



**LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
Laredo, Texas

The 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate and Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, beginning at 5:10 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  
Cynthia Mares, Secretary  
Henry S. Carranza  
Gilberto Martinez Jr. (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)  
Jackie Leven-Ramos  
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis  
Rusty Meurer, College Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Tijerina, Vice President  
Rene De La Viña  
Michelle De La Peña  
Cin Bickel, Ex-officio

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
LAREDO COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE PROPOSED 2017  
PROPERTY TAX RATE AND  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR  
2018 BUDGET - DR.  
RICARDO J. SOLIS, DR. NORA  
STEWART**

Judge Martinez introduced himself and indicated the Board is now convening today's First Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Laredo Community College Property Tax and the proposed FY 2018 Budget. He presided as Chair of the Hearing and provided the following background information:

- Laredo Community College published in the Laredo Morning Times on July 31, 2017, a Notice of the 2017 Effective Property Tax Rate for Laredo Community College.
- Afterwards, on August 7, 2017, the Laredo Community College Tax Assessor Collector published in the Laredo Morning Times a Notice of a Public Hearing advising that the First Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate would take place today in this room at 5:00 p.m.
- The following is information related to the proposed tax rate. The Laredo Community College 2017 effective property tax rate for maintenance and operations and debt service combined is \$0.328407 per \$100 valuation. The 2017 property tax rollback rate for maintenance and operations and debt service combined is \$0.346777 per \$100 valuation. The combined proposed 2017 property tax rate for maintenance and operations and debt service would be \$0.338051 per \$100 valuation. This combined property tax rate is less than the rollback tax rate but more than the effective tax rate.
- The first public hearing today allows the proponents and opponents of the tax rate and budget to present their views to the Board of Trustees.
- Each proponent and opponent may now step up to the podium to express his or her views regarding the 2017 proposed tax rate and/or FY 2018 budget. The Board will allow each proponent and opponent up to three minutes of time to present his or her views. According to

Board of Trustees policy CC (Local), no officer or employee from the College is required to respond to questions from speakers.

There being no comments or testimony, Judge Martinez announced the second public hearing on the 2017 proposed tax rate is scheduled to take place on August 22, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Laredo Community College Campus, Elpha Lee West Building Room 105, West End Washington St., Laredo, Texas. He concluded the Laredo Community College First Public Hearing on the 2017 proposed property tax rate and FY 2018 budget and entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING** At 5:16 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mares; motion carried. Judge Martinez asked that the record reflect that Dr. Martinez joined the meeting.

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened at 5:16 p.m. immediately following the public hearing.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
	Mercurio Martinez Jr, President Cynthia Mares, Secretary Henry S. Carranza Gilberto Martinez Jr. Jackie Leven-Ramos Tita C. Vela	Ricardo J. Solis Rusty Meurer, College Attorney
	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	
	Allen Tijerina, Vice President Rene De La Viña Michelle De La Peña Cin Bickel, Ex-officio	

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE NATURAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT, FUNDED BY THE TITLE III STEM ARTICULATION GRANT – DR. NORA R. GARZA**

Judge Martinez asked to approve Item 5 before going into Items 3 and 4. Ms. Mares so moved. Dr. Carranza seconded; motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 5:18 p.m., Judge Martinez asked for a motion to go into executive session for the items below:

- RESOLUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CENERGISTIC, INC. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION WITH LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071
- PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION WITH LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072

Ms. Mares so moved and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
RESOLUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CENERGISTIC, INC. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION WITH LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071**

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:40 p.m. Judge Martinez noted for the record that no action took place in executive session.

Ms. Mares moved to instruct the college president and legal counsel to pursue the negotiations in hope to reach a settlement as were discussed in executive session. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded; motion carried.

**PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION WITH LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072**

Ms. Mares moved to instruct the college president and legal counsel to continue with the negotiations and bring back an update. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on Laredo Community College Proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate and Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to be held in Elpha Lee West Room 105
- Thursday, August 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Laredo Community College Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to be held in Elpha Lee West Room 105, during which the Board will vote on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and 2017 Property Tax Rate

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:43 p.m., Ms. Mares moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.