

CHANT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: June 1, 2026

Location: McAllister's Deli, McKinney

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Jessica Vanderwel recording

- Called to Order: Called to order at 5:35 by Rena Laymon, seconded by Matt Vanderwel
- Prayer: Jessica Vanderwel
- Quorum Present
- Members in Attendance:
 - President: Rena Laymon
 - Vice President, Vision & Strategic Direction, Acting AD: Matt Vanderwel
 - Secretary: Jessica Vanderwel
 - Treasurer: Tonya Edwards
 - Director of Information and Technology: Chris Laymon
- Absent: Johnny Gonzales, Director of Ministry, Culture and Care
- Financial condition of corporation: Matt Vanderwel and Tonya Edwards previously met, and she will be taking over financials.
- Old News:
 - Interviewed Tonya Edwards for position of Treasurer in April. Board agreed to vote electronically. Subsequent vote was unanimous for Tonya Edwards to be CHANT Treasurer.

- Rena Laymon presented information about Letterman Jackets. This will be shared with the families if they would like to order. She also updated us on interest in yard signs.
- Sponsorship update: Michael Williams and Darci Oliver have already begun reaching out for sponsors.
- Jessica Vanderwel will post on Stack letting families know about the opportunities for sponsorship.
- Fundraisers discussed. Darci Oliver has offered to head up our “Spirit Nights” where we receive a percentage of sales.
- Service Hours Addendum will be reviewed by Rena Laymon and Jessica Vanderwel to make adjustments.
- Solidified dates for Homecoming game-Sept. 25th and Senior Night-Oct. 23.
- Matt Vanderwel updated us on the final game of the season, Oct. 30, has been withdrawn. No other options yet.
- Rena Laymon asked for the game on 9/4 to be “Teddy Bear Night” where the mini cheerleaders from the fundraising camp would cheer at the game. Other themes include “Blackout” on Senior Night, “Pink Out” in October and “Freedom Night” date TBD.
- IT updates from Chris Laymon regarding Square vs. Clover and calendar.
- Jessica Vanderwel asked for input for the Expo that CHANT will be a part of to help get the word out about our organization. Discussion on display, giveaways and having athletes present.

- Texas Homeschool Band is willing to play for us this fall dependent on their availability.
- Bylaws are ratified excluding Article 3 pending changes.
- Rena Laymon shared Johnny Gonzales' information regarding background checks. All were in agreement that we could go with the lower cost option.
- Discussion of changes to the Coaches Code of Conduct form. Matt Vanderwel presented the Leadership Approval and Certification Matrix to inform the Board about the AD's process.
- New News:
 - Summer advertising on FB is discussed and agreed upon.
 - Discussion of logistics for Parent Meeting on July 28th.
 - Middle School Cheer Mentor application discussed and voted on.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for July 30
- Motion to close at 7:40 by Jessica Vanderwel. Chris Laymon seconded.
- Meeting closed at 7:40