

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2024**

Call to Order

Lee Sonnenberg, Board President called the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board or Trustees meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Introduction of Board Members and Audience

Board members present were Brenda Lee, Hillary Rodriguez, Beth Jones, Julie Prause, Lee Sonnenberg, Dan Brown, Ernest Worthington, Maghan Gautney, and Elaine Robertson.

Audience members present were Emily Coleman, Superintendent; Tad Doezema, Assistant Principal; Susan Houghtling, Planning and Evaluation Coordinator and Veronica Keating, Executive Assistant.

Team Building Session

The School's Exit Program prepared two activities for the Board to participate in with students and their instructors. Mr. Doezema explained that the Board would split up into two groups with each participating in both the Bistro and the Coffee Shop activities. In the Wildcat Coffee Shop students showed the Board how to make a hot and cold beverage. In the Wildcat Bistro students showed the Board how to use the equipment and tools to make meals. Board members worked together to make a batch of fresh cut French fries and accompanied it with their scratch made beet ketchup.

After concluding the training, the Board shared how much they enjoyed seeing the students in their educational setting. They stated the students were engaged, skilled, and had wonderful customer service practices.

Adjournment

Julie Prause motioned to adjourn the November 21, 2024 Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board of Trustees training session. Dan Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.