

Attendees:

- Present: Will Blackwell, Jaime Coyne, Mae Lane, Tracey Hodges, and Susie Kamman.
- Absent: Barburhan Uzum and Katherine Weimar
- Non-voting board associates present: Craig Toney, SHSU Charter School Superintendent; Joel Gaston, Educational Technology Specialist; and Ginger Yount, TSUS Office of General Counsel.
- Visitors Present: Jessica Lindstrom and Amber Lindstrom

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

- Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and noted a quorum was present.

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

- The following visitors provided comments:
 - Jessica Lindstrom. Ms. Lindstrom inquired about a communications system to replace Schoology. She would like to see an app that provides better communications.
 - Jessica expressed concerns regarding whether construction workers have had background checks per new enforcement guidance. She would like to see a second person at the door or security guard due to increased risk posed by outside (construction) workers who are present.

Response: Dr. Toney addressed Ms. Jessica Lindstrom's comments regarding an app for better communications. He advised that a new system is in the works. SHSU-CS is considering Brightwheel. It must first be cleared by the University's IT Department.

- Amber Lindstrom. Amber Lindstrom is also concerned about emergency communications, responses, and campus medical care. She believes there is a need for qualified caregivers. She advised that there appears to be multiple methods of communication. She asked where and how to find the information needed in an emergency. She believes SHSU-CS needs a licensed nurse and a sole source of truth and coordinated communications.
- Amber Lindstrom referenced Texas Senate Bill 11. It provides guidance regarding emergency responses in the school setting. She believes a licensed nurse is needed, even if it is a teacher.
- Amber advised that she received a text from a mom that there was a shooting on the golf course and all schools were on lockdown.

Response: Dr. Toney addressed Ms. Amber Lindstrom's concerns and will investigate the matter. He advised that the need for a district nurse has been discussed.

3. Approve Minutes of March 26, 2026 Board Meeting

- Minutes of the March 26, 2026 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Superintendent's Updates and Reports

Dr. Toney presented the following updates and reports.

- Fiscal Year 2025-26 ("FY26") Enrollment Update
 - Total enrollment is 333 right now.
 - Two weeks ago, the Charter School began a marketing campaign. They have provided 220 follow-up emails in response to inquiries about the school.

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

Dr. Toney provided the financial reports for the SHSU-CS.

- Dr. Toney presented financial reports as of March 31, 2026. Dr. Toney’s presentation provided an overview of all financial reports.
- Page 2 depicts the average daily attendance of 317 and page 3 shows the average daily attendance percentage 94.81%. There was a dip in attendance due to law enforcement shutting down all the roads.
- Page 4 shows revenue of \$3,525,603.
- Page 5 depicts administrative cost ratio. This is money not related to instruction, but rather. administrative functions.
- Page 6 shows the fund balance increased to \$2,428,211.
- Page 7 is the monthly revenue vs. expenses. There were fewer expenditures this month.
- Page 8 is the financial trend analysis. This is based on average enrollment, which dipped a little this month. There is still a positive cash flow.
- Page 9 reflects the budget to actual progression.
- Page 10 tells us where we are right now, which is ahead of budget.
- Page 11 reflects money allocated to spend on various items.
- Page 12 shows the fund balances. Typically, SHSU-CS is not a Title I school but has been reanalyzed and some Title I funds were allocated this year. The additional funds were used for a paraprofessional to work with students in needed areas.
- School Security Standards fund closed on 4-30-26. Ballistic film was installed at another campus. Grant funds were used for that.
- State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (“STAAR”) Testing Update on Participation and Administration Overview
 - Joel Gaston is the testing coordinator. He provided an update on STAAR testing. As of Monday, testing was done. Joel advised that 99% of the students showed up for testing and they never had more than two students for makeup in reading, math, and science. The ongoing construction work was not an issue.
- Personnel Update on New Hires and Current Postings
 - SHSU-CS hired four new teachers for next year, three of which are veterans. There are still two postings for teachers and two paraprofessionals.
 - Of the current teachers polled, 94% advised that they plan to return.
- Campus Highlights and Upcoming Events
 - Some adjustments have been made due to construction, but so far it is good. The onsite supervisor is working closely with Principal Brandi Jones.
- Klein Campus Opening July 2026 Update
 - The marketing campaign is ongoing and there will be a preview day in May. Work on the certificate of occupancy is in progress. All is good with the Texas Education Agency regarding the new campus.
- Brighton Academy (Woodlands Campus) Construction Update
 - Some adjustments were needed due to the ongoing construction. So far, it is going well and the onsite supervisor is working closely with Principal Brandi Jones.
- Fiscal Year 2026-27 (“FY27”) Planning Priorities
 - Teachers will be going to the PLC conference in San Antonio this year.
 - SHSU-CS is focusing on teaching students how to think rather than what to think. Cognition drives what they do.

5. **Executive Session** – The Board concluded that an Executive/Closed Session was not needed.

6. **Discussion and Possible Board Action**

- Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY26 SHSU-CS Budget Amendment No. 2.

Amendment No. 2 merely moves \$55,000 out of a security fund due to a surplus and moved it into guidance, counseling, and evaluation services. No change to the bottom line.

Motion to Approve the FY26 SHSU-CS Budget Amendment No. 2.

Motion by Jaime Coyne, seconded by Susie Kamman, and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Dr. Andrea Foster to a Board Position (Position 5) replacing Dr. Uzum.

The nominating committee was made up of Will Blackwell, Mae Lane, and Katherine Weimar. All nominations were discussed and presented to Dean Edmonson for approval.

Dr. Foster was recognized as a Regent’s Professor by the Texas State University Systems (“TSUS”) Board of Regents. She has been involved with the University for a number of years. She works with clinical teachers at The Woodlands Center.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Dr. Andrea Foster to Board Position 5 replacing Dr. Uzum.

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

- Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Mr. Stephen Miller to a Board Position (Position 7) replacing Susie Kamman as Board Community Member.

Stephen Miller was recommended to Dr. Toney by Dr. Fuller. He was formerly Chief of Police at Montgomery ISD and lives in Spring. He is a person of high integrity. He has a law enforcement background and will provide a safety conscious presence.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Mr. Stephen Miller to Board Position 7 replacing Susie Kamman.

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

- Discussion and Possible Action on Reappointment of Dr. William Blackwell to an Additional Three-Year Term and Designation as Board Chair.

Motion to Approve the Reappointment of Dr. William Blackwell to Additional Three-Year Term and Designation as Board Chair.

Motion by Susie Kamman, seconded by Tracey Hodges, and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Possible Action on Reappointment of Dr. Jaime Coyne to an Additional Three-Year Term and Designation as Board Vice Chair.

Dr. Coyne is being considered for reappointment to a second term on the Board.

Motion to Approve the Reappointment of Dr. Jaime Coyne to Additional Three-Year Term and Designation as Board Vice Chair.

Motion by Tracey Hodges, seconded by Susie Kamman, and was unanimously approved (Dr. Coyne abstained).

- Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Dr. Mae Lane as Board Secretary.

Dr. Uzum is leaving the Board after serving two terms. He also served as the Board’s Secretary. Upon Dr. Uzum’s departure, Dr. Lane was nominated to take the position of Secretary.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Dr. Mae Lae as Board Secretary.

Motion by Jaime Coyne, seconded by Tracey Hodges, and was unanimously approved (Dr. Lane abstained).

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Will Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair