



# YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY NETWORK

## 1882 Governing Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025

### Present via Zoom

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#### **YWPN Staff**

*Berta Fogerson-Lynn McBee voting proxy*

#### **1882 Board Members**

*Elise Kail, Betty Burks, Sharonda Pruitt, Jeanne Whitman, Stephanie Hawke, Travis Hutt,  
Sonia Rodriguez*

#### **Campus Administrators**

*Delia Montelongo, Laura Doughty*

### Meeting Minutes

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#### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

*Betty Burks, Governing Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:38.*

#### **II. Public Comments**

*No public comments were made at this meeting.*

#### **III. Mission Moment: YWLA Midland**

*Principal Doughty showed a video of her choir students engaging in a master theatre class with various opera stars from the cast of Phantom of the Opera. The video showed students engaging with their guests and putting what they learned into practice. The event was made possible thanks to Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health.*

#### **IV. Approval of the December 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

*Betty Burks called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2024 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Elise Kail and seconded by Jeanne Whitman. Motion carried 8-0.*

#### **V. Information and Discussion Items**

##### **a. YWPN Partner & Campus Update- Berta Fogerson, Chief Academic Officer for Lynn McBee CEO, reported on the following:**

- *February 3-4, we welcomed our 12 YWPN principals to our first virtual Collaborative.*

- YWPN work continues at **Balch Springs** as we tailor our support to match the campus needs
- The Network has partnered with The Texas Girls School, a charter school that is looking to open in August of 2025.
- Increased services in the areas of alumni and teacher professional development including the use of AI, campus council support pertaining to cell phone use policies, and counselor and assistant principal support.
- Support continues with our **San Antonio** campus as the district is shifting the admissions process at the secondary campus
- Working with SAISD to address the staffing challenges that result from operating an innovative school.
- In Midland, the focus of the work continues to revolve around preparing for the first graduating class, future course offerings, facilities, and budget

**VI. Campus Financial Update-Berta Fogerson, Chief Academic Officer**

*Berta Fogerson reported that both campuses are working to complete the budget needs for the 24-25 school year. Most districts are freezing accounts and putting stops to expenditures as the school year comes to an end. School teams are working hard to make sure that all paperwork is ready to avoid delays in summer services. Balances left in the campus accounts will stay in reserve as most of these funds are dedicated to paying personnel salaries during the summer. Budget workshops for 25-26 are taking place in both districts.*

**VII. Presentations:**

**a. YWLA San Antonio Secondary and Primary Campus STAAR Performance Report-Delia McLerran, Principal**

*Head of Schools Delia Montelongo presented the following topics:*

- *Entering YWLA from YWLA Primary*
  - *87 of 105 applied/admitted*
  - *80 have accepted*
  - *Conducting interviews*
  - *25 coming from out of YWLAP*
  - *Siblings given priority*
  - *Class of 2032!*
- *Class of 2025*
  - *Accepted to a 4-year university*
  - *528 acceptances out of 872 applications for 59 seniors; high competitive schools have still to release their decisions*
  - *Over \$26 million in scholarships and growing*
  - *Class of 2025 completed 9, 344 hours of community service*
  - *Two 2025 Quest bridge Scholars awarded matches to Yale and Boston College*
- *Senior Events*
  - *Senior luncheon April 10*
  - *Prom April 12*
  - *Signing Day May 15*
  - *Senior Candlelight Ceremony May 27*
  - *Senior Sunset May 28*
  - *Graduation-May 30*

**b. YWLA Midland Campus STAAR Performance Report-Laura Doughty, Principal**

*Principal Laura Doughty presented the following information:*

- *The Celebration of Texas Women fundraiser raised \$88,350 toward the 25 for 25 fundraising campaign; Sponsorships from several donors and partners made the event possible.*
- *Spring Highlights*
  - *YWLA Midland student won the Regional Spelling Bee Champion title*
  - *Three state qualifiers for Choir Solo and Ensemble*
  - *Three NSDA National Qualifiers*
  - *Three TMSCA State Qualifiers*
  - *Swim Team: District Champs, Regional Runner-Up, and State Runner Up*
- *Senior Highlights*
  - *100% College Acceptance to major universities*
  - *\$3 million+ in merit scholarships to date*
  - *Acceptances to all major Texas universities*
  - *Out of state acceptances to Penn State, University of Miami, Auburn Fordham, and Montana State*
  - *Waiting for Ivy Day Acceptances*
  - *1 National Merit Finalist*
  - *1 Finalist for Terri Foundation Scholarship (full ride)*
  - *5 Acceptances into Honors Colleges*

**VIII. Action Items**

*No action items addressed.*

**IX. Questions or Comments**

*No additional questions were asked at this time.*

**X. Meeting Adjournment**

*Sonia Rodriguez made the motion to adjourn, and Jeanne Whitman provided the second. Motion passed 8-0. Betty Burks adjourned the meeting at 1:15.*

**Next Meeting:**

August 21st, 2025

**Location:** Virtual TEAMS Meeting