

Texas Council of International Studies (TCIS)

Board Meeting

April 25, 2024

Alcuin School

Presiding

Karen Phillips

Directors Present

Ms. Karen Phillips

Mr. Walter Sorensen

Mr. Kile Brown

Dr. Todd Kettler—virtual

Director Absent

Mr. Ted Williams

Legal Counsel Present

Ms. Janet Bubert—virtual

Staff Members Present

Ms. Margaret Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Leah Trainham, Executive Director of IB Support and Business Services

Dr. Matt Weber, San Antonio Chief of Schools

Mr. John Wink, Longview Chief of Schools and TCIS Business Operations

Ms. D'Les Gonzales, Executive Director for Operations

Other

Ms. Leah Trainham, Secretary of the TCIS Board

Meeting Called to Order

- Board President, Karen Phillips, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am and established a quorum with a roll call.

Public Forum

No comments sent to the TCIS Board

Discussion Items

- Introduction of Ms. Tabitha Acevedo as Head of School beginning on July 1, 2024 by Dr. Matt Weber
- Recognition of Ms. Linda Rios as the new administrator for the College Career and Military Readiness initiatives at Jefferson High School by Dr. Matt Weber
- Report on Summer Boost and Teacher Interns by Dr. Matt Weber
 - Includes \$1.63 million in funding, open to 1,200 students to participate in a 20-day math and reading acceleration on campuses in EISD and SAISD
- Report on TEDx at Roy Cisneros Leadership School for Boys by Dr. Mario Duran
 - Review of TEDx event
 - In process of working with EISD to launch promotional information
 - Event is set for November 9, 2024, with licenses for 100 attendees.
- Report by D'Les Gonzales on correlation of the TCIS 5 systems, IB Standards and Practices, and the Effective Schools Framework
 - Highlighted the correlation of these systems and consistencies allowing teachers and campuses to understand how “more” requirements are not added, but all are connected.
- Report by Mr. John Wink on the gaming grant at the Clarence Bailey School
 - Mr. Wink also reports that Longview High School completed CP Authorization by the IB
 - Presented overview of grant for gaming, value of learning through gaming for students, pathway for students to utilize skills post-graduation
 - \$15 million over 5 years, spread over 3 campuses, elementary through high school
 - Students accessing the gaming program will have access to all courses related to IB
- Recognition by Margaret Davis of Ms. Letty Silva upon the occasion of her retirement from Woodlawn Hills Elementary School on June 30, 2024

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - Approve minutes for Board of Directors meeting on October 3, 2023
 - Approve minutes for Board of Directors meeting on March 28, 2024
 - Approve TCIS Audit Fiscal 2023
 - Approve TCIS 990 Fiscal 2023
 - Approve TCIS February Financial Report
 - Approve resolution related to resolving TRS withholding errors
 - Approve resolution to adopt 2024-2025 calendar for San Antonio ISD partner schools
 - Approve resolution to adopt 2024-2025 calendar for Longview ISD partner schools
 - Approve resolution to adopt 2024-2025 calendar for Edgewood ISD partner schools
- Mr. Walter Sorenson made the motion to approve the Action Items on the Consent Agenda and Mr. Kile Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Election of Directors to TCIS Board
 - Mr. Walter Sorenson made motion to nominate Karen Philips, Ted Williams, Kile Brown, Todd Kettler, and Walter Sorensen to serve as Directors for TCIS for a two-year term expiring in April 2026.
 - Kile Brown seconded the motion.
 - Vote on Karen Philips serving an additional two-year term as a Director of TCIS. Motion carried.
 - Vote on Walter Sorensen serving an additional two-year term as a Director of TCIS. Motion carried.
 - Vote on Ted Williams serving an additional two-year term as a Director of TCIS. Motion carried.
 - Vote on Todd Kettler serving an additional two-year term as a Director of TCIS. Motion carried.
 - Vote on Kile Brown serving an additional two-year term as a Director of TCIS. Motion carried.
- Board meeting schedule
 - Margaret Davis proposed scheduling the 2024 Fall Board Meeting to coincide with the TCIS Conference in San Antonio on October 11, 2024. This would allow the Board to meet the evening before and then attend the conference.
 - Mr. Walter Sorensen made the motion to approve. Mr. Kile Brown seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Next board meeting scheduled for June 28, 2024 at 10:00 am at Alcuin School.
- Acceptance of Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies
 - Board considered a resolution to accept a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies for the Summer Boost program and to authorize Dr. Matt Weber to sign agreements necessary to receive grant funds and facilitate operation of the program in accordance with grant funding requirements.
 - Mr. Walter Sorensen made the motion to approve. Mr. Kile Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Closed Session

- Board adjourned into closed session to seek advice of counsel related to personnel matters as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 at 11:58am. Board reconvened to Open Session at 12:17 pm

Action Items from Closed Session

- Mr. Walter Sorensen moved to approve the contract for Margaret Davis per terms presented in closed session. Kile Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unopposed.

Ms. Karen Phillips adjourned the meeting at 12:18pm.

These minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting of the Texas Council of the International Studies Board of Directors were approved on October 29, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashley [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

, Board Secretary Texas Council for International Studies