

## Texas Tech K-12 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2025

Location: Texas Tech K-12

Time: 1:02 p.m.

### Call to Order

Superintendent Robert Bayard called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A full quorum was present.

### Board Members Present

- Margaret Leifeste – Retired Special Education Director, Region 15
- Kayla Morrison – Retired Superintendent, Lorenzo ISD
- Shawn Mason – Retired Superintendent, Crosbyton ISD
- Dr. Jon McNaughton – Associate Dean, College of Education, Texas Tech University
- Dr. Cameron Brown – Faculty, Marriage & Family Therapy, Texas Tech University

### Consent Items

- Minutes from the November 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed and accepted by consent.
- No public comments were received.

### Superintendent's Goals (2025)

1. Improve accountability ratings through advocacy with TEA and stronger student testing participation.
2. Modernize curriculum with updated systems and course offerings.
3. Expand partnerships both stateside and internationally.
4. Launch strategic planning process in September 2025 for 3–5 year goals.

### Program & Enrollment Highlights

- Full-Time Diploma Program – 946 students enrolled (tuition-free and tuition-paid options).
- Supplemental Courses – Over 19,000 course enrollments in 2024–25.
- Credit by Exams (CBE) – More than 5,000 administered last year.
- District Partnerships – 792 active students served through partner districts.
- International Partnerships – Partnerships in Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Haiti, and Costa Rica; nearly 2,000 international students.
- Graduates – 345 total (205 stateside, 140 international).

### Student Engagement

- Raider Palooza (DFW) – student event with lessons, activities, and spirit-building.
- Spring Fling – formal student social event.



- Graduation Ceremony – doubled participation from prior year.
- Brazil Summer Camp – hosted 46 international students on campus for academic and cultural immersion.

## Accountability & Compliance

- 2023 Accountability Rating: “D” (overall score 69).
  - STAR performance: 91 (A).
  - Challenges stemmed from College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) and dropout calculations.
- Attendance & Testing Policy Enforcement: Students with excessive absences or failure to complete required state exams/tutorials are withdrawn from the program in compliance with Texas Education Code §61.101(g)(1).
- 2024 Rating: Pending release; projected to remain at “D” due to data lag.

## Superintendent’s Report

- Conducted 31 one-on-one staff meetings and 8 focus groups since July 7, 2025.
- Call center transition from Blackboard to Canvas completed, handling ~100 calls per day.
- Texas Workforce Commission high school equivalency grant ending August 31, 2025.
- Strategic planning process to begin in September 2025.

## Adjournment

The meeting concluded after open discussion on dual credit, neurodivergent student services, and legislative impacts (vouchers).

Next Meeting: Date to be announced.

