

LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, beginning at 6:25 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	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
	Mercurio Martinez Jr., President	Rusty Meurer
	Allen Tijerina, Vice President (arrived at 6:26 p.m.)	
	Cynthia Mares, Secretary	
	Gilberto Martinez Jr.	
	Michelle de la Peña	
	Rene De La Viña	
	Jackie Leven-Ramos*	
	Tita C. Vela*	
	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	
	Leonides G. Cigarroa Jr	
	Juan L. Maldonado	
	Cin Bickel, Faculty Representative	

*Participated via conference call.

CALL TO ORDER Judge Mercurio Martinez Jr., Board President, called the meeting to order. Ms. Cynthia Mares, Board Secretary, called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Judge Martinez announced the agenda items below:

Discussion and possible action relating to the employment contract with the College President. Possible closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

Discussion and possible action to approve entering into a contract to employ Dr. Ricardo J. Solis for the position of new College President. Possible closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

and asked for a motion so the Board could go into executive session. Board Member, Mr. Rene De La Viña so moved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mares. The motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 6:26 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:20 p.m. Judge Martinez noted for the record that no vote was taken at all in executive session. He called on legal counsel. Mr. Meurer mentioned that based on the discussions in executive session he proposed that the Board adopt a motion that states, "The Laredo Community College Board of Trustees will enter into a written

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agreement with the current College President to allow for his early retirement, to become effective July 31, 2016, in exchange for Dr. Maldonado receiving the compensation and benefits due under his employment contract with the College, along with the other terms and conditions discussed in executive session." Judge Martinez acknowledged that was the legal recommendation from legal counsel and asked for a motion. Ms. Michelle De La Peña, Board Member, so moved. The motion was seconded by both Vice President, Mr. Allen Tijerina, and Board Member, Ms. Tita C. Vela. The motion carried with a majority vote. Ms. Mares voted against. She stated for the record, "I am against this....I have nothing against Dr. Maldonado but I feel that we are not complying with our fiduciary responsibility." Mr. De La Viña asked to rescind his vote. Judge Martinez stated, "that being the case; however, we do have Ms. Ramos, Ms. Vela, Mr. Tijerina, myself, Ms. De La Peña, and Dr. Martinez in support of it so the motion does pass."

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT TO EMPLOY DR. RICARDO J. SOLIS FOR THE POSITION OF NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Judge Martinez called on legal counsel, Mr. Meurer, who mentioned that based on discussion in executive session proposed the Board consider adopting the following motion, "That the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees employ Dr. Ricardo J. Solis as College President for a term of three years, commencing on August 1, 2016, for the annual salary of \$180,000 in accordance with all terms and conditions stated in the written employment contract before the Board." Mr. De La Viña so moved and was seconded by Ms. De La Peña. The motion passed with a majority vote. Ms. Mares voted against.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. De La Viña moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Board Member, Dr. Gilberto Martinez Jr. The motion passed unanimously.