

Jordan School District  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
August 27, 2024

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, beginning at 4:03 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

**OPEN SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President  
Niki George, Board First Vice President  
Darrell Robinson, Board Second Vice President  
Brian W. Barnett, Board Member  
Lisa Dean, Board Member  
Bryce Dunford, Board Member  
Marilyn Richards, Board Member  
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools  
David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services  
Ian Roberts, Capital Outlay Manager, New Construction  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant

President Miller presided and conducted. She called for a motion to go into closed session.

**MOTION:** At 4:06 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

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Darrell Robinson, Board Second Vice President  
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President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

**MOTION:** At 4:48 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Study Session began at 4:50 p.m.

## **STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President  
Niki George, Board First Vice President  
Darrell Robinson, Board Second Vice President  
Brian W. Barnett, Board Member  
Lisa Dean, Board Member  
Bryce Dunford, Board Member  
Marilyn Richards, Board Member  
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Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Dave Rostrom, Director, Facility Services  
Doug Flagler, Manager, Communications  
Ian Roberts, Capital Outlay Manager, New Construction  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant  
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

### **A. Proposed Changes to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel***

Bryce Dunford said the proposed changes to Policy AA414 remain the same from the last Board meeting and he asked for feedback.

Niki George requested changing the word “buses” to “vehicles” on section II.A.10.d. in order to tighten up the policy in regards to safety. She also expressed concern about the time and cost of two additional local trips. She proposed one local trip per group with the option of submitting a proposal to the Board for an additional trip, if desired.

Darrell Robinson said he worries about fee waivers and overall District cost for extra trips and Mr. Barnett agreed, saying he is not comfortable spending more taxpayer money for what could be seen as “non-educational pursuits.” He prefers allowing one local trip instead of two.

President Miller thanked Mr. Larsen for information he provided on fees and proposed looking into increasing the student aggregate amount when the Board discusses this in the spring. She also suggested administration provide a report at the end of the year showing the total amount of trips taken and costs of fee waivers for those trips. Dr. Godfrey agreed to provide this report and to remind the Board to put this on a spring agenda for discussion.

Mr. Robinson requested further exploration of fundraising policies and Dr. Godfrey agreed to bring back information on what is required by law and how to use fundraisers to support overnight travel.

### **B. 2025 Summer Capital Projects**

A draft of 2024-25 potential summer projects, including estimated costs for each, was shared with Board members. President Miller explained the Board’s intent is to determine which projects would be a priority for next summer and she asked that the dollar amounts not be disclosed in the discussion.

Mr. Dunford reported the Finance Committee reviewed the capital project list and projected trends. He said the committee would like to propose holding a capital budget hearing in addition to the District budget hearing in December with the intent of making four adjustments to the capital budget that would move some of the funding into an account used for ongoing projects. In regards to the 2025 summer capital projects, Mr. Dunford said the Finance Committee recommends \$10.5 million be allocated for this purpose.

Facility Services Director Dave Rostrom answered Board members' questions about potential projects and reviewed the timeline for obtaining and approving design bids and work to begin.

Mr. Robinson asked about the possibility of adding a bid alternate to add a few parking spaces in place of a small patch of grass near the front of Bingham High School. Board members discussed this idea, concluding it may not yield much additional parking.

Ms. George asked about improving the lights and sound system at various high school stadiums. Board members agreed that this could be brought as a consideration for an ongoing project to the December capital budget hearing.

Following the discussion, Board members indicated their preference for which projects should move forward in obtaining bids for architectural design. (see attached list)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Niki George, Darrell Robinson, and Brian Barnett to approve the following capital projects move forward in obtaining bids for design: Items B, C, D, E (including alternates for this location), G (including alternates for this location), H, I, J, K and alternate 10. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **C. Cell Phone Policy**

Dr. Mike Anderson said three draft policies were shared on BoardDocs, although the titles have been changed from former versions. He gave a brief summary of the drafts:

Policy A: Bans cell phones for middle school and elementary. Bans cell phones during class time for high school, and outlines consequences for first and second offenses at all three levels.

Policy B: Bans cell phones during the school day for all levels, with elementary and secondary consequences outlined - varying slightly between levels.

Policy C: Only prohibits cell phones during class time with consequences based on first, second, and third offenses. Also, specifies if cell phone containers are not returned by the end of the day, the student's account will be billed.

Niki George suggested a change to draft Policy C, removing the words "secure container remain with the student" as funds for pouches have not been determined and with the possibility of legislation that would allocate funds for containers in the near future.

Dr. Anderson informed the Board of a recent press conference introducing a bill that would allocate \$4.8 million statewide (an allowance of approximately \$15 per student) for cell phone storage devices. The proposed bill outlines the default as a ban of cell phones in all schools, however LEA governing boards could enact policies to include other cell phone parameters specific to their district.

Board members discussed Jordan's draft policies and were in agreement on a ban of cell phones during class time in elementary schools. They discussed limits to cell phone use at middle and high school levels and consequences for misuse. Pilot programs for secure devices in secondary schools were discussed as well as the importance of handling offenses in an appropriate manner.

There was discussion about the role of government and responsibility of parents in regards to cell phones for children.

At 6:16 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The general session started at 6:35 p.m.

### **GENERAL SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

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Darrell Robinson, Board Second Vice President  
Brian W. Barnett, Board Member  
Lisa Dean, Board Member  
Bryce Dunford, Board Member  
Marilyn Richards, Board Member  
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning  
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Rodney Shaw, Principal, Bingham High School  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant  
Robert Conder, AV Department  
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association

President Miller presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Janet Sanders, President of the Jordan Education Foundation, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave Reverence.

### **Resolutions of Appreciation**

Marilyn Richards read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Robert James Comstock – employed by Jordan District from 2005 to 2020  
Jeanette Rasmussen Haws– employed by Jordan District from 1978 to 2006  
Linda Lou Stokes - employed by Jordan District from 1988 to 2013, and 2014 to 2020

### **Board Member Recognitions**

Lisa Dean gave a shoutout to District instructional coaches for helping teachers prepare for the new school year. She was pleased that the West Jordan City Journal highlighted free school lunch programs and hydroponic gardens at Jordan schools.

President Miller recognized all District employees for their great work over the summer and preparation for the beginning of the school year. She thanked PTA for all they do for schools and their efforts with back-to-school nights and she encouraged parents to join this great organization.

### **Superintendent's Recognitions**

Dr. Godfrey praised everyone for the hard work that went into the great start to the school year. In particular, he recognized teachers, transportation staff, and maintenance crews for their efforts. He said the Human Resources team did a great job recruiting and hiring and noted the District is starting the year with fewer openings than in recent school years.

### **I. Public Comments**

**A. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

In order to accommodate patrons who signed up to speak about the District travel policy, President Miller requested changing the order of Special Business items on the agenda. All agreed with this change. She invited those with comments regarding other items on the agenda to speak.

Sarah Bennett said a ban on cell phones would violate First Amendment rights and infringe on the personal right to freedom of speech.

Tim Brooks, Assistant Principal, said smartphones do not have a place at school, can lead to illegal activity and bullying, and are a big distraction in the classroom. He implored the Board to completely ban cell phones in schools.

Brandon Woolf, a parent, said he believes cell phones are a huge distraction. He said the current policy is not working and he asked for a strict full-day ban on smartphones in schools.

Jill Myler, a resident, advocated for a phone-free school environment.

Vanessa Welch, a parent, said intentional separation from cell phones is healthy and will benefit relationships. She asked the Board to approve a bell-to-bell phone-free school day.

Michael Orlowski, a teacher, applauded the District's [tentative] decision to ban cell phones in classrooms. He said a cell phone ban would enhance the learning environment in school.

Janet Sanders, a teacher, said she has had a positive experience with eliminating cell phone distractions in her classroom, calling it "magical." She thanked the Board for being proactive on the cell phone issue.

Monika Timm, a parent, expressed her support of a K-12 bell-to-bell ban on cell phones in schools.

Barbie Curtis, a parent, suggested looking into areas where cell phones would be acceptable in Jordan schools. However, she said she supports limiting smartphones in classrooms.

Kathleen Barlow, a high school teacher, said she is part of the "Smartphonefree Childhood USA" movement. She asked the Board to seriously consider a policy that includes a bell-to-bell ban on cell phones.

Oakley Peterson, said cell phones can lead to isolation and spoke in strong favor of a cell phone ban in schools.

President Miller invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to *boardcomments@jordandistrict.org* from the following individuals, whose comments are summarized below:

Docia Rice, Richard Clayton, Theresa Benner, Rebecca Rounkles, and Cassandra Kartchner were all in favor of a "no cell phone" policy in schools.

Suzanna Bruening, a student, said she would support a cell phone restriction in class, but would like to be allowed to use it in passing periods and at lunch.

**II. General Business – Consent Agenda**

**A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held July 30, 2024 and August 13, 2024 were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve Consent Agenda item A1 as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. **Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Expenditures**

Expenditures for the month of July 2024 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through July 30, 2024, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

3. **Personnel – Licensed and Education Support Professionals**

Personnel changes for the month of July 2024 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. **Recommendation to Issue Certificates for Home Instruction**

It was recommended that the students whose parents have filed affidavits pursuant to Utah Code 53G-6-204 shall be issued certificates excusing them from attending public school.

5. **Non-Compliance Report**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Darrell Robinson to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B5, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Bid Recommendations**

A. School or Department  
**Bingham High School**

Items for Bid  
**Furniture**

Bidders

Edutek

Meteor

School Specialty

Amount of Bid

\$91,339.80

Purpose: To provide new classroom furniture for Bingham High School Remodel.

Budget: School In Lieu of Fees and Capital Outlay Equipment Funds

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable state contract bidder, School Specialty. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. State Contract: MA675

**MOTION:** It was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Furniture for Bingham High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

B. School or Department  
**Facility Services**

Items for Bid  
**Snow Removal Districtwide**

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Affordable Lawn Care and Landscaping	\$1,800,000
BrightView	
Lawn Butler	
OneSource Property Maintenance	
Roth Landscape Services	
Total Landscape Management LLC	
Western Sun	

Purpose: To provide snow removal for schools and facilities within the District.

Budget: Maintenance and Operations Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidders: BrightView, Lawn Butler, OneSource Property Maintenance, Roth Landscape Services, Total Landscape Management LLC, and Western Sun. The companies complied with the specifications, terms and conditions of the bid. This is a three (3) year contract.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for Snow Removal Districtwide for Facility Services, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. **Special Business**

(As mentioned previously, the order of Special Business items was changed, per President Miller's request).

##### C. **Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel***

Board member Bryce Dunford gave a brief history of Administrative Policy AA414 saying the policy was rewritten years ago to tighten up the extensive travel that was becoming an issue in the District. He said it was time to adjust the policy to match current practices and he summarized current travel policy revisions, namely: all groups would be allowed one overnight trip and up to two additional local trips (within a 375 mile radius). In addition, groups may bring additional trip proposals to the Board for approval.

Niki George asked about changing the wording on item A.10.d. from "buses" to "vehicles" as requested in the prior study session and Mr. Dunford agreed to add this to the motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Marilyn Richards to approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel*, as written, with the change of wording on item A.10.d. from "buses" to "vehicles" and updated numbering.

##### Public Comment

Jason Wardle, a parent and coach for the Race Cats track club, said travel allows kids to compete in national meets and gain recognition. He spoke in support of the proposed changes to the overnight travel policy.

Britt Steaman, a parent, said her child has received recognition and college scholarship opportunities from participation in a California track meet. She asked the Board to approve the travel policy.

Parker Monsivais, a student and track athlete, spoke in favor of the overnight travel policy, saying student athletes can complete and still prioritize academics.

Brandon Woolf, a parent, spoke in favor of the travel policy as it stands. He said extra-curricular activities are important and prepare students for college opportunities.

Claire Hoenes, a student and varsity cross country athlete, said the high elevation in Utah helps athletes do well in meets outside the state. She spoke in favor of more travel opportunities for students.

Shelley Taft, a parent, said “quick trips” would allow athletes and coaches the ability to travel more safely to meets. She asked the Board to approve the overnight travel policy allowing for two local trips per group.

Tayshawn Ogomo, a student and Herriman High School cross country athlete, said he was a part of the varsity team that won first place in the Nike Cross National meet last year. He said it was a great experience and he added his support of the proposed overnight travel policy.

Board Discussion

Niki George explained the Board’s intent to create a policy that will be effective for every District team and club. She asked that, whatever the outcome, students and coaches follow guidelines to protect children. Ms. George expressed concern about excessive school absences and additional costs. She advocated for adjusting the policy to allow for one local trip, rather than two, in addition to the one overnight travel experience allowed per group each year.

Lisa Dean disagreed with proposed travel policy changes, noting additional trips would increase expenses for the District and possibly lead to more liability issues. She said the current policy already allows for additional travel if a team qualifies for competition at the next level.

Darrel Robinson expressed concern with the additional financial liability incurred with more student travel. He supports making smaller adjustments to the policy by offering one additional local trip instead of two. Mr. Barnett agreed.

President Miller called for a vote on the motion to approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel* with the recommended small wording change. The motion failed with a vote of five to two as follows:

Bryce Dunford	Yes
Brian Barnett	No
Lisa Dean	No
Marilyn Richards	Yes
Niki George	No
Tracy Miller	No
Darrell Robinson	No

President Miller called for another motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Niki George to approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel*, as written, with the change of item 6 & 7 from two local trips to one local trip and associated grammatical changes. In addition, to revise wording on item A.10.d from “buses” to “vehicles” and update policy numbering.

President Miller called for a vote. The motion passed with a vote of six to one. Ms. Richards cast the dissenting vote.

A copy of Policy AA414 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 2)

**B. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review***

Dr. Michael Anderson explained revisions to this policy are a result of House Bill 29 that passed in the recent legislative session and outlines procedures for dealing with sensitive materials in schools. He acknowledged the great work of Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching and Learning, and her team. He said Jordan's policy complies with new state law.

President Miller referred to an email that had been received from the state, recommending specific changes to the policy and she asked Ms. Gough if the changes were reflected in the current draft that was shared with the Board. Ms. Gough said the policy had been revised according to recommendations and she explained the recent formatting changes.

Lisa Dean recommended additional changes to policy language and format. She also asked for a non-disclosure agreement for the names of those on the review committee.

Darrell Robinson suggested tabling the policy and discussing the proposed revisions at a future Board meeting. President Miller called for a motion to table agenda item B.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Darrell Robinson to table agenda item B, Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review* for discussion at a later time.

**Public Comment**

Cindy Mitchell, a librarian, asked the Board to pause on implementing this new policy as it stands. She said state law must be upheld, but there is a need for a clear process for challenging library materials.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Robinson asked if there is an urgency to approving the policy and Dr. Godfrey said the District can still uphold current state law while adhering to the current policy until a new policy is established.

President Miller called for a vote on the motion to table the approval of Administrative Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review*. The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Recommendation to Approve New Administrative Policy AA452 Title IX Sexual Harassment**

Dr. Michael Anderson explained the Department of Education gave regulations for Title IX earlier this year. As there are current injunctions on the 2024 proposed regulations, the District has been instructed to return to following 2020 regulations. New Administrative Policy AA452 complies with the 2020 regulations and is very prescriptive.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Marilyn Richards to approve New Administrative Policy AA452 *Title IX Sexual Harassment*.

**Public Comment**

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

President Miller called for a vote on the motion to approve New Administrative Policy AA452 *Title IX Sexual Harassment*. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Policy AA452 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 3)

**V. Information Items**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey expressed gratitude to all who helped create a smooth start of the school year.

VI. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

Bryce Dunford invited Anneke Enquist, a community member, to explain her proposal to implement a Districtwide school gardening program that could be piloted in three schools. He requested Board approval to explore this possibility and seek funding from the Jordan Education Foundation.

Ms. Enquist explained the benefits of an afterschool or daytime gardening program in schools and said the produce could supplement cafeteria food or help needy families. She said the gardens would be year-round and community members could volunteer to help with upkeep in the summer. She suggested hiring a traveling gardening specialist to work with students and tend to the gardens.

President Miller cautioned the Board against advising the Foundation on how to spend donated funds. However, she agreed to put this on a future Board agenda for further discussion at a later date.

Darrell Robinson asked about a dedication for the new Juniper Elementary School, and was informed planning has begun for a dedication in late fall of this year.

Lisa Dean, SLCo Parks and Rec Advisory Board member, announced their new director, Chris Otto. She said the Mountain View Golf Course is finally open and noted county golf courses are watered with secondary water. Ms. Dean announced Butterfield Canyon Trails are hosting a huge mountain bike race with over 1600 participants and spectators on September 14, 2024.

Marilyn Richards, gave an update on the recent Utah High School Activities Association meeting. She gave a reminder that Esports have been officially sanctioned and will begin in 2025-26. The Association is also in the process of realignment, and in order to avoid an unfair advantage, consideration is being given to each school's "success factor." She said during Covid, UHSAA wasn't able to cover the catastrophic insurance premium, but now will be reimbursing the schools 100 percent.

Niki George, Government Relations Committee chair, gave a reminder about Legislator Day in the Classroom to be held September 26, 2024. She said ten legislators will be invited to visit school classrooms from 10:00 a.m. to noon and asked Board members to "save the date."

Bryce Dunford thanked the Board for the permission to move forward with a community Town Hall meeting that will be held September 4, 2024 at Mountain Creek Middle School.

President Miller said an additional Board meeting has been set to discuss Board Ends Policies with Education Elements on September 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. She requested a third session be scheduled at a future date. It was decided to hold another Board meeting on December 13, 2024 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for further discussion on Ends Policies.

At 8:53 p.m., President Miller declared the meeting adjourned and announced that the Board would return to study session.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

**C. Cell Phone Policy**

President Miller acknowledged the great public comments made in the general session and noted the earliest the Board could vote on a proposed cell phone policy would be September 24, 2024. She summarized the Board's prior consensus to ban personal electronic devices in elementary schools, and in classrooms for middle and high school students and noted there were varying ideas for storing phones or implementing consequences. Darrell Robinson asked Janet Sanders, JEA President and teacher, to relate her experience with this issue.

Ms. Sanders said administration instructed teachers to avoid taking cell phones from students due to liability issues. She said cell phones have become an issue of fatigue for teachers trying to ban or restrict use in classrooms. She said eliminating this distraction for students by securing the phones is a great idea.

Dr. Godfrey cited portions of the current policy AA419 noting it allows for phones unless they "cause a disruption" in the learning environment. A new policy that bans cell phones in classrooms would be more clear and he advocated for consistency with expectations.

After further discussion, it was proposed to write a baseline policy that bans cellphone use in classrooms, but allows for schools to increase this to a bell-to-bell ban if administration prefers. Board members suggested schools volunteer to pilot various programs for securing phones.

President Miller requested a baseline policy with the following directives be brought back to the September 10, 2024 Board meeting for further discussion:

- 1) No phones bell-to-bell in K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- 2) No phones in grades 7 through 12 during class time
- 3) Basic consequences outlined in draft policy B
- 4) Schools can choose to do more, either increasing to a bell-to-bell ban in secondary schools or in regards to consequences

Administration agreed to ask for a few volunteer schools to pilot various methods of securing phones.

Dr. Anderson said the intended fund for future cell phone legislation would be the Education Stabilization Fund and it is unlikely reimbursement would be available for pouches purchased prior to the bill being ratified.

**MOTION:** At 10:16 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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**MOTION:** At 10:35 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Brian Barnett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Attachments