



**Centers for Applied Science & Technology
Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
June 10, 2021
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

Board Members Present:

Yvette Benavides
Dr. Ochoa
Shari Albright
Lisa Lewis
David Heard
Kate Rogers

Staff Members:

Jeanne Russell
Eddie Rodriguez
Carol Mendenhall
Charles Clines
Amanda Sierra

Student Voice: Diego Villegas—ALA; Carina Vlaun—CAST Tech; sharing how they have changed during their high school years, and what they will take with them.

Welcome: Ericka Olivares—Principal of CAST Teach—introduced herself saying her passion is serving students.

Call to Order: Jeanne Russell, Executive Director

ITEMS RELATED TO SAISD

- Dr. Eddie Rodriguez present his budget and shares top priorities & accomplishments for 2021-2022 (1882 funds primarily support staff; Partnership Coordinator position is critical; other priorities include facility renovation)
- CAST Tech HS Principal Dr. Melissa Alcala presents her budget, post-secondary accomplishments, and top priorities (1882 funds primarily support staff unique to the model; priorities include data systems & disaggregation, project-based learning and teacher planning time)

- Advanced Learning Academy Principal Kathy Bieser presents her budget, post-secondary accomplishments, and top priorities (1882 funds primarily support staffing and travel; priorities include PBL implementation, SEL, standards-based grading, high school graduate portfolio)
- Question from Lisa Lewis regarding how much additional funding comes through 1882 dollars.
- Discussion about how to best support those students (27 at CAST Tech, 1 at ALA) not attending college/going to work; CPS Energy is interested in connecting regarding open jobs; will also try to identify students going part-time school and work for extra support
- Board approved SAISD budgets for 2021-2022 school year, Shari Albright nominated, Lisa Lewis seconded; all in favor

Celebrations/updates

- SAISD Board presentation - May 10 ([link](#) to recording)
- Alumni Network launch (with funding from Greater Texas Foundation)
- Tech District Reboot with Tech Bloc - May 27 (David Heard)
- [Summer Studio](#) at UIW - July 19-23 (Renamed Discover U)
- [Tafolla Toro](#) - the play - August 27 (Eddie)

Action items for board

- Make one introduction to a potential funder or helpful relationship
- Help secure one opportunity to tell the CAST story

Save the date/time

- June 11, 7 p.m. CAST Tech graduation ([live stream](#))
- June 14, 7:30 a.m. ALA graduation ([live stream](#))
- Proposed board meetings for 2021-2022 school year:
 - Wednesday, August 25, CAST Lead High School (with Zoom option)
 - Wednesday, November 17th
 - Wednesday, February 23rd
 - Wednesday, April 13th