



## District Education Advisory Council (DEAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, **October 30, 2024** 11:30 AM

**Location:** Alamo Heights Independent School District Board Room

**Members: Present:** Frank Alfaro, Jimmie Walker, Kristen Ascencao, Brian Griener, Mercedes Champion, Stefanie Hancock, Cheryl Duckers, Erica Melle, Chandler Tadlock, James Miller, Braden Cain, Joseph Angulo, Brooke Meabon, Amita Kumar Bietz, Misty Campell, Gustavo Almeida, Sergio Leal, Erin Clemtson, Emily King, Kristin Payne, Ty Edwards, Daniel Corso **Absent:** Martha Flores, Dipa Patel, Marlen Fisher, Pablo Arizpe Ochoa, Marcus Hervey,

**I. Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting began at 11:33 AM with Dr. Alfaro welcoming the DEAC Committee and introducing each member and one guest attendee.

### II. Business and Planning

**A. Presentation & Discussion of AHISD Community-Based Accountability (CBAS): Dr. Jimmie Walker**

Dr. Walker provided data on the key question, “To what degree is AHISD maintaining the tradition of academic excellence?” She provided AHISD data from the past 10 years on AP, PSAT/SAT, ACT, TSIA, Iowa and STARR assessments. She shared with the committee a handout and gave work time to the members to review the information for data and in context. Members provided feedback on the key question based on the data.

**B. Presentation and discussion of Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar- Dr. Frank Alfaro**

A sub-committee met, October 15th to finalize a draft 2025-26 school calendar. After receiving input from the group, Dr. Alfaro gave information that the proposed calendar will be posted on the website and a survey will be sent out the week of Monday, November 4th for the community and staff to provide feedback. The survey will close Wednesday, November 13th. He will review the survey results and calendar recommendation with Trustees in the regular board meeting November 13, 2024.

**C. Presentation and Discussion of AHISD Budget Advisory Council- Dr. Frank Alfaro**

Dr. Alfaro explained how the lack of legislative action in the 2022 legislative session kept public school funding at 2019 levels, even after record inflation of costs and several “perfect storm” other budget impacts affecting all public school districts. If the legislative does not provide financial relief to districts, many districts, including AHISD, will be looking at the need to make significant budget cuts for the next biennium, beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Based on that context, the AHISD Administration formed a Budget Advisory Council that is made up of 10 employees (with representation from each campus) and 10 parents/community members. Their role is to assess the impact of several potential budget cuts. The information they provide will be shared with the Trustees who will be the ones to identify cuts, if needed, for the 2025-25 school year. Dr. Alfaro noted that these potential cuts are only

for the emergency situation in which the Texas legislature fails to raise funding of public schools from 2019 levels to those needed to adjust for the inflationary costs of today.

**II. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm with a reminder about the next meeting, February 5, 2025 from 11:30 am - 1 pm in the Alamo Heights ISD Board Room

**Meeting dates**

<b>District Education Advisory Council (DEAC)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
February 5, 2025	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM
April 2, 2025	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM