

Attendees:

- Present: Will Blackwell, Jaime Coyne, Mae Lane, Tracey Hodges, Katherine Weimar, and Stephen Phillips.
- Absent: Andrea Foster
- Non-voting board associates present: Craig Toney, SHSU Charter School Superintendent; Misty Rains, Administrative Coordinator; Richard Ray, Charter School Business Manager; and Ginger Yount, TSUS Office of General Counsel.
- Visitors Present: There were no visitors.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

- Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and noted a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments (Public comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.)

- There were no public comments.

3. Approve Minutes of May 28, 2026 Board Meeting

- Minutes of the May 28, 2026 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Superintendent's Updates and Reports

Dr. Toney presented the following updates and reports.

Dr. Toney welcomed the two newest Board members, Stephen Phillips and Andrew Foster. Dr. Foster was unable to attend, but Stephen Phillips was present for the meeting.

○ SHSU Charter School ("SHSU-CS") Financial Report

Dr. Toney introduced Richard Ray who provided the financial reports for the SHSU-CS.

- Richard Ray presented the month end financial report for May 31, 2026.
- Mr. Ray provided a good overview of the financial report.
- The average student enrollment for May was 314 and the average daily attendance percentage was 94.56%.
- The budgeted fund income, available school funds and instructional materials allotment revenue was projected at \$4,367,722 with an actual summary of finances being \$3,529,011. This is below target which is good.
- Now information is being reported monthly rather than quarterly.
- Fund balance is \$2,382,004 which covers more than 90 days of expenses.
- Revenue versus expenses based on educational codes is presented on page 7 which shows \$14,823.09 profit for May and year-to-date profit is \$28,215.26.
- FSP received \$2,782,504 as the State did not contribute as much as expected.
- The expenses were 63% below budgeted amounts.
- PIC allotment year-to-date looks good.
- In reviewing the grants, some still have funds left but others have closed.
- The Federal Risk Rating for Noncompliance is listed as medium.

- Enrollment and Staffing Updates
 - Enrollment by Site. Enrollment currently is 359, but it fluctuates daily. Some prospective parents have filled out the initial packet but have not yet followed through.
 - Klein Campus Enrollment Update. Enrollment numbers are small right now, but more are on the list.
 - Staffing Updates. There are no current staffing updates and no resignations. All is stable. We are still looking for one paraprofessional.
 - Summer Hiring Activities. There was a lot of professional development going on this summer. Dr. Jones and Kendrick O’Neal are at the National Literacy Conference in Conroe right now.
 - Professional Learning Communities Conference Update. Twelve attended the conference this summer.
 - SHSU Residency Program Update. There are two returning residents and two new residents.
- Klein Campus Expansion Update
 - Facility Readiness. Klein is getting furniture moved in and getting rooms ready. There will be a walkthrough on July 8th.
 - Certificate of Occupancy Status. Two engineers’ signatures are required to complete the Certificate of Occupancy.
 - Texas Education Agency (“TEA”) Approval Status. We are still waiting on engineers’ signatures for TEA approval.
 - Opening Timeline – projecting opening on the first day of school, July 23, 2026.

5. **Executive Session** – The Board conducted an Executive/Closed Session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074. Any matters discussed that require a final vote will be addressed in open session. The Board adjourned to the Executive/Closed session at 6:22 p.m. and convened in Executive/Closed session at 6:23 p.m. The Board concluded the Executive/Closed session at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 6:41 p.m.

6. **Discussion and Possible Board Action**

- Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 (“FY25”) Revised Annual Financial Report

Last December, the annual report was approved and was filed with TEA. The Lufkin office’s auditors were not licensed at the time of that previous approval. Lufkin was set up in April and consequently the Annual Financial Report had to be recertified. Molly Abele sent the certification to Misty Rains for the Board’s signature.

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 (“FY25”) Revised Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Jaime Coyne, seconded by Tracey Hodges and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026–27 (“FY27”) SHSU-CS District Improvement Plan

Multiple sources of information were utilized to develop the District Improvement Plan (“strategic plan”). All sources of assessment data were developed, and the result was the strategic plan.

An expected rating outcome is projected to be 89 based on STAAR results. Math has been an issue. Spring did not do as well as The Woodlands campus did.

Of all the tests given in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, reading and math did not show the level of growth expected.

Key findings from the comprehensive needs assessment indicated improved growth is a crucial factor. Growth is measured solely by the STAAR test.

Dr. Toney briefly addressed each of the five stated goals (Student Achievement and Growth, Instructional Excellence, Leadership and Professional Capacity, Operational Excellence and Resource Alignment, and Growth, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships).

Dr. Blackwell stated that resources are in place to meet the goals. The Charter School needs to be intentional and refine coaching and weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2026–27 (“FY27”) SHSU-CS District Improvement Plan.

Motion by Kate Weimar, seconded by Stephen Phillips and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Possible Approval of the FY27 SHSU-CS Budget

Richard Ray presented the budget for consideration with \$4,400,000 to break even. HB2 funding is projecting and budgeting conservatively based on enrollment. Some of the larger anticipated expenses are security guards, extracurricular activities (picnics and outdoor activities such as field trips, etc.), transportation expenses, and salaries.

Motion to Approve the FY27 SHSU-CS Budget.

Motion by Mae Lane, seconded by Jaime Coyne and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Possible Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (“FY26”) Budget Amendment #3

The Amendment shows funds being moved from security to cover other specialized areas.

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (“FY26”) Budget Amendment #3.

Motion by Tracey Hodges seconded by Mae Lane and was unanimously approved.

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Will Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair