

SSSC Meeting Minutes

Call to Order Online	Committee	Date of Meeting
11:00 am by Dr. Tackett (Co-Chair)	School Safety and Security	October 16, 2024
Adjournment	Recorder	Date of Next Meeting
12:11 pm by Dr. Tackett (Co-Chair)	Dr. Autumn Leal	February 12, 2025

Not In Attendance	Tracy Staggs	Kathy Armenta	Eboni Calbow		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION & OUTCOMES
Announcements/Quick Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was brought to order by Dr. Tackett at 11:00 am; Meeting recorded on Zoom. Introductions and welcoming of new member Jenna Johnston. The purpose of the committee is to participate in the development and implementation of the emergency operation plans (for both districts) and to provide input into campus safety planning and the security audits. The district has established a School Safety and Security Committee with members, to the greatest extent possible, listed in §37.109(a-1). The committee previously reviewed and approved the Emergency Operations Plan and Cybersecurity Annex before they went to the UT Elementary Management Board and the University of Texas-University Charter School (UT-UCS) for approval prior to these documents being submitted to the Texas School Safety Center for the annual safety audit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
TODAY'S ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION & OUTCOMES
Citizen Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no citizen comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A



<p>Action Items for Consideration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Leal called the roll. Jenny Davis reviewed the purpose of the committee. Dr. Whetstone briefly discussed the growth of the number of campuses at the Charter School System with new sites in the Dallas Fort Worth area and in Houston. • A motion was made by Dr. Lasher and a second motion was made by Dr. Maedgen to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2024. All were in agreement and there were no nays. The motion passed. • Dr. Leal made a motion to discuss agenda item 5A. Ms. King made a second motion. The results of the Bi-Annual Safety Maintenance Check for UT Elementary (UTES) and the University of Texas-University Charter School were reviewed. The committee voted unanimously to approve the maintenance checks. There were no nays. The motion passed. • For agenda item 5B considering the approval of the Bleed Control kits, Dr. Maedgen made a first motion to discuss. Derek Trabon made a second motion to discuss. Photo examples were provided of the bleed control kit locations for various campuses. It was recommended that all the bleed control kits are placed directly with the AED devices at each campus. It was called to a vote and passed unanimously. There were no nays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All motions passed
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<p>Reports and Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will continue the Good Cause Exception regarding HB 3 Armed Security guard for all of the school campuses within UT-UCS. The UT-UCS has claimed a "good cause exception: related to both the lack of available funding and lack of available personnel to have armed guards at the campus and has developed an alternative standard to comply. Dr. Leal explained that UT Legal Affairs has provided guidance that the UT-UCS campuses occur via limited licenses to use the spaces at residential treatment centers and hospitals (and a professional gyn facility) which are not subject to the legal requirement. Further, UT Legal Affairs has provided guidance that UT-UCS holds a "license" to use certain rooms for enumerated purposes (education) during certain times. UT-UCS does not own, operate, or lease any school facilities within UT-UCS. The alternative standard was reviewed. • Derek Trabon presented on an overview of the emergency management initiatives at UT-Austin and how the university plans and prepares for large events such as dignitary visits and football games. He described how the Incident Command System is utilized using NIMS processes and through coordination with multiple agencies. The university works directly with the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) to get 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider providing teachers training on how to use fire extinguishers.



	<p>intelligence information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the committee will need to complete a Psychological First Aid training in order to comply with Texas Education Code 37.108. Committee members previously have taken Psychological First Aide for Schools but will now take the longer version of the course. It will be offered to committee members on 10/24/24 and 11/8/24. • The districts have begun using the state-mandated reporting mechanism called "Sentinel" which requires schools to submit all documentation related to school safety to the Texas Education Agency. Caris Vollentine showed members what the Sentinel site looks like (it is web-based). • Committee members received an updated on the state of the district regarding all drills and door sweep audits. • The districts have not received any anonymous reports involving threats to the schools. • Lara Wilder, Executive Principal provided a campus safety update for UTES. There was a discussion on Lockdown drills and how these are handled for very young students. • Jenna Johnston inquired about fire safety at other schools in the charter school system and if opportunities are available to have fire fighters come on site to do presentations for students. These are available and are coordinated by each school principal. • Andrea Menchaca provided the Student Wellness and Mental Health report for the districts. • Next committee is February 12, 2024 at 11:00am This will be a hybrid (in person and zoom) meeting. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr, Lasher made a first motion to adjourn. Ms. King seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 12:11pm by Dr. Tackett 	
<p>Meeting Recording</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recording of the meeting is available. 	

