Letty Almendarez spoke on the needs of SMSD.
- Board Trustee Sanchez spoke on public education and the needs of SMSD.
- Board Trustee Soza-Montelongo spoke on her history with SMSD and investing in SMSD.
- Council Member Wood spoke on his history with SMSD, investing in transportation, and proposed legislation regarding local elections.
- Mayor Mathew spoke on education being the foundation for children and assisting SMSD in any way possible.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chen spoke on her history with SMSD and provided some statistical information on SMSD schools. She commented on information that was provided to them that evening.
- Vice-President Hamirani spoke on the previous bond election that failed, long-range facilities committee, and provided school tax rates for the past few years.
- Secretary Jean-Baptiste spoke on upgrading SMSD facilities and the importance of extracurricular activities.
- Board Trustee Thompson spoke on her history with SMSD, student needs, and SMSD amenities.
- Board Trustee Wilkins spoke on her history with SMSD and the district's needs.
- Council Member Herrera spoke on his history with SMSD, and previous legislative changes.
- Council Member Rosas commended the SMSD Board of Trustees for their efforts.

- Joe Longoria spoke on the reoccurring needs of SMSD.
- Dr. Bostic spoke regarding the accomplishments of SMSD.
- President Hinojosa thanked the long-range planning committee members, Board Trustees, and Council Members for their commitment.

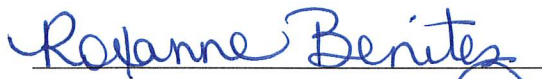
3. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Requesting School Building Bond Election.  
The agenda item was tabled.


5. Adjournment.

Secretary Jean-Baptiste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., and Trustee Soza-Montelongo seconded the motion. President Hinojosa, Vice-President Hamirani, Secretary Jean-Baptiste, and Trustees Wilkins, Thompson, Soza-Montelongo, and Sanchez voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Member Herrera motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., and Mayor Pro Tem Chen seconded the motion. Mayor Mathew, Mayor Pro Tem Chen and Council Members Wood and Herrera voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

  
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 Roxanne Benitez  
 City Secretary

  
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 Ken Mathew  
 Mayor