



LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The 2nd 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 22, 2017, beginning at 5:03 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
Henry S. Carranza
Rene De La Viña

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Gilberto Martinez Jr.
Michelle De La Peña
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela
Cin Bickel, Ex-officio

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
John Kazen, College Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Martinez, Board President, called the meeting to order. Judge Martinez acknowledged those present: Mr. De La Viña, Dr. Carranza, and himself. He noted that as per legal counsel a quorum of the Board does not need to be present to begin the public hearing.

**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 2nd 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 two Public Hearings on the proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate would take place.
- The following is information related to the College's 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 second 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 Laredo Community College Board of Trustees will meet on August 31, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laredo Community College Campus, Elpha Lee West Building Room 105, West End Washington St., Laredo, Texas to consider adopting the FY 2018 budget and the proposed FY 2017 tax rate. He concluded the Laredo Community College 2nd 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 5:06 p.m., Mr. De La Viña moved to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carranza; motion passed. The Board took a recess.

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened at 5:15 p.m. following the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mercurio Martinez Jr, President
Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)
Henry S. Carranza
Rene De La Viña
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
John Kazen, College Attorney
Veronica G. Cardenas
Rodney H. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gilberto Martinez, Jr.
Michelle De La Peña
Cin Bickel, Ex-officio

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

DESIGNATE THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO CONSENT TO RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS THAT BECOME EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO THE END OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TERMS UNDER LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD POLICY DMD(LOCAL) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

RESIGNATION – Dr. Ricardo J. Solis/Ms. Veronica G. Cardenas

Ms. Veronica G. Cardenas, Human Resources Director, noted that DMD(LOCAL) policy requires consent of the Board or its designee for resignations or retirements effective prior to the end of the contract term. Administration is asking that the Board delegate authority to the College President to consent to resignations or retirements effective prior to the end of the contract term. Mr. De La Viña so moved; Mr. Tijerina seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR STARS SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT LCC STUDENTS – Ms. Sara A. Pompa

Mr. Rodney H. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Economic Development and External Affairs, presented on behalf of Ms. Pompa. He requested the Board ratify matching funds (\$20,000.00) for the STARS scholarship program. Mr. De La Viña so moved; Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded. Motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI &

Ms. Leven-Ramos indicated that this item is just a notification for the Board of the “almost newly created LCC Alumni & Friends”. Members of the

**FRIENDS FOUNDATION AND
LEGACY DINNER** – Ms. Jackie
Leven-Ramos

committee are: Ms. Leven-Ramos, Mr. Allen Tijerina, Ms. Toni Ruiz, Ms. Gloria Ortiz, Ms. Sara Pompa, Mr. Dale Saenz, Ms. Cynthia Rodriguez, Mr. Carmelino Castillo, Dr. Sylvia Solis, Mr. Rodney Rodriguez, Dr. Vincent Solis, and Dr. Ricardo Solis who is serving as an advisor. Some activities the alumni is looking into are: scholarships, book loan initiatives, teacher/student grants, among other ideas. They are in the process of forming the 501c3 and bylaws.

A legacy dinner, where 10 individuals will be honored, is being planned for Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kazen Student Center with tickets at \$75 each. The honorees include: Dr. Jacinto Juarez – Education; Meg Guerra – Environmental; Pete Austudillo – Performing Arts; Armando Hinojosa – Visual Arts; Justice Patricia Alvarez – Public Service; Elmo Lopez – Health Science; Gonzalez Auto Parts – Workforce and Vocational; Sheriff Martin Cuellar – Law Enforcement; Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Foundation – Lifetime Achievement Award; Caleb Canales – Athletic Award. A formal announcement is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kazen Student Center. Judge Martinez asked for a motion to acknowledge the item. Dr. Carranza so moved; Mr. De La Viña seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Thursday, August 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. De La Viña moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.