

Attendees:

- Present: Will Blackwell, Baburhan Uzum, Mae Lane, Tracey Hodges, Katherine Weimar, and Susie Kamman.
- Absent: Jaime Coyne
- 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 6:04 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 February 24, 2026 Board Meeting

- Minutes of the February 24, 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 335 right now and is very stable. All intent to re-enroll students have held steady as well.
- 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 February 28, 2026. Mr. Ray's presentation provided an overview of all financial reports.
- Average student enrollment has remained stable going through the year.
- Average daily attendance goal is 95%.
- The Texas Education Agency ("TEA") is now using the actual head count each month.
- Administrative costs were a little higher last month than in February.
- There is approximately \$2.3 million in fund balance.
- Expenses last month were a little higher. Rent is paid every six weeks.
- Actual revenue is \$42,000 profit.
- The grant funds look good, but SHSU-CS needs to spend some of the grant funds. There is a safety grant that expires next month that needs to be spent. It has a balance of approximately \$74,000.
- Update on New Campus Site Opening July 2026
 - The Klein campus is opening in July 2026. The contract is in the progress of getting university signatures.
 - SHSU-CS is preparing marketing announcing the new location. A marketing blitz of about 45 days will start soon.
 - The technology purchases have been approved for Klein and Brighton.
 - Klein is working on the furnishings and getting their certificate of occupancy from the Fire Marshal.

- Academic Update on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (“STAAR”) Readiness and Student Performance Trends
 - The campuses are STAAR ready. April 9th is first test, April 22 is the last STAAR test. Joel is taking care of getting the STAAR testing set up.
 - There is construction ongoing which needs to be addressed so that STAAR testing goes smoothly at Brighton. Students need to be safe and experience no disruptions during testing.
- Update on Staffing and Recruitment for the 2026-27 School Year
 - Staffing for kindergarten and second grade includes two paraprofessionals and SPED who will serve two campuses and one diagnostician.
 - Applicants are coming in and there are three postings now. There are no notices of resignations at this time. There are currently two great residents, and SHSU-CS hopes to have three more for this fall.
 - Career fairs are becoming less productive. Schools are using residencies and aggressive recruiting for faculty staffing.
 - The Dean approved resident incentives last year.
- Board Member Terms Discussion
 - There was no discussion of board member terms.

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 6:25 p.m. and convened in Executive/Closed session at 6:27 p.m. The Board concluded the Executive/Closed session at 6:34 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Board Action

- Annual Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials – Discussion and possible action to review and approve the Annual Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials, verifying compliance with Texas Education Code §31.004 and TEA requirements regarding the provision of instructional materials.

Required TEA certification to ensure curriculum that covers all of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (“TEKS”) per grade level. No bilingual programs. Dr. Toney went over all the various curriculum used for each grade level. Some are combinations of various curriculum. The school must also certify that they adhere to the Internet Protection Act for Children.

Motion to Approve the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials.

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

- Board Member Nominating Committee- Consider and take possible action regarding the establishment of a board member nominating committee and appointment of its members.

Approval of Board Member Nominating Committee and appointment of members: There will be two positions vacant, one being Place 7. The committee will present nominations to the Dean. Dr. Blackwell called for two volunteers to join him on the nominating committee. Mae Lane and Kate Weimar volunteered.

Motion to Approve the Board Member Nominating Committee and Appointment of Its Members consisting of Dr. Blackwell, Mae Lane, and Kate Weimar.

Motion by Baburhan Uzum, seconded by Susie Kamman, and was unanimously approved.

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Will Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Dr. Will Blackwell, Chair