



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Monday, July 16, 2018, beginning at 12:10 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
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.
Rene De La Viña
Gilberto Martinez Jr., Ed.D.
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Cin Bickel, Ex-officio, represented by
Victoria Rodriguez

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis
Rusty Meurer, College Attorney
Rodney H. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Michelle De La Peña
Tita C. Vela

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order and called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ORDERING ELECTION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLACES 4, 5, AND 6 AS PER BOARD POLICY, THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE AND TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR FOR WEBB COUNTY TO CONDUCT AND SUPERVISE THE JOINT ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2018 - DR. RODNEY H. RODRIGUEZ

Judge Martinez asked for a motion to approve ordering the election for Board of Trustees Places 4, 5, and 6 and Authorizing the College President to Enter into a Joint Election Services Contract with the County Elections Administrator for Webb County to Conduct and Supervise the Joint Elections of November 6, 2018. Mr. De La Viña so moved. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion. Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, noted that this item orders the election, which is required by State law, and authorizes the college president to enter into a contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator. He noted that there are some resolutions that will be presented. Dr. Rodney H. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Strategic and External Initiatives/Elections Officer, asked that the Board order the election and sign an order calling the election for Places 4, 5, and 6. Discussion followed. Judge Martinez asked for a motion to formally acknowledge and approve. Mr. De La Viña so moved. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried. Mr. Meurer noted that the Board needs to adopt the resolutions being presented. Judge Martinez asked for a motion to acknowledge the resolutions. Mr. De La Viña so moved. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion. Mr. Meurer noted that the resolutions are part of the meeting materials. Dr. Rodriguez asked "that the Board adopt the resolutions Exhibits B, C, D, and E of the joint election services contract with the County Elections Administrator for Webb County for the November 6, 2018 joint election". Mr. De La Viña so moved. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:16 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following item:

- Discussion with Laredo College District Attorney Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning Legal Issues Related to a Demand Letter Presented by Mark W. Robinett

Ms. Leven-Ramos so moved. Mr. De La Viña seconded the motion; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

DEMAND LETTER PRESENTED BY MARK W. ROBINETT

The Board reconvened to open session at 12:28 p.m. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Meurer noted that due to one Board member recusing himself from this item, there is no vote that can be taken due to lack of a quorum. Dr. Martinez stated for the record that he recused himself from hearing this item due to being a college faculty member during the time stated in the demand letter. Mr. Meurer noted that Dr. Martinez's reason is an appropriate, acceptable reason for recusing himself. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken on this item.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Judge Martinez noted that the next meeting date will be Tuesday, August 7, 2018 for a Special Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:31 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. De La Viña seconded the motion; motion carried.