

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026 6:00 PM Central

O'Donnell ISD Board Room
400 Small Street
O'Donnell, TX 79351

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of O'Donnell ISD was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the O'Donnell ISD Board Room, 400 Small St., O'Donnell, TX 79351

Members Present: Melissa Pedroza, Mandy Stidham, Jerry Castro, Landry Barton
Members Absent: Trevor Halfmann, Blandon Hancock, Landon Mires
Personnel Present: Blake Nichols, Frances Enriquez, Melissa Clark

I. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

1. **Prayer**

II. **Open Forum** No one spoke

IV. **Consent Items**

IV.A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

IV.B. Approve Bills

IV.C. Set date for Regular February meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Barton and a second by Castro to approve the Consent Items as presented. Voting:

Yes-Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V. **Action Items**

V.A. (2601) A motion was made by Pedroza and a second by Castro to accept the Financial Audit for 2024-2025. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V.B. (2602) Discussion and consideration of Budget Amendments There were none

V.C. (2603) A motion was made by Barton and a second by Pedroza to approve adding Julie Smith/Borden County 4H as adjunct faculty for 2025-2026 school year. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V.D. (2604) A motion was made by Castro and a second by Pedroza to order the School Trustee Election to be held on May 2, 2026. Voting: **Yes**-Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No**-none Motion passed 4-0

V.E. (2605) A motion was made by Pedroza and a second by Barton to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V.F. (2606) A motion was made by Barton and a second by Pedroza to extend the superintendent's contract through June 2029 and increase his salary by 3%. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V.G. (2607) A motion was made by Pedroza and a second by Barton to approve the policy updates in regard to Nursing Services. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

V.H. (2608) A motion was made by Barton and a second by Castro to approve the Investment Report as presented. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No** – none Motion passed 4-0

VI. **Executive Session (Closed)** 6:17 p.m. – 7:54 p.m.
Take action, if any, as a result of executive session (Open Session)

VII. **Discussion**

VII.A. Principal's Report, Mrs. Enriquez, Mr. Bales

VII.B. Superintendent's Report, Mr. Nichols

VII.C. SB11 — Voluntary Daily Prayer/Religious Text Reading in Public Schools

VII.D. Upcoming DOI Changes — Teacher Certification Transition Plan

VIII. **Adjourn** There being no further business, a motion was made by Barton and a second by Castro to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Voting: **Yes** – Stidham, Barton, Pedroza, Castro **No**-none Motion passed 4-0

Secretary

Approved

President