

Notice of Meeting of the Mount Enterprise Independent School District

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, October 6, 2025 the Board of Trustees of the Mount Enterprise Independent School District will hold a called meeting at 6:30pm, for a regular meeting in the Mount Enterprise ISD South Administration Building located at 301 NW 3rd St., Mount Enterprise, TX 75681. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda, which is attached to and made a part of the Notice.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the following sections and purposes.

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:

551.071 Private consultation with the board's attorney on any or all subjects or matter authorized by law.

551.072 Discussing purchases, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.

551.074 For the purpose of considering 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.

551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.

551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.

551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.

551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives or employee groups.

551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session then the final action, final decision or final vote shall be either

- a. in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or
- b. at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print, or braille, are requested to contact Kim Fling at 903-822-3575.

This Notice was posted on the district website at www.meisd.org and an original copy was posted on the front entrance of the School District at or before 5:00pm on said date:



Chance Mays, Superintendent, Mount Enterprise Independent School District

12-Sept-2026

MT. ENTERPRISE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
301 NW 3rd ST., MOUNT ENTERPRISE, TX 75681

The subject(s) to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)*

- I. Establish a quorum and call meeting to order.
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Students of the Month
- IV. Public Forum
- V. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report
 - b. Campus Report
 - i. Secondary
 - ii. Elementary
 - iii. Athletics
 - iv. CTE
 - v. Fine Arts
- VI. Action Items - Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.
 - a. Deliberation and consider approval of minutes from Board Meeting on September 14, 2026.
 - b. Deliberation and consider approval of payment of current bills.
- VII. Discuss and possibly approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Texas Property Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Mount Enterprise ISD and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.
- VIII. Deliberation and consider approval of resolution to terminate any interlocal agreement entered into by the district with the county tax office whereby the district has relinquished the right to choose who collects our delinquent taxes.
- IX. Deliberation and consider approval of Resolution requiring Rusk County to collect the district's taxes as required by tax code.
- X. Discussion about Board Members and hours obtained for 2025-2026.
- XI. Deliberation and consider action of the 2025-2026 audit report presented by Morgan LaGrone CPL accounting.
- XII. Deliberation and consider approval of new transfer students (if applicable).
- XIII. Executive Session: pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code with reference to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq.; 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, & 551.084
- XIV. Reconvene to Open Session
 - a. Action, if any, on items discussed in closed session.
- XV. Adjourn

NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 2254.1036

WHEREAS, the Mount Enterprise Independent School District ("District"), will consider entering into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ("Firm") and hereby posts this notice pursuant to Sec. 2254.1036 of the Government Code.

WHEREAS, this notice shall be posted before or at the time of giving the written notice required by Government Code Sec. 551.041 for a meeting described by Sec. 2254.1036(a)(2) of the Government Code and shall announce the following:

A. The District pursuing a contract with the Firm for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the District and through this contract the District seeks to increase recovery of its delinquent debts in as expeditious a manner as possible. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(A).

B. The District believes the Firm has the competency, qualifications, and experience necessary to fulfill this contract. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(B). The Firm has collected delinquent government receivables for 54 years, including the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes. The Firm currently has 15 primary offices and multiple satellite offices throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. It employs more than 400 individuals, including over 55 attorneys. It uses a multi-office, fully integrated team approach allowing the District access to all its offices and resources. Its collection team consists of long-term Firm employees, including attorneys, call center associates, paralegals, law clerks, legal secretaries, collection support personnel and information technology experts. The Firm utilizes proprietary collection software that can be tailored to meet any special need the District may have. This proprietary software also automates many aspects of the collection process, such as: account/debtor research, mailings and phone calls, return mail and address updates, payment notification and processing and workflow.

C. The nature of any relationship between the District and the Firm is as follows. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(C).

The law firm does not currently represent the district.

D. The District is unable to collect its delinquent ad valorem taxes. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(D). The District currently does not have adequate support staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the District.

E. These collection services cannot be provided for an hourly fee. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(E). The Tax Code allows the assessment of a percentage-based fee to recover the costs of collecting delinquent ad valorem taxes. This percentage-based fee is assessed only against the debtor and not the District or taxpayers of the District. The collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes is a high-volume practice, requiring a significant amount of research, mailing, and handling of outbound/inbound calls. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed amount

of delinquent ad valorem taxes due. Moreover, the District will bear the cost of these hourly fees and not the debtor, because the Tax Code does not expressly authorize the District to pay for collection services based on an hourly fee.

F. The District believes this contingent fee contract is in its best interest. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(F). Under the contingent fee contract, the Firm will be paid the amount of the percentage-based collection fee, regardless the number of hours the Firm spends researching, contacting and mailing to collect the delinquent debt. Additionally, the percentage-based collection penalty is a pass-through expense to the debtor and not an expense to the District or taxpayers in the District.