

DORAL ACADEMY OF TEXAS
CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2026 | 5:00 PM Scheduled
1333 Firecracker Dr., Buda, TX 78610 | In Person and Videoconference

1. Opening Exercises

Quorum was established at 5:00PM. The following board members were identified during the meeting: Eileen Hernandez, Douglas Rodriguez, Casey Earley, Mason Morgan, Peter Key and Abigail Batten.

2. Consent Agenda

The Board considered:

- 2.1 installation of new board member Abigail Batten;
 - 2.2 revised Student Code of Conduct uniform policy;
 - 2.3 District Improvement Plan for 2026–2027; and
 - 2.4 HB 3 and CCMR goals for 2026–2027.
- Abigail Batten was welcomed to the Board.

Motion made by: Doug Rodriguez

Seconded by: Peter Key

The Consent Agenda was approved; no opposition was recorded.

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action

3.1 Budget Amendment for 2026–2027

Alina Chester of Academica presented a budget amendment reflecting enrollment below the original projection of 570 students. Projected revenue decreased by approximately \$722,000, while administration reduced projected expenses by approximately \$360,000. The projected annual deficit increased from approximately \$600,000 to \$962,000. The presentation noted approximately \$1.3 million in reserves and the possibility of seeking additional assistance from Doral Inc. to maintain sufficient cash on hand. Administration reported enrollment of approximately 505 students and continued enrollment growth, while emphasizing efforts to preserve instructional quality and improve long-term financial sustainability.

Motion made by: Doug Rodriguez

Seconded by: Peter Key

Vote/Outcome: The 2026–2027 budget amendment was approved; no opposition was recorded.

3.2 Release of Claim: Settlement Agreement

At approximately 5:09 PM, the Board entered closed session to discuss the matter identified in Agenda Item 3.2. The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 5:36 PM

No motion or vote occurred in closed session. Upon reconvening, it was announced that the item would be tabled for a future meeting to allow further review with legal counsel. No action was taken on the proposed agreement at this meeting.

4. Presentation and Discussion

4.1 Grants Update

Florencio Zepeda of Academica Southwest reported five grants totaling \$138,031 for the 2026–2027 year. Expenditures to date totaled \$32,501.09, leaving \$105,529.91 available. Most remaining funds were allocated to salaries throughout the year. Other expenditures, including supplies, materials, and applicable Title II

professional-development costs, were expected to be expended or reclassified as appropriate. No Board action was taken.

4.2 Superintendent Update

Superintendent Courtney Oliver reported that open enrollment for the 2027–2028 school year, covering prekindergarten through grade 12, began October 1, with six applications received at the time of the meeting. Re-enrollment was scheduled to begin November 1. Superintendent Oliver recognized registrar Ana Cruz for supporting enrollment and families, noting that approximately 25% of students are emergent bilingual. Principal Kelly Cass reported upcoming basketball tryouts, volleyball playoffs, and October campus activities. No Board action was taken.

5. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:40 PM.