

Attendees:

- Present: Will Blackwell, Jaime Coyne, Baburhan Uzum, Mae Lane, Katherine Weimar, Tracey Hodges, and Susie Kamman.
- Absent: N/A
- 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: Representatives from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C., Tara Vega and Raymond Lauderdale.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

- Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 October 20, 2025 Board Meeting

- Minutes of the October 20, 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
 - Total enrollment was at 341. Enrollment is holding fairly steady. January will likely see some enrollment changes.
- SHSU Charter School ("SHSU-CS") Financial Report

Dr. Toney introduced Richard Ray, the Business Manager for the SHSU-CS.

- Mr. Ray presented financial reports as of November 30, 2025. Mr. Ray's presentation provided an overview of all financial reports.
- Financial reporting was based on Average Daily Attendance of 325 (94.69%).
- Mr. Ray provided greater detail of each financial report and fund balance.
- Expenditures were greater than revenue during the reporting period. Some of these expenditures included Christmas bonuses and rent which is now being paid every six weeks.
- All federal grants are in and set up.
- SHSU-CS Texas Education Agency ("TEA") Snapshot Report
 - There was no discussion regarding the TEA Snapshot Report.
- SHSU-CS District News and Updates
 - This is SHSU-CS's last week before a three-week winter break.
 - Two year-long resident teachers will be starting in January at the Brighton campus. The Strategic Staffing grant helps with staffing.
 - Dr. Toney has requested additional grants.
 - SHSU-CS is working toward obtaining the TEA's high-quality designation.

- Discussions regarding a potential new campus at Klein are progressing. Dr. Toney met with Klein’s entire Board recently. Klein plans to make its decision in January.
- The 2026-27 calendar is now in progress and will go out to teachers and staff for suggestions.
- In January, the SHSU-CS will be doing more staff and budget planning. Some Board members may be invited to participate in the staffing process.

5. Executive Session –The Board did not conduct an Executive/Closed Session this month. It was not needed at this time.

6. Discussion and Possible Board Action

- Approve Fiscal Year 2025 (“FY25”) Annual Financial Report

Richard Ray introduced Tara Vega, an auditor with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C. Ms. Vega presented the draft of the Financial Report. TEA has extended the report’s due date until February 2026.

Ms. Vega also provided overviews of the Required Communications Booklet, and the Annual Financial Report. Ms. Vega advised that the report indicated an “unmodified opinion,” which is the highest rating available.

Overall, the expenditures and revenue reflected healthy fund balances.

The report discussed today is a draft due to the merger of Axley & Rode, LLP with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C. While the audit report was approved as printed, some technical wording may change in the final report due to the merger of the two firms.

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

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Will Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair