

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 22, 2025**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. President Debbie Witte called the Special Meeting to order at 4:30 pm. The following members were present: President Debbie Witte, Vice President Alex Kotara, Secretary Melissa Padron-Valdez, Melanie Johnson, Michael Rosales, Sherry Sommer, and Cason Newberry.

Pledge and Moment of Silence:

President Debbie Witte led the pledge to the United States and Texas flags and called for a moment of silence.

Public Comments:

None

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.001 et seq:

Debbie Witte, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, Melanie Johnson, Alex Kotara, Melissa Padron-Valdez and Michael Rosales went into the closed session at 4:33 p.m. School district's attorney, Hannah Cramer, and search consultant, Paige Kyle, joined the board members in closed session.

Closed meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Michael Rosales for the board to accept the resignation of Melissa Johns. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Melanie Johnson for the board accept the resignation of Coach Richard Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Melanie Johnson for the board to submit a written complaint regarding Vanessa Garcia's separation from employment and that we render a finding that good cause did not exist for the educator to abandon her contract. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara to authorize Walsh Gallegos and Dr. Ann Dixon to proceed with the superintendent search as discussed in closed session due to Mrs. Kuenstler's retirement in June 2025.

Recess was called by President Debbie Witte at 6:20 p.m.

Informational Items:

At 6:25 p.m. the Annual Team of Eight Training started, to include Strategic Planning.

Adjournment:

President Debbie Witte adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES