



## Advocacy Advisory Committee

January 28, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC) met on January 28, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The following attended the meeting:

AAC members: Lorena Campos, Noelita Lugo, Jennifer Harris, Aida Wafa, Blanca Galvez-Perez, Laurie Solis, Bardo Montelongo, Dariela Villanueva de Dominguez, Lorena Campos, Sonia Cabriales, Jiae Kim Batra, Joshua Jeon, Alexandra Lee, and Juan Gomez

AISD Trustee: Lynn Boswell

AISD Staff: Edna Butts

The meeting was called to order by Joshua Jeon at 5:03 p.m. There was no public comment.

Joshua Jeon moved and Jennifer Harris seconded a motion to elect Jiae Kim Batra and Noelita Lugo as Co-Chairs. The motion was approved.

Committee members introduced themselves, describing where they work or which campus they attend and their interest in serving on the committee.

Jiae Kim Batra moved and Joshua Jeon seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 meeting. The motion was approved.

The committee reviewed the AAC by-laws. There was discussion on possible amendments in the future.

The committee briefly discussed potential recruitment efforts to fill vacant community and business partner membership spots.

The co-chair proposed topics for February through May 2026 committee meetings and encouraged members to provide suggested topics. Topics of discussion for future meetings included the role in education of the federal government, the state legislature, the SBOE, the Commissioner of Education, school boards and campuses. Trustee Boswell shared a helpful document “Who Does What” in public education, link below:

<file:///C:/Users/E150665/Downloads/Who%20Does%20What%20In%20Public%20Education.pdf>

One member mentioned he hears questions about school consolidations and closures and where to access reliable information. Jiae Kim Batra shared information available on AISD’s website. <https://www.austinisd.org/consolidate> and <https://www.austinisd.org/consolidate#resources>

Another member suggested a topic regarding the role of school board members and campaigning. Edna Butts mentioned that prior to the November election for school board members, the district usually holds a meeting where such topics are discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16 in person at AISD's Central Office. Edna Butts will send a survey to determine what time works best for AAC members. Staff will explore the possibility of offering a hybrid option. The topic will be State Finance 101 and School Finance 101.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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