

**MINUTES OF THE  
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Red Oak ISD School Safety and Security Committee Meeting was held Tuesday, April 15, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Red Oak ISD Education Service Center, 109 West Red Oak Road, Red Oak, TX 75154.

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**The Regular Meeting of the School Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator, at 6:02 pm.**

**A quorum of Committee members was present, and the meeting was duly called. The notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.00.**

**The following Committee members were present: Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator; Melanie Petersen, President of the ROISD School Board; Brenda Sanford, ROISD Superintendent; Angela Fitzgerald, ROISD Director of Counseling & Family Services; Melody Hawkins, ROISD Student Support Specialist; Johnny Knight, ROISD School Board Member; Mandie Wherley, Parent of student in ROISD; Donald Fullerton, ROISD Police Sergeant/Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator; Josh Nichols, City of Red Oak Fire (sitting in for Chief Blanton); Joseph McCall, Parent of students in ROISD; Garland Wolf, City of Red Oak Police Chief.**

**The following committee members were absent: Michaela Sandefer, Ellis County Emergency Management Coordinator; Ginger Anderson, Parent of students in ROISD; Dr. Thurston Lamb, ROISD Chief of Operations; J.W. Tabor, ROISD Classroom Teacher; Nick Bristow, City of Glenn Heights Police Chief; Nick Williams, City of Glenn Heights Fire Chief; Ben Blanton, City of Red Oak Fire Chief; Dr. Glynell Horn, Jr., Glenn Heights Police Chief.**

**2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Angela Fitzgerald, Director of Counseling & Family Services,, led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.**

- 2. RED OAK ISD SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE**  
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

**Dr. Glynell Horn, Jr., Glenn Heights Police Chief, will replace Chief Bristow.**

3. SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

A. Police Department Staffing

1. Current Staffing

**The ROISD Police Department is currently one short from being fully staffed.**

- **11 currently fully sworn (one vacancy)**
- **Officer Neff-ROHS- will be retiring at the end of this school year.**
- **1 security analyst/communications**
- **1 administrative assistant/communications**

B. Intruder Detection Audits- Two to date – **no noted deficiencies, in window, currently through end of May. Six of our seven campuses have been audited thus far. Red Oak Middle School is the campus that has not been audited.**

C. Vulnerability Assessments- **New state law that every district will have an assessment by TEA. It is a three-year process, and districts are randomly selected every year. Red Oak ISD has been chosen for the first year and will have an on site visit on May 8th. Sentinel is the website that will house all safety information, including Threat Assessment.**

D. Campus Activity- **Increased reports concerning vapes with THC at the High School.**

E. Reports on weekly door inspections- **Doors are checked daily; however, they are documented on a report 1 day a week.**

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Approval of October 15, 2024, School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes  
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

**Melanie Petersen, President of the ROISD School Board, made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025 School Safety and Security Committee Meeting. Johnny Knight, ROISD School Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Consideration and Approval of Sergeant Donald Fullerton attending Staying Safe: School Safety Response Train-The-Trainer in Richardson (Region X) on May 8, 2025.

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

**Angela Fitzgerald, Director of Counseling & Family Services, made a motion to approve the Spring 2025 meeting for February 25, 2025. Joseph McCall, ROISD Parent, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Consideration and Acceptance of Bleeding Control Station Locations at the District Campuses.  
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

**Johnny Knight, Red Oak ISD School Board Member, made a motion to accept the Red Oak ISD Emergency Operations Plan and Annexes. Melanie Peterson, Red Oak ISD School Board President, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted to confirm placement on the 2nd floor of Red Oak High School.**

5. CLOSED SESSION

**The Committee convened into Closed Session at 6:27 PM.**

- A. Texas Government Code 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the school attorney on any and all subjects or matters authorized by law.  
B. Texas Government Code 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee  
C. Texas Government Code 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO CLOSED SESSION

**The Committee reconvened back into Open Session at 6:39 PM.**

**There was a motion to accept the Safety and Security Audit by John McCall, Red Oak ISD Parent and the motion was seconded by Mandie Wherle, Red Oak ISD Parent. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.**



Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police

**Angela Fitzgerald**  
Angela Fitzgerald,  
Director of Counseling & Family  
Services

