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Meridian School  
March 27, 2025

**5:30 pm**

5 and 10-Year Anniversary Awards Ceremony

**6:00 Public Hearing**

[23-24 Texas Academic Performance Report \(TAPR\)](#)

**Board Meeting to follow**

Agenda

**5:30 Anniversary Awards Ceremony** - Karalei Nunn, CEO & Founder

5 and 10-Year Anniversary Awards Ceremony

**6:00 Public Hearing: Review of 23-24 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR):** Paige Bender, Testing & Compliance Coordinator

Presentation - Texas Academic Performance Reports

### **Board Meeting**

#### Order of Business

The Board intends to allow citizens to participate in the discussion of public business that is being considered and decided by the Board. To provide full information and the public's right to participation, the following is the order of business for regular Board meetings. The presiding officer with the consensus of members present may change the order of business. Those interested in addressing the board may sign up at the board meeting before the start of the meeting at 6:00 pm. Comments should be limited to items posted on the agenda and be a maximum of three minutes. Comments that meet these criteria may be shared in person at the meeting under item 1. Public Comment.

Announcement by the chairperson as to the presence of a quorum and that the meeting has been duly called, and the notice of the meeting has been posted for time and in the manner required by law.

1. Public Comment (See above under Order of Business. Comments are limited to items on the agenda and 3 minutes each with a total of 20 minutes.)

2. Acknowledgement and Disposition of Communication Addressed to the Board. **Joe Burke, President**

**Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance**

3. Board Advocacy Update - Joe Burke, President

4. [Executive Report](#) - Karalei Nunn, CEO

5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of [minutes - January 23, 2025](#), with three amendments
- i. Item 5. Change of Policy for Student Dismissal  
*Students who are not picked up from dismissal, 4:00 p.m. (MTTF) and ~~4:45~~ p.m.(W), will be considered a late pick-up. **Typographic error. Revise to read 4:05 p.m. and 1:35 p.m.***
  - ii. Item 8b. Preliminary Budget Approval for 2025-2026 Salary Offers  
*Motion made by Alice Ortiz to approve the preliminary budget for salary increases for the school year 2025-2026. Seconded by Terri Johnson. **Add “of 2%” for clarification as two scenarios, one with 2% and one with 3.5%, were presented.***
  - iii. Item 10. Review and update of Board Policy Sections  
*Motion made by Scott Duff to approve updates based on the 88th Legislative Session for Group 1, Governance, Sections 1.13, 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, and the new section 1.21 as presented. **Add: to be amended with the addition of “deny access” in Sec. 1 in Section 1.13, School Visitors.***
- b. [Enrollment Report](#)
- c. [Follow-up to Intruder Detection Audit Report Close-out](#)

*Suggested Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

6. **Financials** Eileen Kuhn, CFO

- a. [2nd Quarter 2024-2025 Financial Review](#)
- b. Review of mortgage/bond discussion
- c. [Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget Review with Texas Legislative Direction](#)

7. **Review and possible approval of [new course offerings](#):** Crystal Lane, MYP Principal

*Suggested Motion: To approve the new course offerings as outlined.*

8. **Review and possible approval of EB Summer Program Schedule:** Melissa Reese, PYP Principal

This required program of a minimum of 120 hours of instruction and/or enrichment to be offered to currently enrolled, rising 1st-grade students served in the campus ESL program. This program is free to all eligible students. Meridian has approximately 60 eligible rising first-grade students.

Students will engage in math and English/language arts instruction with specific time in English Language Proficiency lessons. Students will be taught as a class, in small groups, and individually as appropriate to the needs of the students.

Based upon initial interest, we anticipate one teacher with one aide with 15-18 students.

The role of the board is to recognize the 120-hour requirement and approve a schedule.

**Proposed Schedule:** Dates: May 27, 2025 - June 26, 2025

Times: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (With a 20-minute recess, total time is approximately 131 hours.)

*Suggested Motion: To approve the schedule for EB Summer Program as a 5-week, 23 day, 6 hrs/day program beginning May 27 and ending June 26.*

9. **Board Membership Review:** Joseph Burke, President

- Alice Ortiz will complete her full term in May. She previously served two years completing an unfulfilled term for a total of five years.
- Scott Duff is moving and will vacate his seat at the end of this school year, with May as his last meeting. He served five years.
- Debbie Shepherd is completing her first full term.

Going forward:

- 1) Alice Ortiz has agreed to fulfill Scott Duff's final year.
- 2) Debbie Shepherd has agreed to a second full term.
- 3) Meridian has begun advertising for a new member to fill a full term.

These updates and a new nomination will be presented to the full board in May.

**Board Members & Terms Going Forward**

2024 - 2027 Joe Burke

2025 - 2026 Alice Ortiz

2023 - 2026 Tejal Bhalani

2025 - 2028 New Member TBD

2025 - 2028 Debbie Shepherd

2023 - 2026 Terri Johnson

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End of Agenda

**Next Meeting:**

May 15, 2025

**March** Friends of Meridian Celebration of Flavors - March 28

**April** Arts & Science Showcase- April 5  
Prom Night - April 5  
Wonka Musical Opening Night - April 11

**May** Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast- May 16  
Last day of School- May 22  
Graduation - May 23

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