

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Vicki DeWeese, Megan Helmbrecht, Mike Harreld, Naresh Kumar, Mae Levitan, Ben Luckens, Jerry Mankovsky, Lori Steinberg, Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Carol Dochen, Jonathan Friedman, Emmy Ward, Kevin Kott

Unanticipated Absences: Teri Schock

6:34 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz.

Special Project Pres./Q&A – Highland Park Elementary

Crystal Lehoski presented the request for \$2,587 for an outdoor Water Monster to be used during school and PTA events and otherwise stored in the boiler room. The NWACA logo will be on the Water Monster indefinitely.

Motion made by Megan and second by Mae to approve the Highland Park proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Project Pres./Q&A – Doss Elementary

Katie Meissner presented the request for \$10,000 of the \$61,288 to replace the gravel track around the playground which is damaged each time there is heavy rain. They are working with Live Oak Studio to replace the track with a 12-20 year warranty. Ben noted the plans are not sealed by a registered landscape architect and asked if the plans have been reviewed by AISD facilities engineering staff, which they have not.

Motion by Dana and second by Vicki to approve the Doss Elementary proposal under the following conditions:

- The PTA requests that AISD facilities engineering staff review the proposal. If the proposal is rejected by AISD, then this condition is not met.
- If not reviewed and approved by AISD facilities, the PTA engage a registered professional engineer, who is a civil engineer, to review the proposal and seal the plans

Motion by Jerry and second by Mae to table the motion. The motion passed with seven in favor and two opposed. The board agreed to respond with the following:

- A general statement of support for the project.
- Request that the PTA ask AISD to review the existing drainage issues, including the flooding near the cafeteria shown in the video.
- Request that the PTA have the track and drainage plans reviewed by a civil engineer who is a registered professional engineer.

Consent Agenda

Approval of March 2026 Minutes: Motion made by Naresh and second by Bart to approve the March minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2026 target is 850; EOM March was 703.

Joyce shared the quarterly financials.

Old Business

Progress with Wildfire Mitigation Task Force/Barrow Preserve: Greg Bondy met with Austin Parks and the D10 office with a proposal, which was approved. The cleanup will likely be May 16 with the Parks Department to arrange pick up and pay for removal of the debris.

Earth Day Planning: Dana reminded board members of the Mick Koffend NWACA Earth Day Festival on April 19 at 2-4pm at Hill Elementary. Board members are asked to volunteer via signup genius and also to take and put up two yard signs.

Nominations Committee Report: Bart shared the names and bios of the board slate. The board has interviewed and thoroughly vetted all the candidates. Ballots will be emailed – and mailed out for those without internet - in about one week. Bart clarified that the candidates and existing board members will have an opportunity to review their bios before it is sent as part of the ballot. A slate of officers will be presented by the Committee for review and approval at the May Board meeting.

Motion made by Bart and second by Jerry to accept the full slate of nominees. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Parameters for investing reserves: Vicki shared the proposal to keep approximately 50% of the reserves in cash/CDs/money markets/high-yield savings accounts, 30% in bond funds, and 20% in equity, with the allocations and results to be reviewed quarterly by the Finance Committee. There is currently \$37,000 to invest in the Oak Wilt and Fire Mitigation funds. The policy pertains to Oak Wilt and Fire Mitigation funds as well as operating fund CDs as they mature. The board agreed to use a self-directed (no fee) account.

Motion made by Jerry and second by Naresh to adopt the investment proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business for the Board

- Financial Review Committee meeting 3/13, 4/17; report by 5/14
- Please take 2 yard signs for Earth Day and put them up about 4/15

Next Board Meeting, **May 5, 2026**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.