



LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, beginning at 6:15 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
Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Henry S. Carranza
Gilberto Martinez Jr. (arrived at 6:46 p.m.)
Michelle De La Peña
Jackie Leven-Ramos (participated via
conference call)
Tita C. Vela
Mary Sue Galindo, Ex-officio
MEMBERS ABSENT
Rene De La Viña

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
Rusty Meurer, College Attorney
Paola Villezcas
Steve Trevino
Vincent Solis
Cesar E. Vela Jr.

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FOR: BOARD WORKSHOP
AND RETREAT OF MARCH
4, 2017, REGULAR BOARD
OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF
MARCH 30, 2017, AND
SPECIAL BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF
APRIL 20, 2017**

Ms. Mares moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tijerina; motion carried.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

**RECOGNITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, introduced the following new employees: Abraham Garza – Periodicals Clerk; Daniel Layton – Web Services Coordinator; and Christina M. Mendoza – Health Services Coordinator. He also announced Ms. Sara Hernandez, who was not present.

Judge Martinez announced for the record that Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos was participating via phone and is a member of the quorum.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Ms. Mary Sue Galindo, English and Communications Department Faculty and Faculty Senate Representative, reported that the Faculty Senate is requesting that the Board consider directing the Ad Hoc Committee to address the Faculty back pay issue and allow the Faculty to present options.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

No ASO report.

CLASSIFIED STAFF ORGANIZATION REPORT

Ms. Paola Villezcas, CSO President, announced there is no report this month but will report next month.

RECOGNITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Ricardo Solis requested to highlight a few recognitions under Item 5.

1. LCC Palominos Pride Team – Mr. Steve Trevino, Director of Public Relations and LCC Palominos Pride Team Advisor, announced that the team traveled to Galveston to participate in their second competition and returned with a first place trophy, white Champion jackets, and the title of “The U.S. Finals Champion for All-Girl Junior College Cheer”. He introduced those in attendance – Alexandra Uribe, Captain; Jennifer Olguin - 1st Co-Captain; Marlene Uribe, Treasurer; Maria Gonzalez; and Nicole Posada.
2. Corporate America’s award to the Marketing and Public Relations team for its utilization of digital marketing and social media.
3. Nursing NCLEX Results – Dr. Vincent Solis announced that the Associate Degree Nursing attained a 96% success rate on the nursing exam and recognized the staff. The LVN program attained a 100% success rate on the nursing exam. He mentioned that the LCC Nursing Program has been named the number one Hispanic friendliness nursing program in the country.
4. Criminal Justice & Police Academy Programs – Dr. Vincent Solis announced that the Jailer Program attained a 98% success rate; he recognized Mr. Donald Hale and faculty. For the ninth straight year in a row, the Police Academy has achieved a 100% pass rate. Police Academy graduation is scheduled for May 26th at the Kazen Student Center.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PROGRAM/POLICY COMMITTEE – JUDGE MERCURIO MARTINEZ, JR.

Judge Martinez announced that due to the resignation of Dr. Gilberto Martinez from the Program/Policy Committee, he asked Dr. Henry Carranza if he would accept his appointment to the committee. Dr. Carranza accepted the appointment. Judge Martinez noted for the record that Dr. Carranza will be a member of the Program/Policy Committee.

MARCH 2017 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. CESAR E. VELA

Mr. Cesar Vela, Comptroller, reviewed the financial information for the report as of March 31, 2017; revenue is \$51,608,318 out of a budget of \$54.3 million. He noted there are no variances except for the reclassifications of the tuition line item for dual enrollment, which are pending. Mr. Vela reported that expenditures as of March 30, 2017 were at \$29,279,557 and the restricted funds budget is \$32.4 million. Mr. Vela reported that the taxes collected are \$28.9 million, and the fund balance is \$35.3 million with one item pending to take effect which is GASB 75, which is to recognize non-funded liabilities of post-retirement benefits. Ms. Mares asked if the federal government Pell Grant allocation for this coming fiscal year will be impacted. Mr. Vela reported no information has been received. Judge Martinez asked that once official notice is received that an item be placed on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2017 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – MR. CESAR E. VELA

Mr. Vela presented the Quarterly Investment Report as of February 28, 2017. Judge Martinez asked for a motion to formally acknowledge the report. Ms. Mares so moved; Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Vela asked that the Board approve the following modifications to Board policy CAK (LOCAL):

Section 4.2 Authorized Investments.

The Investment Officer is authorized to invest funds in the following types of investments:

1. Obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States Governmental Entities. The funds may be invested in: obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States or one of its agencies or instrumentalities;

- a) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities;
- b) direct obligations of this state or its agencies and instrumentalities;
- c) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;
- d) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, this state or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; and
- e) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent.

2. and (2) Certificates of Deposit. The Funds may be invested in certificates of deposit issued by a state or national bank domiciled in Texas or by a savings and loan association domiciled in Texas. Principal and accrued interest on certificates issued by a state or national bank domiciled in Texas shall not exceed FDIC limits and/or the collateral pledged as security for the College District's investments as set forth in Section 4.3.

3. Repurchase Agreements. The Funds may be invested in fully collateralized repurchase agreements to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act.

4. Securities Lending Program. The Funds may be invested in a securities lending program to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act.

5. Banker's Acceptances. The Funds may be invested in banker's acceptances to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act.

6. Commercial Paper. The Funds may be invested in commercial paper to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act.

7. Mutual Funds. The Funds may be invested in mutual funds to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act.

8. The Funds may be invested in Investment Pools. The Funds may be invested in investment pools to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 2256 - Public Funds Investment Act and this Investment Policy. Only investment pools approved by the Board shall be used.

Ms. Mares moved to approve the policy change as presented. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried. Judge Martinez asked that the record reflect that Ms. Leven-Ramos voted in support of the motion.

DELEGATE TO THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT THE TASK OF ASSIGNING CURRENT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PHASE III PROJECTS TO THE ARCHITECT(S) IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS – MR. CESAR E. VELA

Mr. Vela asked that the Board delegate to the college president the task of assigning current projects to the architects in order to expedite the process and in addition to delegate to the college president the authority to amend the scope of the architect agreements. Mr. Meurer pointed out that the law allows the Board to delegate this authority to the college president or a committee, however the Board chooses. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tijerina moved “to delegate to the college president the task of assigning current Facilities Master Plan Phase III Projects to the architect(s) in order to expedite the process”; Ms. Vela seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Martinez asked that the record reflect the Dr. Gilberto Martinez joined the meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FOUNDATION – MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS

Judge Martinez asked Ms. Leven-Ramos to defer this item until the next meeting. Ms. Leven-Ramos agreed. Ms. De La Peña so moved; seconded by Ms. Mares. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

UPDATE ON AN AUTOMATED PAYROLL SYSTEM FOR FULL TIME COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING AN ONLINE SYSTEM TO DOCUMENT ABSENCES – MR. ALLEN TIJERINA

Judge Martinez recognized Ms. Mares. Ms. Mares moved that under the consent agenda provision that Items 15 – 19 be approved unless there is a Board member wanting to pull out one of the items. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TIME AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM – MR. CESAR E. VELA

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 3D VIRTUAL REALITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR INSTRUCTION FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES AREA – MR. LUCIANO RAMON

APPROVAL OF MICROSOFT LICENSES RENEWAL, APPROVAL OF ORACLE LICENSES AND SUPPORT RENEWAL AND APPROVAL

**OF DELL LEASE FOR
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES –
MR. LUCIANO RAMON**

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA
OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
FOR EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
SCHOOLS AT LAREDO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND UNITED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT GEARED FOR
HEALTH SCIENCES – DR.
VINCENT R. SOLIS**

INFORMATION ITEMS

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND
FUTURE PROGRAMS – DR.
RICARDO J. SOLIS**

Dr. Vincent Solis provided information on the Males Conference he and Mr. Tijerina attended. The conference addressed the crisis in education failure rates amongst males.

Dr. Ricardo Solis reported that LCC is beginning an intensive bi-lingual program for Mexico institutions. Currently, there is a group of professors from Mexico staying at LCC enrolled in the program. He also reported that next Monday, the higher education sub-secretary from Mexico along with a group of presidents from Mexico will visit LCC to look at LCC facilities and at the bi-lingual program.

**BANK DEPOSITORY
SERVICES – MR. CESAR E.
VELA**

Mr. Vela provided an update on LCC's bank depository contract for information only and will bring to the Board for consideration in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDED PLAN OF
REORGANIZATION, WHICH
INCLUDES
CONSOLIDATIONS AND
PROGRAM
CHANGE. CLOSED SESSION
PURSUANT TO TEXAS
GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTIONS 551.071 AND
551.074**

At 6:55 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following items:

- Approval of College President's Recommended Plan of Reorganization, which includes Consolidations and Program Change. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.
- Nonrenewal of College Employment Contracts: Executive, Senior Administration, Administrative and Professional Contract Employees. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

**NONRENEWAL OF COLLEGE
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS:
EXECUTIVE, SENIOR
ADMINISTRATION,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT
EMPLOYEES. CLOSED
SESSION PURSUANT TO
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTIONS 551.071 AND
551.074**

Ms. De La Peña so moved and Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION**

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDED PLAN OF
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The Board reconvened to open session at 8:25 p.m. Judge Martinez noted for the record that no action took place in executive session on Items 22 and 23.

Ms. Mares moved "that this Board approve the college president's plan of reorganization which was discussed in executive session including the consolidations and program changes". Ms. Vela seconded the motion.

Subsequently, Ms. De La Peña directed the question to Dr. Vincent Solis as to who was held accountable for the past organizational plan. Dr. Vincent Solis noted that “everyone was”. Ms. De La Peña stated “exactly, just for the record”. Ms. Mares called for the question. Judge Martinez noted for the record that Ms. Leven-Ramos voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**NONRENEWAL OF COLLEGE
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS:
EXECUTIVE, SENIOR
ADMINISTRATION,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT
EMPLOYEES**

Ms. Vela moved “that the Board of Trustees accept the college president’s recommendations and nonrenewal the executive, senior administrator, administrative, and professional contracts that the college president identified in executive sessions tonight”. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Judge Martinez asked if Dr. Ricardo Solis would like to make any comments or observations. Dr. Ricardo Solis made comments about the organizational change and student success.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORTS
CAMPUS POLICE,
PERSONNEL,
TRAVEL, AND
OTHER REPORTS**

The reports were provided for information purposes.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Judge Martinez announced the next meeting date is Thursday, June 29, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 p.m., Dr. Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Tijerina; motion carried.