

Northside Educational Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026

Members Present: Michelle Aragon, Jennifer Boggess-Garza, Denise Case, Belinda Chapa-Gonzalez, Lizette DeLeon, Traci Elmore, Cezanne Enriquez, Anaissa Garza, Kathleen Gonzalez, Jennifer Grimes, Vanessa Hannah, Susan Hernandez, Adrian Hysten, Analisa Lara, Alissa Lester, Tina Marie Martinez, Pam Miller, Annalisa Ortiz, Katelyn Paice, Jennifer Parks, Belinda Schmidt, Hayley Steinmann

Staff Present: Dr. Janis Jordan

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 13, 2026

The minutes were approved and seconded.

3. Virtual School Update

Carrie Squyres, Director of Academic Technology, gave an update on NISD's Virtual Academy that will open in August 2026. The virtual and hybrid model will allow grades 9-11 students to participate in extra curricular activities at their home campuses. The focus of the academy is to provide students' flexibility along with rigorous and engaging coursework. Registration closes the last week of April and the goal is to enroll 375 students for this first year.

4. February 2026 District Professional Learning Executive Summary

Natalie Gray, Director of Professional Learning, provided an Executive Summary of the districtwide professional learning that occurred on February 16. These sessions were job specific and attended by teachers and staff throughout the district. The responses to the survey indicated a very positive response and comments noted that the information and strategies shared were valuable and many of the ideas can be implemented quickly.

5. 26-27 NISD Professional Learning Plan

An Executive Summary of the districtwide professional learning that occurred on February 16 was shared and discussed. These sessions were job specific and attended by teachers and staff throughout the district. The responses to the survey indicated a very positive response and comments noted that the information and strategies shared were valuable and many of the ideas can be implemented quickly.

6. 2026 Summer Programs

An overview was provided of programs to be delivered this summer. They range from required sessions to optional sessions for enrichment. The purpose of these programs is to ensure students are prepared for the next school year.

7. District Optimization Work

The District's work with a vendor regarding optimization was discussed. The purpose of optimization is to better use our resources and improve outcomes for students, teachers, families and the community. There are various elements of optimization that include expansion of popular programming, school closure, school consolidation, campus redesign, and other models. This work is underway with recommendations planned for the Board of Trustees in January 2027.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm