

LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Friday, January 20, 2017, beginning at 5:05 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board room in Elpha Lee West Building room 105, at the Fort McIntosh Campus, Laredo, Texas.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mercurio Martinez Jr., President
Allen Tijerina, Vice President

Arrived at 5:11 p.m.
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Henry S. Carranza
Rene De La Viña
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela (Arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
Rusty Meurer, College Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gilberto Martinez Jr.
Michelle De La Peña
Cin Bickel

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.

STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF BOND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FORT MCINTOSH AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, College President, thanked all present for attending. He mentioned this meeting was to provide the status of the long-term bond projects and introduced Mr. Robert Porter, Construction Manager/Phase 3 Projects, who proceeded to provide the following information:
Fort McIntosh Campus –

- Cigarroa Science Buildings pending GMP from Leyendecker, it is on schedule but may drift from the planned schedule,
 - Martinez Fine Arts Center – currently on hold,
 - Campus Mall Improvements project – on schedule with some delays due to sink holes and a leak on the city water main,
 - Yeary Library – Construction is on-going and on schedule, some delays due to weather,
 - Oil & Gas Institute, De La Garza Building, Campus Signage & Marquees – currently on hold
- South Campus-
- William N. “Billy” Hall renovation – project within budget and essentially complete with certificate of Occupancy received,
 - Student Union Building and Health Science Building – currently on hold until further direction.

At 5:10 p.m., Judge Martinez acknowledged the presence of Ms. Vela and opened the floor for questions. Board Member, Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos, suggested showcasing the opening of the Billy Hall Building. At 5:11 p.m., Judge Martinez acknowledged the arrival of Mr. Tijerina. Board Member, Ms. Tita Vela, inquired about the location of the original building plaque(s) for the renovated buildings and stressed the importance of having both plaques in place. Board Member, Mr. Rene De La Viña, asked that it be looked into. Ms. Mares expressed her concern about the projects on hold and asked to hear the presentation. Judge Martinez noted this would be discussed in executive session and called on legal counsel. College Attorney, Mr. Rusty Meurer, indicated the Board could go into executive session to receive legal advice about the bond projects under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.084 relating to potential acquisition of real property. At 5:15 p.m., Judge Martinez asked for a motion based on legal counsel’s advice and the laws having been properly cited for the Board to go into executive. Ms. Leven-Ramos so moved and was seconded by Ms. Vela; motion carried. The Board reconvened to open session at 6:25 p.m. Judge Martinez noted for the record that, “no decision at all was taken at all whatsoever in executive session.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:26 p.m., Ms. Mares moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Tijerina; motion carried unanimously.