



Advocacy Advisory Committee

February 16, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC) met on February 16, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in person at Austin ISD Central Office and Google Meets.

The following attended the meeting:

AAC members: Noelita Lugo, Aidan Cournoyer, Stacia Crescenzi, Natalie Fontenot, Linzy Foster, Jennifer Harris, Aida Wafa, Blanca Galvez-Perez, Laurie Solis, Jiae Kim Batra, Juan Gomez, Alexandra Lee, Callum Thomas, Sonia Cabriales, and Emmy Ward.

AISD Trustee: Lynn Boswell

AISD Staff: Edna Butts and Adriana Cedillo

The meeting was called to order by Noelita Lugo at 4:12 p.m. There was no public comment.

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

Laurie Solis moved and Natalie Fontenot seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting. The motion was approved.

Bob Popinski, dean of policy for Raise Your Hand Texas, gave a detailed presentation on school finance, accountability and assessment, and other issues affecting public education entitled “From Capitol to Classroom: Making an Impact.” Mr. Popinski answered questions from several AAC members.

Members were reminded that early voting for the March primary begins February 17 and runs through February 27.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6 and will focus on advocacy.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.