

LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, beginning at 6:12 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 PRESENT

Mercurio Martinez Jr., President
Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Gilberto Martinez Jr.
Rene De La Viña
Michelle De La Peña
(Arrived at 6:14 p.m.)
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela*
Cin Bickel, Faculty Representative

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
Rusty Meurer, College Attorney
Jean N. Bellizzia
Nora Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leonides G. Cigarroa Jr.

*participated via telephone

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.

**DISCUSSION AND
POSSIBLE ACTION**

Judge Martinez asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member, Mr. Rene De La Viña moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Mares seconded the motion; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FOR REGULAR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

**ISSUE REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT
PROPOSALS FROM FOOD
SERVICES CONTRACTORS
FOR CAFETERIA
OPERATIONS AT THE
LAREDO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE FORT
MCINTOSH AND SOUTH
CAMPUSES**

- DR. RICARDO J. SOLIS

Judge Martinez called on Mr. Bellizzia for some brief comments. Judge Martinez acknowledged Legal Counsel. Mr. Meurer mentioned to the Board, "the best thing to do if the gentleman is going to address comments to the Board that it be related to that particular item and only that subject and not stray from that subject so there is no violation of the Open Meetings Act." Judge Martinez agreed. Mr. Jean N. Bellizzia, owner of Las Kekas Restaurant, LLC, made reference to his previous presentation, the cafeteria operations, the proposal he presented, and proceeded to make his comments; however, because Mr. Bellizzia referred to an employee Judge Martinez and President Solis cordially asked him to cease his comments. Ms. Mares asked if the RFP was going to be presented in draft format before its release. Judge Martinez asked the attorney to read the termination letter and make it a matter of record. Mr. Meurer reminded the Board the last time the request for proposal item was addressed by the Board it resulted with a vote taken and motion did not pass. He indicated, for the record, this had the same effect as no action taken (as per Robert's Rules of Order). Mr. Meurer reviewed the termination letter, mentioned the date of termination was December 7, 2016, and stated the College finds itself in the position that come Dec. 7th there will not be a food services vendor because of the action taken to terminate. An extensive deliberation followed, at which time, Board members expressed concerns and personal views, asked questions, made

clarifications (with a vote of 5 to 1 - it was the Board's decision to terminate contract), and administration reported the RFP was ready to be issued. Mr. Meurer answered questions from the Board and mentioned administration was requesting the Board to move forward. President, Dr. Solis, expressed concern, "time is running and there is a need to take action to move forward" and noted that the discussion today was to open the RFP so LCC can have a food service provider. Judge Martinez indicated that based on the manner in which the Board addressed this issue it has no other option but address Item 4. Ms. Mares made a motion to move forward to solicit proposals from food services contractors. The motion was seconded by Mr. De La Viña; motion passed with five votes. Mr. De La Viña, Mr. Tijerina, and Ms. De La Peña voted against. Ms. Stewart inquired if she could issue RFP tomorrow. Judge Martinez confirmed, "Yes".

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST
2016 QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT REPORT
AND FYE 2016 ANNUAL
INVESTMENT REPORT
- MR. CESAR E. VELA JR.**

Mr. Cesar E. Vela Jr., Comptroller, reviewed both the August 2016 quarterly and FYE 2016 annual investment reports and asked for Board approval. Ms. Mares moved to accept the quarterly and annual investment reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. De La Viña; motion carried unanimously.

**SCHEDULE DATE FOR
LEVEL THREE
GRIEVANCE HEARING
FILED BY DR. CYNTHIA
ARADILLAS
- DR. RICARDO J. SOLIS**

President, Dr. Solis, reported progressive and encouraging discussions have taken place and based on legal counsel's recommendation he asked the Board to postpone this indefinitely. Ms. Mares so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tijerina; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Judge Martinez acknowledged the next meeting dates as noted below:

IN ELPHA LEE WEST BLDG. ROOM 105
6:00 P.M. PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, THURS., NOVEMBER 10, 2016
12:00 NOON PUBLIC MEETING TO CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS - WED., NOV. 16, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:46 p.m., Ms. Mares and Mr. De La Viña moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Leven-Ramos; motion carried.