



**Centers for Applied Science & Technology
Board of Trustees
SAISD Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021
3:00-5 p.m.
CAST Lead High School**

Board Convened at CAST Lead at 3:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Yvette Benavides, Shari Albright, Dr. Lyssa Ochoa, Lisa Lewis, Kate Rogers

Staff Present: Jeanne Russell, Eddie Rodriguez, Carol Mendenhall, Charles Clines, Amanda Sierra

- CAST Lead students shared a preview of their presentation they will make to the ECISD board (8/26) and fielded questions
- Dr. Wendy Fuller, CAST Lead Principal talked about their Basecampus project at CAST Lead
- Jeanne welcomed new team members: Mariah Lane, marketing specialist, Alexandra Rodriguez, partnership specialist

ITEMS RELATED TO SAISD

- Update on reauthorization and discussion about autonomies with SAISD. Jeanne Russell and Carol Mendenhall had a conversation with the Deputy Superintendent and Director of talent management in SAISD to talk about concerns about the autonomies our schools have. The conversation proved to be productive.
- Eddie Rodriguez went over the highlights from Summer programs explaining how vital these programs are to our schools. (links to website)
 - [DiscoverU](#)
 - [Mission & Me](#)
 - [Teacher reception](#)- Link to teacher soundtrack
- Approve minutes from June 10, 2021 meeting. Shari Albright moved to approve minutes and Yvette Benavides seconded.

Jeanne ended the meeting with a reminder of Tafolla Toro this weekend.

Celebrations/updates

- ECISD Board presentation - August 26
- Tafolla Toro - August 27
- Blue Meridian grant, launch of artist-in-residence and Speak Up! Speak Out! - Oct. 1
- DoSeum exhibit - rescheduled due to COVID
- CIS expanded to all schools
- SAISD Bond investments in Fox Tech campus - Carol M & Jeanne R on committee, which held a design charrette Aug. 20

