

September 2026

The Texas District Board of Directors held its annual retreat in September. The official board meeting began on Tuesday, September 29, at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Eric Hiner opened the meeting with prayer. All board members were present except James Runzheimer.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

President Braunersreuther provided his report, including a grateful and hopeful response from a family who received disaster assistance following flooding. He also shared an update on students receiving financial support from the Texas District. Currently, 39 students are in residential programs and 37 are participating through alternate routes, with nearly 100 individuals involved in church work formation in some capacity. The students include 21 in the residential M.Div. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; six deaconess students; 10 residential M.Div. students and two deaconess students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; and students participating in alternate-route programs at both seminaries and through other church work programs.

The board received an update on the Circuit Visitor (CV) Retreat, with priority being given to completing the triennial visits.

A committee has also been formed to review bylaws in accordance with a resolution adopted at the district convention and will bring its recommendations back to the board.

Dr. Bill Hinz announced his upcoming retirement from school ministry. A school ministry task force was formed to identify a candidate to succeed him. Rev. Larry Krueger presented the committee's findings and recommendation, and the board approved calling the recommended candidate.

Treasurer Becca Jones presented her report, emphasizing that the district remains in a stable and healthy financial position. She also provided the Texas Church Extension Fund (CEF) report. The board approved the minutes from the CEF Board meeting held on August 31.

Additional reports were given by Dr. Bill Hinz on school ministry, Lisa Candido on external relations, and Larry Rietz on district strategy.

The board then entered executive session and adjourned at the conclusion.