

LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, beginning at 6:11 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mercurio Martinez Jr., President
Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Rene De La Viña
Gilberto Martinez Jr.
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela
Cin Bickel, Faculty Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Leonides G. Cigarroa Jr.
Michelle de la Peña
Juan L. Maldonado

OTHERS

Rusty Meurer, College Attorney
Robert L. Ochoa

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Mercurio Martinez Jr., Board President, called the meeting to order. Mr. Allen Tijerina, Vice President, called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

APPOINT MEMBERS TO AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS HIGHT EDUCATION CODE SECTION 51.913 - JUDGE MERCURIO MARTINEZ JR.

Judge Martinez reported they had been in touch with Ms. Golder, ACCT Representative, thanked Mr. Ochoa for coordinating meetings with Ms. Golder and members of ACCT, and mentioned that based on ACCT's recommendation the committee would consist of fifteen members. He made the following observation, "the full Board will, once the final recommendation of the committee is made, the full Board will be the one that will actually make the final interviews. The interviews I should say and then of course, final selection."

Judge Martinez stated the committee would be composed of three members of the Board - "Ms. Ramos, Ms. Vela, and myself as Chair". He reported he approached the following community members:

- Mr. Dennis Nixon of the International Bank of Commerce who in fact had said he will actually ask the Senior Officer in charge of HR to be part of this committee.
- Mr. Cliff Killam; he agreed.
- The third member, a very active member with the Foundation of the College, Ms. Toni Ruiz.

Judge Martinez mentioned ACCT recommends cross-representation to include eight members from the College with Mr. Ochoa being one member. He assigned Mr. Ochoa to make the recommendation of the eight members from administration, faculty, classified, and one student.

Judge Martinez made a recommendation to the Board, "that the committee's the final selection consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five and because we do have a total of eight Laredo Community College members three quarter's or twelve of the fifteen have to agree on a minimum of three or a maximum of five to be interviewed by this Board. And, of course, those finalists then will be individually interviewed by the full members of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees." He asked the Board for any other observations and mentioned he was basing of all this on the advice, the recommendation, and the experience from ACCT. Board Member, Mr. Rene De La Viña made a motion to move on and proceed. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos.

Judge Martinez then asked Mr. Ochoa if he had the recommendation for the members of the Laredo Community College. Mr. Ochoa responded, "Not yet....but I can accomplish that." Judge Martinez mentioned a special meeting would be scheduled to acknowledge the members recommended by Mr. Ochoa. Discussion followed at which time Mr. Ochoa updated the Board on the meetings with ACCT staff regarding advertisement, publicity and website development, as well as, a request for meetings of the college community on January 26th and 27th then with the Board on January 28th for Board approval of the president's profile. Board Member, Ms. Tita Vela, suggested that the Board meet next week to approve the list and mentioned the Board would have a retreat. Mr. Tijerina inquired, "how can a college employee be in the committee?" This was followed by discussion on the process to be followed. Ms. Vela suggested that Mr. Ochoa ask the different groups to submit their name if they are willing to participate and have a random drawing. Judge Martinez mentioned to Mr. Ochoa, "it is your choice. We prefer that you come up with that recommendation since you have the interest of the college and the interest of the personnel within the college." He made the following observation, "one of the reasons why I asked Mr. Ochoa to be part of this eight member committee is because he is longest tenured employee been part of Laredo Community College for forty four years..... from that point of view that is why I asked Mr. Ochoa to provide assistance and support to members of this Board." After additional discussion, Judge Martinez called for the question. A vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. De La Viña made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Dr. Gilberto Martinez Jr.; motion carried.