

Attendees:

- Present: Will Blackwell, Jaime Coyne, Baburhan Uzum, Mae Lane, Katherine Weimar, and Tracey Hodges.
- Absent: Susie Kamman
- Non-voting board associates present: Craig Toney, SHSU Charter School Superintendent; Misty Rains, Administrative Coordinator; Joel Gaston, Educational Technology Specialist; Richard Ray, Charter School Business Manager; and Ginger Yount, TSUS Office of General Counsel.
- Visitors Present: None

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

- Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 September 22, 2025 Board Meeting

- Minutes of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Superintendent's Updates and Reports

Dr. Toney presented the following updates and reports.

- Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ("FY26") Enrollment Update
 - As of October 17, 2025, total enrollment was 345. Snapshot is at the end of October. Hopefully, enrollment will hit 350 by then.
- SHSU Charter School Financial Report

Dr. Toney introduced Richard Ray, the Business Manager for the Charter School.

- Mr. Ray presented financial reports as of September 30, 2025. Mr. Ray's presentation provided an overview of all financial reports.
- Financial reporting was based on Average Daily Attendance of 327. This year's Average Daily Attendance target is 397 (95%).
- Revenue was greater than expenses for September.
- Federal grants have not opened due to the government shutdown.
- SHSU-CS Bearcats of the Month
 - Bearcats of the Month staff members are voted on by their peers:
 - Mallory Bledsoe of the Brighton Campus was selected.
 - Elia Vasquez of the Cypress Trails campus was selected.
 - Dr. Blackwell asked about recognizing Bearcats of the Month in the College of Education newsletter.
- Recognition of National Principals Month
 - Brandi Jones, the Charter School's principal, could not attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Toney mentioned that Brandi is performing even beyond expectations. She is doing a great job.

- Staffing Update
 - There is one opening for a fourth-grade teacher. That position is currently being filled by a long-term substitute.
- Campus Highlights
 - The Houston Texans' mascot, Toro, visited the Brighton campus on Friday. It was a great visit set up by the Parent Teacher Organization ("PTO"). Readathon is coming up, as well as other PTO-sponsored events, including one at Spring Creek BBQ.

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 551.076. Any matters discussed that require a final vote will be addressed in open session. The Board adjourned to the Executive/Closed session at 6:18 p.m. and convened in Executive/Closed session at 6:20 p.m. The Board concluded the Executive/Closed session at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 6:30 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Board Action

- Approve English as a Second Language ("ESL") Program Evaluation

Dr. Toney provided an overview of the ESL evaluation and outlined the main priorities for the ESL Program. One priority is to attain 100% ESL certified teachers. The teachers are doing a great job of getting their certifications and strengthening sheltered instruction in the classroom. Dr. Toney wants teachers to be intentional about not bypassing ESL students. He wants to see continued Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System ("TELPAS") growth. The state expects students to advance at least one level every year (or more). Each advancement in level gets more difficult as you go. Two students exited out this year (*i.e.*, classified out). Title II funds can help with this program.

Motion by Jaime Coyne, seconded by Kate Weimar, and was unanimously approved.

- Approve SHSU-CS District Improvement Plan

Dr. Toney provided an overview of the District Improvement Plan for 2025-26, including the priorities as set out on page 1 of the plan. These priorities include increased achievements in math and science areas. District reading is great. Closing the gaps for targeted subgroups in math. This made the difference in the Charter School's B rating instead of an A rating. Very specific data discussions. Elevate Tier 1 instruction by making Tier 1 instruction better across the board. Need to build rapport with teachers with special attention to newer (zero to two year) teachers. Address some of the safety audit recommendations regarding facility items. Bump up student attendance. Address the top five goals set out in the Improvement Plan.

Motion by Jaime Coyne, seconded by Kate Weimar, and was unanimously approved.

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Will Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair