

Northside Education Improvement Council
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025

Members Present: Ms. Michelle Aragon, Ms. Ledda Arcelus, Ms. Amy Barrios, Ms. Samantha Bauer, Ms. Alicia Blagg, Ms. Jennifer Boggess-Garza, Ms. Gayle Calderon, Ms. Denise Case, Ms. Belinda Chapa-Gonzalez, Ms. Melissa Contreras, Ms. Lizette DeLeon, Ms. Irma Duran, Ms. Traci Elmore, Ms. Cezanne Enriquez, Ms. Anaissa Garza, Ms. Kathleen Gonzalez, Ms. Jennifer Grimes, Ms. Vanessa Hannah, Ms. Susan Hernandez, Mr. Adrian Hysten, Ms. Analisa Lara, Ms. Alissa Lester, Ms. Tina Marie Martinez, Ms. Pam Miller, Ms. Ashley O'Quinn, Ms. Annalisa Ortiz, Ms. Katelyn Paice, Ms. Jennifer Parks, Ms. Belinda Schmidt, Ms. Hayley Steinmann, Ms. Misty Vela

Staff Present: Dr. John Craft, Dr. Janis Jordan, Dr. Jerry Woods, Ms. Megan Bradley, Ms. Diana Ely, Ms. Nicole Franco

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Janis Jordan, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. John Craft, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the 25-26 Northside Education Improvement Council (NEIC) members. He emphasized the importance of their role and outlined celebrations and highlights of the District.

3. Role of NEIC Members

Dr. Jordan shared that the key role of the Council is advisory on instructional initiatives and programs, and their feedback is essential in shaping the district's direction.

4. 26-27 District Academic Calendar

The current District Academic calendar was reviewed with explanations of the priorities within it, such as having a start date that aligns with area districts, ending prior to Memorial Day, having teacher planning be full instead of half days, and maintaining a full week off at Thanksgiving break. Members of the Northside Communication Network (NCN) provided feedback on the 26-27 calendar, which included adding a fall break in October and another break in February. The NEIC was asked to review this feedback and weigh in on the pros and cons and provide feedback as to where the spring professional development day should be placed. This input will then be taken to the Student Ambassadors, Cabinet, then the Board of Trustees.

5. Future Agenda Items

Following are the most requested topics: instructional materials adoption, 26-27 District Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Board-Supt Goals, Teacher Incentive Allotment, Instructional Delivery Models, Accountability Update, Innovative Courses, and Progress on the District Improvement Plan.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:32.