

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
                                     §  
COUNTY OF SWISHER       §

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees of Kress Independent School District, hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of Kress Independent School District convened in a special meeting on the 13th day of February 2025, at the regular meeting place thereof, within said District, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said Board, to wit:

Tiffany Reed	President
Martin Sanchez	Vice President
Nicole Aguilera	Secretary
Jessica Finck	Trustee
Omar Valdez	Trustee
Josh Lovvorn	Trustee
(Vacant)	Trustee

and all of said persons were present except Martin Sanchez, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at said meeting: a written order entitled:


AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KRESS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND  
ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT; MAKING  
PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF  
NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER  
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was duly introduced for consideration of said Board and read in full. It was then duly moved and seconded that said Order be adopted; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the adoption of said Order, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES:           4                   NOES:           0                   ABSTENTION:   0

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order passed at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Order has been duly recorded in the official minutes of said Board of Trustees; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true and correct excerpt from said minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph, at the time of said meeting and the passage of said Order, were the duly chosen, qualified and acting members of said Board of Trustees as indicated therein; according to the records of my office, each member of the Board of Trustees was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that said Order would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting; and said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chap. 551, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 2025.

  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Kress Independent School District

[SEAL]

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Kress Independent School District (the "District") finds that an election should be held to determine whether the Board shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that all facilities to be acquired, constructed, renovated, improved or equipped pursuant to Proposition A herein will be used predominantly for required classroom instruction and essential administrative operations for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KRESS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Propositions. A bond election (the "Election") shall be held in the District on Saturday, May 3, 2025 ("Election Day"), a uniform election date as established by Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code"). At the Election, the following propositions (individually, the "Proposition" and collectively the "Propositions") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

KRESS ISD – PROPOSITION A

Shall the board of trustees of Kress Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$5,800,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving and equipping school buildings of the District, for the purchased or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes, and for the purchase of school buses; and shall there be levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and to bear interest at such rate or rates not to exceed the limit prescribed by

law at the time of issuance, as the board of trustees in its discretion shall determine?

KRESS ISD – PROPOSITION B

Shall the board of trustees of Kress Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$1,700,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving and equipping football stadium facilities, including turf and lighting; and shall there be levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and to bear interest at such rate or rates not to exceed the limit prescribed by law at the time of issuance, as the board of trustees in its discretion shall determine?

Section 3. Official Ballot. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

KRESS ISD – PROPOSITION A

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|--------------------------|---------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FOR     | "THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,800,000 OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, THE PURCHASE OR RETROFITTING OF VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY, SAFETY, OR SECURITY PURPOSES AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUSES; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AGAINST |  |

KRESS ISD – PROPOSITION B

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|--------------------------|---------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FOR     | ) "THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES INCLUDING TURF AND LIGHTING; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AGAINST |  |

RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

Section 4. Bilingual Election Materials. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (the "Voting Rights Act"), and the Code, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more County election precincts located wholly or partially within the District. The precinct numbers of the District's election precincts shall be the same as those assigned by Swisher County, as applicable, to the County's election precincts. The polling places for the Election are hereby designated to be those locations identified by the Swisher County Election Officer (as defined herein). Such locations are listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes; provided, however, such locations may be changed if so directed by the Swisher County Election Officer without further action of the District. Swisher County or its Election Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election, without further action by the District, and the President of the Board or his/her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A to reflect the locations designated by Swisher County or its Election Officer, which locations are hereby approved. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Election Day.

Section 7. Early Voting Locations Dates and Times. (a) Maridel Montgomery (the "Swisher County Elections Officer") is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Swisher County for purposes of this Election (the "Early Voting Clerk").

(b) The main early voting polling place for Swisher County is hereby designated to be the Swisher County Courthouse, Basement (Elections Office) 119 S. Maxwell, Tulia, Texas 79088.

(c) The early voting places and the addresses for early voting by mail for the Election are hereby designated as set forth in Exhibit B; provided, however, such locations may be changed if so directed by the Election Officer without further action of the District. The Election Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election. The President of the Board or his designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B to reflect the locations designated by the Election Officer, and such locations are hereby approved. The Election Officer and/or Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the

members of the Early Voting Ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges for each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Each of the presiding judges shall be authorized to approve the necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Election.

(d) Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the days and during the hours set forth in Exhibit B, as may be adjusted by the Election Officer without further Board action.

(e) The address for the Early Voting Clerk of Swisher County and the address for applications for ballot by mail is 119 S. Maxwell, Basement, Tulia, TX 79088 and may be reached at: (806) 995-2363, [m.montgomery@swisher-tx.org](mailto:m.montgomery@swisher-tx.org) and <https://www.co.swisher.tx.us/page/swisher.Elections>.

(f) The Election Officer and/or Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the early voting ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges for each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Each of the presiding judges shall be authorized to approve the necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Election.

(g) Voting times may be changed if so directed by the Election Officer without further action of the District. The Election Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in voting hours as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers. The Election shall be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Swisher County Election Officer pursuant to the direction of the Board of Trustees and may be pursuant to a Joint Election Contract (the "Contract") by and between the District and Swisher County, and other participating entities if any, described in the Contract. The Contract provides for the joint election and the conduct of the Election by the Election Officer and shall be presented to the Board for consideration and approval. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is authorized to amend or supplement any such Contract to the extent required for the Election to be conducted in an efficient and legal manner as determined by the Election Officer.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or that otherwise complies with applicable law), (ii) posting a copy of this Order on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and the Order and the Voter Information Document (as hereinafter defined) in English and Spanish in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Propositions and any sample ballot prepared for the Propositions, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by

personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerk and voter registrar of Swisher County not later than the 60th day before the Election Day; which notice the County is hereby authorized and directed to post to its website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the District's internet website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended. The website for the District can be found at <https://www.kressonline.net>.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Government Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code.

(a) District's Outstanding Debt. As of the effective date of this Order, the District's aggregate principal amount of outstanding of tax-supported debt was \$1,665,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$365,700. The District's total ad valorem tax rate for the current fiscal year was \$1.0052, which is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate component of \$0.7552 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation and a debt service tax rate of \$0.2500 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

(b) Issuance of New Debt. The District intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Propositions within a one year period in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the District, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations of property in the District and management of the District's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations of property vary based upon a number of factors beyond the District's control and the use of variable rate debt involves periodic adjustments in interest rates that vary based on market conditions and contractual obligations. Therefore, the District cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Propositions. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The District estimates that, based on the District's current taxable assessed valuation, current market conditions and estimated future growth in the District's taxable assessed valuation, if all of the bonds authorized by the Propositions were issued in accordance with the District's current project finance plan, the maximum interest rate on the bonds is not expected to exceed 4.25%.

(c) Additional Information. The additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is located in Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.



Section 12. Voter Information Document. The Board hereby approves a voter information document for the Propositions (the "Voter Information Documents"), in substantially the forms presented to the Board, with such changes as may be approved by the President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's general counsel, bond counsel, and financial advisor, as prescribed by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, are further authorized and directed to post the Information Document in the same manner as provided for notice of the Election under Section 9 of this Order, and additionally on the District's website in an easily accessible manner beginning not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date set for the Election and ending on the day after Election Day.

Section 13. Internet Posting. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the District's internet website not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended.

Section 14. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's General Counsel and bond counsel, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by the County Election Official or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order.

Section 15. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 16. Appointment of Election Officer. The Election Officer is hereby appointed Election Officer for the District and agent for the custodian of voted ballots in the respective jurisdictions.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.



PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2025.

By: Tiffany Reed

Name: Tiffany Reed

Title: President, Board of Trustees,  
Kress ISD

ATTEST:

By: Nicole Aquilera

Name: Nicole Aquilera

Title: Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Kress ISD

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS  
MAY 3, 2025 7 AM TO 7 PM

*\*Swisher County utilizes countywide vote centers. County voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:*

Polling Place	Room/Location	Address	City/Zip
Kress ISD	Northeast Entrance	200 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> St	Kress, TX 79052
Swisher County Courthouse	Courtroom	119 S Maxwell	Tulia, TX 79088

\* Subject to change. To verify, please go to the Swisher County Elections Administrator website, <https://www.co.swisher.tx.us/page/swisher.Elections>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Early Voting**

*\*Swisher County utilizes countywide vote centers. County voters may vote at any of the following locations for Early Voting:*

April 22 – April 25 – TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8 am – 5 pm

April 28 – April 29 – MONDAY – TUESDAY– 8 am – 5 pm

Main Early Voting Location:

Swisher County Courthouse  
Basement (Elections Office)  
119 S. Maxwell  
Tulia, TX 79088

**Applications for Ballot by Mail**

Maridel Montgomery, Swisher County Early Voting Clerk  
119 S. Maxwell, Basement  
Tulia, TX 79088

(806) 995-2363

[m.montgomery@swisher-tx.org](mailto:m.montgomery@swisher-tx.org)

<https://www.co.swisher.tx.us/page/swisher.Elections>

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<https://www.co.swisher.tx.us/page/swisher.Elections>