Northside Educational Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2026

Members Present: Michelle Aragon, Raihna Campos, Virginia Calderon, Denise Case, Darbi Castillo, Edna Dominguez, Irma Duran, Traci Elmore, Veronica Espinoza, Melina Espiritu-Azocar, Vanessa Hannah, Adrian Hysten, Katherine Jensen, Lisa Kalinowski, Jennifer Longoria, Erin McKinney, Tina Marie Martinez, Annalisa Ortiz, Jennifer Parks, Bellinda Schmidt, Griffin Young

Staff Present: Dr. Janis Jordan, Ms. Megan Bradley, Mr. Jacob Villarreal, Dr. Jo Ann Fey, Ms. Lisa Armstrong

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Role of NEIC Members

Dr. Janis Jordan, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, welcomed both the new and returning members of NEIC. The role they will play was outlined and included a description of their advisory input on instructional programs and other items of interest for the District. It was also mentioned that although they were either appointed or elected for one role, they wear many hats - parent, staff, community member, etc - and we would like for them to provide input from all of those perspectives.

4. 2026 Bond and VATRE Presentation

Ms. Megan Bradley, NISD CFO and Mr. Jacob Villarreal, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, outlined the details of the upcoming bond and VATRE election. They walked the committee through the website, showed an explainer video and shared details of the projects. Several questions were asked regarding projects on hold, if any approved funding has to be used for the original purpose, and details about the relation of compensation increases to passage of the proposals.

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7. Future Agenda Items
Participants were asked to brainstorm future agenda items and these include: Discussion of HQIM implementation, legislative priorities and key education bills for this legislative session, expansion of TIA, impact of shrinking campuses, and creating ALE curriculum.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm