

**Midland College Pre-K Sub Board Meeting  
Minutes  
May 14, 2024**

Present (P), Absent (A), Virtually (V)

	Name and Title	Organization
<i>Voting Members</i>		
A	Ms. Becca Myers, Strategic Initiatives and Collaboration Coordinator	Coterra
Z	Ms. Pattie Stewart, Child Care Program Specialist	Permian Basin Workforce Development Board
P	Ms. Linda Cowden, Secretary	Midland Board of Trustees
P	Ms. Jill Rivera, Chief Instructional and Federal Programs Officer	Region 18 Education Service Center
Z	Mr. Ed Mayberry, Sales Coordinator	Midland Chamber of Commerce
<i>Non-Voting Members</i>		
Z	Dr. Denise McKown-Yorkman, Dean, Education and Early Childhood	Midland College
P	Ms. Lori Smith, Principal, Pre-K Academy	Midland College
P	Ms. Leslie Goodrum, Executive Director	Midland College
<i>Attendees</i>		
A	Geta Mitchell, Consultant	Midland Independent School District

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Ms. Leslie Goodrum welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Pre-K Sub Board to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes for February meeting were not approved due to a miscommunication of who was preparing them after the February meeting. Therefore, we will approve the February and the May minutes in August.

**III. Chair of Education's Report**

a. AAT Report

Dr. Yorkman reported that 6 students graduated May 10, 2024 for with their AAT.

b. BAS Report

Dr. Yorkman reported that 4 students graduated with their Bachelors of Education in Early Childhood Education on May 10, 2024. Two graduates will join the Pre-K Academy as PK4 teachers while the other two students have been hired by IDEA Travis for the 2024-2025 school year.

c. UTPB and MC Partnership

Dr. Yorkman reported that a Press Conference was held on May 7, 2024 at Midland College where Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Woodley signed a MOU so that Midland College students who are studying education can transfer to UTPB with a seamless transition.

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

a. New Executive Director in Education Department

Leslie Goodrum reported that Shelly Haney has been hired as the Recruitment, Retention and Transfer Executive Director. She will support dual credit students and Midland College students through an AAT program and transition them to UTPB and onto their careers in teaching.

b. Staffing

Ms. Goodrum stated we have hired 14 certified teachers: 13 in the classroom and one is a substitute/floater. The plan is to offer 6 PK3 classrooms and 7 PK4 classrooms. Currently, we are interviewing applicants for teacher assistant positions. The academy needs to hire additional assistants so that we have 2 per classroom. The total needed for the 2024-2025 school year is 30 in order to stay in ratio for day care licensing since our operating hours are 7:30-5:30.

c. Calendar Update

Ms. Goodrum presented an updated calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. The only change that was made effects June and July of 2025. Due to the fact that Midland College functions on a 4 day work week in the summer, Pre-K Academy encounters challenges with food service, security, and custodial assistance.

Ms. Goodrum asked for a motion to be made on the adoption of the updated calendar. Linda Cowden made a motion and Pattie Stewart seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed with 4 voting yes while Ms. Myers was absent.

d. Pre-K Board Training Requirement

Ms. Goodrum shared that the Texas Education Association is implementing a mandatory training for all charter school board members and their executive director. You will be receiving an email from Bellwether, a nonprofit organization. Bellwether will be sending a survey to each board member. Then Bellwether will provide a report based on the survey and access to high quality training and tools that will assist the board in addressing areas of need.

e. Goodrum's Story

Ms. Goodrum announced that she will be leaving her position as Executive Director of Early Childhood due to the fact that her husband is being relocated to the Fort Worth area. No timeline has been set for a final day of employment. Her plans are to work through the summer and assist in the transition of her replacement.

**V. Principal's Report**

a. Enrollment

Ms. Smith reported that currently 210 families have applied for the Pre-K Academy on Apply Midland. In addition to that number, we have 60 current PK3 students moving up to PK4. The 25 PK3 students who are not moving onto PK4 at our campus, have chosen to attend PK4 at their sibling's campus or they are moving out of the Midland ISD area.

b. Head Start Partnership

Ms. Smith reported that the South Plains Community Action Partnership has 84 qualified students registered for the 2024-2025 school year. They held a recruitment 'round up' event May 14, 2024 from 8:00-4:00 to recruit an additional 7 students in order to reach our goal of 91 students.

c. Parent Involvement

Ms. Smith reported that she hosted a virtual 'Bingo for Books' in March. 25 students and their families joined the activity.

Ms. Smith reported that all 10 classroom teachers completed their required Headstart Home Visits as well as their parent conferences with pre-k eligible and tuition students.

Ms. Smith invited the board to attend the PK3 Celebration Ceremony on May 21, 2024 at 2:00PM and the PK4 Graduation on May 22,2024 at 2:00 PM.

d. Summer Program

Ms. Smith reported 40 students have registered for the summer session that begins on May 24, 2024 and ends on July 31, 2024. The program will house two PK 3 and two PK4 sections with 10 students per classroom and 3 teacher assistants. Brittany Bennett, our certified teacher is preparing the lessons with the 'Three Cheers for Pre-K' curriculum.

e. Data

Ms. Smith Reported the results of the CLI-Engage data.  
See attached Table

f. Safety and Security

Ms. Smith reported that Ray Vasquez, Region 18 safety and security auditor visited our campus on May 10, 2024. Pre-K Academy preliminary passed the audit. We will receive a written report this summer.

**VI. Adjournment**

Ms. Goodrum adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

The next sub board meeting will occur in August or September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Goodrum

Executive Director

Early Childhood Education