

Notice and Agenda

Meeting of the Board of Directors of ARISE, Inc.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of ARISE, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. The board will convene the meeting in the Open Session at 4:00 p.m. The Board will meet at 302 N. Town East Blvd., Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

It is the intent of the board to have a quorum physically present at the above address. Board members who are not physically present may participate by live two-way video and audio feed in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. If a quorum of the Board cannot be physically present at the above address, it is the intent to have the presiding officer physically present at the above address.

Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda below. If, during the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session as permitted by and in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

A. Roll Call: Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

B. Public Comments (At each regular meeting, the Board will allot 20 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board generally during public comment and shall allot time to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board both generally and on specific agenda items. People who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Each person who signs up shall be allowed to address the Board one time for no more than 3 minutes. Delegations of more than five persons are encouraged to appoint one person to present their views before the Board. If there are no public communication or comments, the board will proceed to other business. Please be advised that Board meetings are meetings open to the public, no public meetings. The presiding officer reserves the right to set a time limit for public comments and other reasonable restrictions in accordance with applicable law.

C. Receive and approve Minutes of previous meetings(s).

D. Review, discuss and possible action:

Superintendent's Report:

- a. STAAR
- b. Six-Year Cycle SPED Audit
- c. Enrollment Update
- d. Board Training 06.18.26
- e. Prosperity Bank Loan
- f. Web Site Postings
- g. Governance
- h. TCHATT
- i. ESSA Compliance Report
- j. Safety Updates
- k. Gun-Free School Report
- l. Inspection by Sunnyvale Fire Department
- m. Accreditation Status
- n. Qualtrics Survey
- o. Criminal Justice Information Training
- p. School Activities

E. Consent Items:

- a. Financial Report
 - Monthly Board Report ECIA
 - Cash Flow
 - FIN3750 – Statement of Activities
 - FIN3800 – Statement of Financial Position
- b. 2025-2026 Amended Budget
- c. 2026-2027 Budget
- d. Region 11 Interlocal Agreement
- e. Purchase and Sale Agreement
- f. Board Resolution for Dr. Townsend on Sale
- g. Calendar Adjustment
- h. Charter Renewal 10 Year Contract
- i. Silent Panic Alert Technology (SPAT)
- j. Resolution for Non-Expansion Amendment Campus Restructuring
- k. EOP Updates
 - l. Reunification Annex
- m. Updated Suicidal Intervention Protocol Policy
- n. Resolution for Non-Expansion Amendment By-Laws
- o. TEKS Certification for 2026-2027
- p. Renewal Plan for Finances
- q. Renewal Plan for Academics
- r. ISAM School Improvement Monitoring Submission

- June Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)
 - s. District/Campus Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - t. Superintendent's Contract
 - u. Compliance Certification Information
- F. Discuss Items:
- G. Adjourn
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In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Subchapters D and E of Ch. 551, Tex. Gov't Code), the Board may enter closed meeting to deliberate any subject authorized by Subchapter D that is listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Any final action, decision, or vote on a subject deliberated in closed meeting will be taken in an open meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This notice was posted by 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Education Center International Academy (ECIA) Board Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 26, 2026

The board meeting was conducted at 302 N. Town East Blvd., Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

Present: Mr. Phil Seay (President), Mr. Brian Peterson (Secretary), Ms. Beckey Thomas (Member), Dr. Donna Townsend (Superintendent), and Louise Carter (HR/Business)

Open Session:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. No public present. No public comments.

A. Consent Item:

Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve minutes of the February 17, 2026, meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

B. Review, discuss and possible action:

Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Townsend presented information on STAAR testing.
- b. Members discussed positive results of Six-Year Cycle SPED Audit.
- c. Dr. Townsend gave enrollment update for both campuses.
- d. Members discussed Board and Officer Training 06.18.26.
- e. Louise gave Prosperity Bank Loan information.
- f. Dr. Townsend updated information on web site postings.
- g. Dr. Townsend presented governance status.
- h. Members discussed TCHAT usage for year.
- i. Dr. Townsend presented the ESSA Compliance Report.
- j. Safety updates were presented from Safety Committee Meeting 05.20.26.
- k. Dr. Townsend will submit the Gun-Free School Report by May 28, 2026.
- l. Members reviewed the inspection by Sunnyvale Fire Department.
- m. Dr. Townsend presented ECIA's Accreditation Status.
- n. Dr. Townsend presented the Qualtrics Survey.
- o. Members saw Superintendent's Criminal Justice Information Training.
- p. Dr. Townsend reported on recent school/community activities.

B. Consent Items:

- a. Members reviewed and discussed the Financial Report items:

Monthly Board Report ECIA

Cash Flow

FIN3750 – Statement of Activities

FIN3800 – Statement of Financial Position

Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the four Financial Report items. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

b. Members discussed the 2025-2026 Amended Budget Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Amended Budget. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

c. Mr. Seay presented the 2026-2027 Budget. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Amended Budget. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

d. Ms. Carter presented the Region 11 Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the agreement.. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

e. Dr. Townsend presented the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

f. Members discussed Board Resolution for Dr. Townsend on Sale. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

g. Ms. Carter informed the board of a Calendar Adjustment for 2026-2027. One day President's Day was made an instructional day. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve one day change on the calendar. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

h. President Seay presented the signed Charter Renewal 10 Year Contract. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the Charter Renewal. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

i. Dr. Townsend presented the Resolution for Silent Panic Alert Technology (SPAT). Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the SPAT Resolution. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

j. Dr. Townsend explained the need for Resolution for Non-Expansion Amendment Campus Restructuring. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the Resolution for Campus Restructuring. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

k. Members discussed the Formal Agreement for EOP Updates for 2026-2027. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the EOP 2026-2027 with edits as needed in the working document. Ms. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

l. Dr. Townsend presented the Formal Agreement for Reunification Annex. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the Reunification Annex 2026-2027 with edits as needed in the working document. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

m. Dr. Townsend presented the Resolution for district's updated Bylaws. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the Updated Bylaws. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

n. Dr. Townsend presented the district's updated Suicidal Intervention Protocol Policy. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the Suicidal Intervention Protocol Policy. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

o. Dr. Townsend presented TEKS Certification for 2026-2027. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the TEKS Certification. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

p. Members discussed the Renewal Plan for Academics. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve the Academic Renewal Plan for 10-Year Renewal. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

r. Dr. Townsend presented School Improvement Monitoring Submission (ISAM) June Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve ISAM and TIP. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

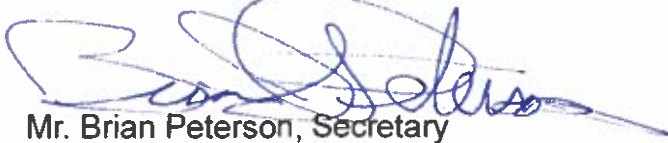
t. Dr. Townsend presented District/Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve District and CIP. Mr. Peterson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

u. Compliance Certification Information. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve Compliance Certification Information. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

v. President Seay and members evaluated and discussed Superintendent's Contract. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve Superintendent's contract. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. Mr. Seay recommended using a form for documentation of superintendent evaluation for the School Year 2026-2027.


Meeting adjourned by Mr. Seay at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Peterson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr. Brian Peterson, Secretary

Members voting in favor of the Resolution:


Phil E Seay, President


Beckey A Thomas, Treasurer


Brian J Peterson, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the Secretary of ECIA, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of ECIA, duly adopted on the 26th day of May, 2026, which Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.


Brian J Peterson, Secretary 5/27/2026

**BOARD RESOLUTION OF ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES
INTERCULTURAL SIGNIFICANT EDUCATION/ARISE! d/b/a
EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of **ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES INTERCULTURAL SIGNIFICANT EDUCATION/ARISE! d/b/a Education Center International Academy** ("**ECIA**"), desires to sell that certain real property, located at 8200 Schrade Road, Rowlett, Texas 75088 (the "**Property**");

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ECIA adopts and ratifies the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "**Agreement**"), approved by legal counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ECIA desires to delegate authority to Dr. Donna Townsend, Superintendent, to execute said Agreement, and all other documents and instruments necessary to effectuate and complete the sale of the Property, following approval by legal counsel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of ECIA, at a lawfully called meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- The Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A is adopted and ratified.
- That Dr. Donna Townsend, the Superintendent of ECIA is hereby authorized and empowered, in the name and on behalf of ECIA, to execute any and all other documents and instruments necessary to effectuate the sale of the Property.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ECIA, ON THIS, THE 26th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

(Signature Page Follows)

BOARD RESOLUTION

**ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES INTERCULTURAL SIGNIFICANT
EDUCATION/ARISE!
D/B/A EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Advancement Resources Intercultural Significant Education/ARISE!, charter holder of Education Center International Academy (CDN 057833) desires to modify by non-expansion amendment in Open-Enrollment Charter, and

WHEREAS, the Board of ECI Academy has reevaluated the district's ability to comply with Silent Panic Alert Technology (SPAT). As a result, the Board agrees to comply with the safety requirement for Silent Panic Alert Technology.

WHEREAS, 19 Texas Administrative Code (100.10333(a) states that a Charter "may be revised with the consent of the charter holder by written amendment approved by the commissioner of education. . ."

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Directors of Advancement resources Intercultural Significant Education/ARISE!, charter holder of Education Center International Academy (CDN 057833), at a lawfully called meeting of the Board, held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, do hereby adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: Education Center International Academy (057833) shall implement a Silent Panic Alert Technology (SPAT) for the school year 2026-2027.

The Superintendent, or designee, is authorized to submit a non-expansion amendment request to the Texas Education Agency consistent with the above resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ECI Academy, ON THE 26 DAY OF May 2026.



President



Secretary/Treasurer



Board Member

The undersigned, being the Secretary of the Board of Directors, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of a Resolution of the Directors of ECI Academy duly held on May 26, 2026, which Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.



Secretary

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