## LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, May 26, 2016, beginning at 6:21 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room at the Elpha Lee West Building room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus.

**ROLL CALL** 

MEMBERS PRESENTOTHMercurio Martinez Jr, PresidentJuarAllen Tijerina, Vice PresidentRustCynthia Mares, SecretaryLeonides G. Cigarroa Jr.Leonides G. Cigarroa Jr.VincGilberto Martinez Jr. (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)OrlaMichelle De La PenaDeirJackie Leven-Ramos (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)NoraTita C. VelaGabHillary Gleason, Ex-officioRobeMEMBERS ABSENTSylvRene De La ViñaCesa

<u>OTHERS</u> Juan L. Maldonado Rusty Meurer, College Attorney Vince Solis Orlando Zepeda Deirdre Reyna Nora Stewart Gabriel Lozano Robert Tijerina Sylvia Praesel Cesar Vela Jr. Robert Porter

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2016 SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2016, APRIL 13, 20, 21, 23, 28, 2016 AND MAY 9 AND 16, 2016

RECOGNITIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS/ COMMUNICATIONS Ms. Mares moved that the Board approve the minutes. Mr. Allen Tijerina, Board Vice President, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Dr. Juan L. Maldonado, President, mentioned the officers would introduce new employees in their respective areas.

Dr. Vince Solis, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, introduced Ms. Sandra Rodriguez - Health Sciences Program Coordinator and Ms. Perla Canales - Instructional Technology Coordinator.

Mr. Orlando Zepeda, Chief Officer for Facilities and Oil & Gas Institute, introduced Mr. Eliud Valdez – Physical Plant Supervisor.

Ms. Deirdre Reyna, Communications and Institutional Effectiveness Officer, introduced Dr. Veronica Martinez – Assessment and QEP Coordinator and Mr. Obed Guerrero – Marketing Director. Ms. Nora Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Ms. Diana Aguilar – Director of Purchasing and Ms. Mary J. Mendiola – Property Inventory Manager.

Mr. Gabriel Lozano, Grant Writer, announced the College was awarded the following grant awards:

Amount awarded and Grant IDAwarded by\$1,600 TASB Risk Management GrantTexas Association of School Boards\$10,000 Rio Grande Arts Festival GrantNational Endowment for the Arts\$5,000 EMS Local Project GrantTexas Department of State Health Services\$82,234 T-STEM Scholarship GrantTexas Higher Education Coordinating BoardAt 6:25 p.m., Ms. Mares noted for the record the arrival of BoardMember, Dr. Gilberto Martinez Jr.

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY SENATE REPORT** Dr. Hillary Gleason, Faculty Senate Representative, congratulated the tenure candidates, extended a welcome to the new president, and reported Faculty Senate continues to work on the Upward Evaluation Instrument of Deans, Memorial Hall Brick project, faculty titles and ranks, and faculty back pay. She announced the Faculty Senate election results elected Mr. Chris Tuner for a second term as Vice President and three Senators-at-large - Dr. Hillary Gleason, Guillermo Serna, and Charlotte Cunningham. She asked the Board to consider resolving the custodians' matter because due to the shortage in personnel the classrooms are not being cleaned.

# **PUBLIC TESTIMONY** Judge Martinez provided information from the Board Policy to clarify the topics presented under public testimony.

"Each person shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board. When there are six or less speakers that are scheduled, the President of the Board may extend each speaker's time to five minutes. Time may not be ceded from one speaker to another. The Board President may also limit the total amount of time for public testimony but not to less than thirty minutes. The speaker may not speak on personnel or student matters that refer to individuals by name or title. After a speaker's comments, the Board President shall make whatever response, if any, or take whatever action, if any, is deemed appropriate to handle the matter. Such response or action may include the following: 1) referring the matter to the College President for action or for further recommendation, 2) referring the matter to a later meeting or to a Board committee for further discussion or study, or 3) indicating that the matter shall be taken under advisement. If the Board President determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board."

The following persons expressed their points of view regarding Item 24 - Discussion and action to approve a Resolution opposing the proposal by Pescadito Environmental Resource Center to construct a landfill in Webb County, Texas; and any other matters incident

thereto: C. Y. Benavides III, Leon Komkov, Allen Messenger, Marisa Perales, and Sharyn Jordan.

Christopher Yanes made reference to Item 14 - Board approval of a 36 month lease Contract with Xerox for copiers and services for use at LCC Fort McIntosh Campus and LCC South Campus and asked the Board to consider rebidding the process.

Nicolasa Jara expressed her point of view regarding Items 11. Options available to the Laredo Community College District to outsource custodial services for the Fort McIntosh and South Campuses and 12. Board consideration and possible approval to issue a Request for Proposals of firms for Outsourcing Custodial and Grounds Maintenance.

Dr. Vince Solis, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, presented the item details, introduced and recommended tenure be granted to the instruction tenure candidates listed below:

Mr. Owen Ponce	Instructor, Transportation Technology
Mr. David Cabrera	Instructor, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Ms. Michelle Y. Perez	Instructor, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Hillary Gleason	Instructor, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Mr. Joe Edward Molina	Instructor, English
Mr. Kirk Cowell	Instructor, English
Ms. Yadhira Rodriguez	Instructor, English
Ms. Lestat Alexander	Instructor, Visual Art
Mr. Gabriel Carranza	Instructor, Mathematics

Dr. Leonides G. Cigarroa Jr., Board Member, so moved. The motion was seconded by both Ms. Mares and Board Member, Ms. Michelle De La Pena. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mares asked that the Board consider following the consent agenda format to consolidate routine items for approval with a single motion. The items are:

8. BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE 30 COMPUTERS, TABLES AND CHAIRS TO THE LAREDO DIPLOMA PLUS FOUNDATION, INC. FROM THE LCC SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

13. BOARD RATIFICATION TO COVER MOVING EXPENSES OF LCC SOUTH FOLLETT BOOKSTORE FROM THE BOOKSTORE COMMISSION FUND

15. BOARD APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SMART BOARDS, FLAT PANELS AND RELATED HARDWARE, FUNDED BY TITLE III STEM ARTICULATION GRANT FOR THE FORT MCINTOSH STEM LEARNING LAB IN MEMORIAL HALL 216

16. BOARD APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF-THE-COUNTRY TRAVEL BY MR. ORLANDO ZEPEDA TO AZERBAIJAN

18. RATIFICATION OF MICROSOFT LICENSES RENEWAL AND RATIFICATION OF ORACLE LICENSES AND SUPPORT RENEWAL, AND

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS DR. VINCE SOLIS

### RATIFICATION OF DELL LEASE FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

# 20. AMENDMENT TO CANVAS LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT AND APPROVAL OF EXTENSION

21. APPROVAL OF A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES WITH ESTRADA HINOJOSA

Ms. Mares noted that if a Board Member wished to elaborate on any item that a motion be made to remove the item from the consent agenda. She indicated that was her motion. Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion. Judge Martinez called for the vote; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stewart, CFO, introduced Mr. Robert Tijerina of Estrada-Hinojosa who congratulated the Board, Dr. Maldonado, and staff for the limited tax bond refunding amount of \$16 million for an overall savings of \$3.1 million. He distributed and reviewed in-depth the Combined Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 refunding summary, eligible bonds to the refunded, savings summary, the preliminary timetable and the working group participants. The Board thanked Mr. Tijerina for the financial services and support provided to the College. Judge Martinez asked for a motion to acknowledge the presentation. Ms. Mares so moved and was seconded by Dr. Cigarroa; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mares made a motion to move up Item 24. Board Member, Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Mares mentioned she placed this on the agenda because of her commitment to protect the environment and expressed her views of opposing the landfill. Ms. Mares made the motion to oppose the proposal and was seconded by Ms. Leven-Ramos. Discussion followed. Ms. Mares called a point of order. Judge Martinez called for the question and the vote was taken. Dr. Cigarroa, Dr. Martinez, Ms. Vela, and Ms. De La Pena abstained. The motion does not carry.

Ms. Sylvia Praesel, Development Director for the Consortium for Apprenticeship Partners in Economic Development, addressed the Board regarding the apprenticeship program. Judge Martinez stated, "I recommend what is being presented here because Laredo Community College benefits by this particular program and I do hope

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING** THE ISSUANCE OF **"LAREDO COMMUNITY** COLLEGE DISTRICT **COMBINED FEE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES** 2016;" DELEGATING THE **AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN** DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SALE OF THE BONDS; **ENTERING INTO A BOND** PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT. AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR USE IN THE MARKETING OF THE BONDS: AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO MS. NORA STEWART

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL BY PESCADITO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER TO CONSTRUCT A LANDFILL IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ANY OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO – MS. CYNTHIA MARES

PRESENTATION BY CONSORTIUM FOR APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CAPED) REGARDING AN APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN INDUSTRY SPECIFIC DEGREES, AND REQUEST THAT LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM - JUDGE MERCURIO MARTINEZ JR.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO OUTSOURCE CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE FORT MCINTOSH AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS

BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OF FIRMS FOR OUTSOURCING CUSTODIAL AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MR. RENE DE LA VIÑA

BOARD APPROVAL OF A 36 MONTH LEASE CONTRACT WITH XEROX FOR COPIERS AND SERVICES FOR USE AT LCC FORT MCINTOSH CAMPUS AND LCC SOUTH CAMPUS MR. CESAR E. VELA JR.

FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2016 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2016 QUARTERLY that we officially, unanimously support it." He asked for a motion. Ms. Mares so moved and was seconded by Dr. Cigarroa; motion carried unanimously.

Board members expressed their views regarding this item and requested that administration present the options available. Mr. Zepeda provided the information for this matter and asked the Board for direction towards a solution. He briefly mentioned what is currently being done. Judge Martinez with the Board's support appointed an Ad Hoc Committee (Ms. De La Pena, Ms. Mares, Ms. Vela and Mr. Tijerina – Chair) to meet with Mr. Zepeda and bring to the Board the options for consideration. Mr. Zepeda requested a meeting for next week. Mr. Meurer clarified that it was four members of the Board being appointed to the committee. Judge Martinez stated this committee was being appointed by the chair.

Judge Martinez noted this item was being handled together with the previous one. No action was taken.

Mr. Cesar E. Vela, Jr., Comptroller, reported the current copier contract expired April 30, 2016, indicated LCC was currently on a month-to-month service, and presented the tabulation for the two proposals received through DIR of Texas approved vendors. He and Ms. Deirdre Reyna answered questions from the Board. Mr. Vela mentioned the administration's recommendation is for approval of a 36 month lease contract with Xerox for copiers and services. After Mr. Vela's presentation Judge Martinez asked for a motion, but no motion was made. Judge Martinez stated, "there is no motion then it dies for lack of a motion Mr. Vela."

Dr. Maldonado noted the contract with Xerox ended but with no direction from the Board the College would be with no support for printing services. He asked that the Board either decide to go for another bid or extend Xerox's services until LCC goes out for proposals. Ms. Mares inquired for how long and noted that the process needed to be rebid. Dr. Maldonado asked for an extension. Judge Martinez inquired if a ninety day extension was reasonable. Mr. Vela concurred. Judge Martinez asked for a motion that a ninety day extension be approved. Dr. Martinez so moved. The motion was seconded by Ms. De La Pena; motion carried.

Mr. Cesar Vela, Comptroller, reported as of April 30, 2016, the revenue was \$52,744,869 with two transfers pending - one for \$3.5 million to cover the payment for the bonds and the second for \$3

**INVESTMENT REPORT** MR. CESAR E. VELA JR.

APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMAX) FOR WILLIAM N. "BILLY" HALL STUDENT CENTER PROJECT FOR THE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PHASE III MR. CESAR E. VELA JR.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO **AUTHORIZE A TRAFFIC** FEASIBILITY STUDY PERTAINING TO THE **INSTALLATION OF A FOUR-**WAY TRAFFIC LIGHT NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE LAREDO COMMUNITY **COLLEGE FORT MCINTOSH** CAMPUS AT THE FIRST INTERSECTION FOLLOWING THE END OF THE WASHINGTON STREET **BRIDGE IN ORDER TO** ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION MR. ALLEN TIJERINA

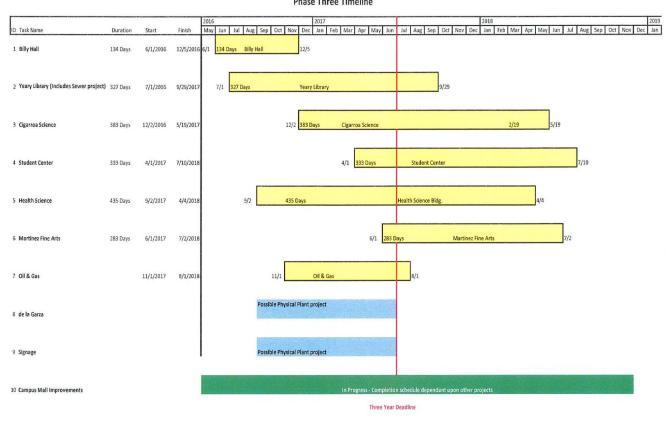
PROGRESS UPDATE CONCERNING THE LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PHASE III CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING BUDGETS, PROJECTED COSTS, TIMELINES, AND THE PRIORITY LIST OF THE BUILDING MR, ALLEN TIJERINA million for the maintenance and tax notes payments. He reviewed the tuition and fees and local tax collection. He reported the expenses are \$32,485,042 equal to 60% of the budget with no major variances to report, mentioned the budget is being monitored to make sure the projected deficient due to the salary scales adjustments is covered, and projected a \$500,000 savings. He reported the tax collection, investment report, fund balance, the quarterly investment report, and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Mares moved to acknowledge the monthly finance report and approve the quarterly investment report as presented. Dr. Cigarroa seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vela reported the current GMAX is \$1,883,790.47 for the William N. "Billy" Hall Student Center project. He acknowledged the presence of the architect Mr. Cavazos and the CMAR Mr. Leyendecker. Dr. Cigarroa so moved and was seconded by Mr. Tijerina; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tijerina mentioned he requested this item to address congestion in the area of the four way stop. Dr. Maldonado reported installation of a traffic light was up to the city, suggested researching the traffic on the campus, the coordination of the traffic lights (done by the city), and suggested a comprehensive study of the campus traffic to adequately and appropriately address the need for installing a light at the suggested location. Mr. Tijerina requested that three options be brought to the Board. Dr. Maldonado indicated, with Board direction, he could direct Mr. Zepeda start conversations immediately with the city engineers and probably one of the architects Mr. Sepulveda (with history of this campus) meet regarding this study and bring back information to the Board. Mr. Tijerina so moved and was seconded by Ms. Mares; motion carried.

Mr. Tijerina mentioned he brought this item because he wanted to be informed and brought up to date on the status of the construction for phase three. Dr. Maldonado provided some background information, explained the design calls working with four architects, and it is now at the point to show the Board the timeline to get an idea of the projects' progress and estimated costs. He explained this has been a long complicated process and Mr. Porter would make the presentation.

Mr. Robert Porter, Construction Project Manager, reviewed the status of the projects, answered questions from the Board, and distributed a timeline and estimated cost sheet (see next page). A request was made by Ms. Vela for a progress report every two months.



Laredo Community College Phase Three Timeline

24-May-16

Phase III project allocations		Project Budgets			
		Soft Costs	Hard Costs	Furn & Equip	Total Project
Frank	Health Science Building	\$2,676,853	\$24,980,450	\$2,000,000	\$29,657,303
	TOTALS	\$2,676,853	\$24,980,450	\$2,000,000	\$29,657,303
Sepulveda	Yeary Library	\$1,437,312	\$11,724,775	\$1,000,000	\$14,162,087
	Oil And Gas Program	\$417,780	\$1,896,341		\$2,314,121
	Storm Sewer Improvements	\$26,087	\$173,913		\$200,000
	De La Garza Import/Export	\$196,060	\$1,794,878		\$1,990,938
	Campus Mall Ph B, C, D	\$228,261	\$1,521,739		\$1,750,000
	Campus Signage				\$250,000
	TOTALS	\$2,305,500	\$17,111,646	\$1,000,000	\$20,667,146
Cavazos	Student Union	\$1,964,369	\$15,269,625	\$800,000	\$18,033,994
	Billy Hall Improvements	\$292,616	\$1,888,600	\$230,000	\$2,411,216
	TOTALS	\$2,256,985	\$17,158,225	\$1,030,000	\$20,445,210
Hickey-Pena	a Leonides G. Cigarroa	\$892,690	\$5,275,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,167,690
	Cigarroa Science Connection	\$968,602	\$6,708,600	\$1,500,000	\$9,177,202
	Joaquin Cigarroa	\$117,469	\$1,024,487		\$1,141,956
	Combined Cigarroa	\$1,978,761	\$13,008,087	\$3,500,000	\$18,486,848
	Guadalupe & Lilia MFA	\$176,800	\$930,000	\$25,000	\$1,131,800
	TOTALS	\$4,134,322	\$26,946,174	\$7,025,000	\$38,105,496

BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY DONATED TO LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, AND 551.073 DR.JUAN L. MALDONADO

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Meurer recommended that the Board discuss this item in executive session under the sections cited.

At 8:27 p.m., Judge Martinez entertained a motion that the Board go into executive session as noted below:

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CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT AND SCHEDULE A TERMINATION HEARING, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 – DR. JUAN L. MALDONADO

CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS EEOC CHARGE NO. 451-2016-00676, THE STATUS OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF DR. CYNTHIA ARADILLAS, AND LITIGATION MATTER STYLED CAUSE NO. 2015CVZ001646 D1; CYNTHIA ARADILLAS VS. LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE; IN THE DISTRICT COURT,  $49^{\text{TH}}$  JUDICIAL DISTRICT, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 – DR. JUAN L. MALDONADO

CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON FEBRUARY 15, 2016 RELATING TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 – DR. JUAN L. MALDONADO

CLOSED SESSION MEETING WITH LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE CURRENT COLLEGE PRESIDENT AND THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FINALIST SELECTED FOR POSITION OF NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 – JUDGE MERCURIO MARTINEZ JR.

Mr. Tijerina so moved. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried. At 10:44 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session. Judge Martinez noted for the record that no action took place in executive session.

Ms. De La Pena moved not to accept the property being donated to Laredo Community College. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vela. The motion passed. Ms. Mares voted against.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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THE STATUS OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, INCLUDING SCHEDULING A TERMINATION HEARING DR.JUAN L. MALDONADO

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE CURRENT COLLEGE PRESIDENT AND THE TERMS OF EMPLOY-MENT FOR THE FINALIST SELECTED FOR THE POSITION OF NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT- JUDGE MERCURIO MARTINEZ JR.

Ms. Mares moved to instruct administration and legal counsel to proceed as instructed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leven-Ramos; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mares moved to instruct legal counsel to proceed with the contract of the finalist as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leven-Ramos; motion carried. Ms. Mares voted against.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS The rep CAMPUS POLICE, PERSONNEL, TRAVEL, AND

The reports were provided for information purposes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

**OTHER REPORTS** 

At 10:46 p.m., Ms. Mares moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion; motion carried.