

# Spring Independent School District

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
2:00 PM, MAY 4, 2018  
BOARD ROOM**

**GORDON M. ANDERSON LEADERSHIP CENTER  
16717 ELLA BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77090**

## **MINUTES**

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

President Rhonda Newhouse called the Special Called Session of the Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 2:31 PM on May 4, 2018, in the Board Room of the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Boulevard, Houston, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

### **Members Present:**

Rhonda Newhouse, President  
Jana Gonzales, Vice President  
Donald Davis, Secretary  
Justine Durant, Assistant Secretary  
Dr. Deborah Jensen  
Winford Adams, Jr.

### **Members Absent:**

Chris Bell

### **Others Present:**

Rodney Watson, Superintendent of Schools  
Deeone McKeithan, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Diana Kimberly, Principal, Spring Early College Academy  
Jeremy Binkley, Legal Officer  
Jason Sheffer, Director of Board Services

### **II. Closed Session: Consider, hear, deliberate, and obtain legal advice on Board Policy DFBB Nonrenewal Hearing of Mark Rambis, under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:**

President Newhouse recessed the open session at 2:32 PM for the purpose of entering into closed session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- A. Section 551.071 - Consultation with Board Attorney regarding all matters as authorized by law.

- B. Section 551.074 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
- C. Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.
- D. Section 551.0821 - For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.
- E. Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

President Newhouse reconvened the open session at 8:56 PM.

**III. Consideration, Hearing, and Possible Action on Board Policy DFBB Nonrenewal Hearing of Mark Rambis**

Trustee Gonzales moved that the Board of Trustees find that the reasons given in support of the recommendation to non-renew Mr. Rambis' contract are lawful, supported by a preponderance of the evidence, are not arbitrary and capricious, and further moved that the Board of Trustees non-renew Mr. Rambis' contract effective at the end of its contract term. Trustee Durant seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

  
Rhonda R. Newhouse, President

  
Donald Davis, Secretary