



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 27, 2018, beginning at 6:10 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
Allen Tijerina, Vice President
Cynthia Mares, Secretary
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.
Michelle De La Peña (*arrived at 6:21 p.m.*)
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Tita C. Vela
Prakash Mansinghani representing Cin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rene De La Viña

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis,
Rusty Meurer
Marisela Rodriguez
Robert Moore
Dianna Miller
Nora Garza
Sandra Cortez
Carmelino Castillo
Vanesa Puente
Joya Vidaurri
Cesar E. Vela Jr.
Homero Paez
Troy Van Brunt
David V. Arreazola
Heriberto Hernandez
Homer Paez

CALL TO ORDER

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET
AND REGULAR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF
AUGUST 28, 2018 AND
BOARD WORKSHOP OF
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Judge Martinez called on:

- Mr. Larry Miller from Our Lady of the Lake University who made a presentation on performance based state funding.
- Mr. Douglas M. Alford who expressed his interest in having the old guard house renovated. Judge Martinez offered an office to address some of these issues. Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, noted that Board's local policy does not allow the Board to engage in dialogue during public testimony and noted that this item can be added to a future Board meeting agenda for discussion.

Ms. Mares noted for the record that Ms. De La Peña joined the meeting.

**RECOGNITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, announced that Laredo College has been recognized as a national center of

academic excellence in cyber defense two-year education program jointly sponsored by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. She recognized Mr. Heriberto Hernandez, Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. Enrique Garcia, Mr. Ray Fuentes, Mr. Nestor Serrato, Ms. Ana Proa, Ms. Adriana Nunemaker, Ms. Melissa Guidry, Ms. Norma Moore, Mr. Alfonso De La Garza, Mr. Al Maldonado, Ms. Alma Perez, Mr. Luciano Ramon, Dr. Fred Solis, Mr. Tony Lopez, Ms. Diana Rubio, Mr. Cesar Proa, Ms. Maria Luisa Ramirez, Mr. Albert Hernandez, Dr. Ricardo Solis, and Dr. Vincent Solis for their work in obtaining this recognition. Mr. Robert Moore, Computer Technology Department Chair, thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. He also recognized students in the audience who will be the first graduating class with this distinction. Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, mentioned that this designation was announced at a meeting with Congressman Henry Cuellar, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs & Immigration, Sheriff's Department, and Laredo Police Department.

Dr. Dianna Miller, Dean of Health Sciences, announced that the OTA Program received a 10-year accreditation from ACOTE, which is the maximum allowed. She recognized Ms. Jodie Valls, Program Director, and Ms. Laura Harris, faculty member.

Dr. Nora Garza, Vice President for Resource Development, recapped the event that took place last week with Hispanic-Serving Institutions Speaker Dr. Karen Lozano. She recognized Ms. Bianca Brewster, Undergraduate Research Coordinator for the LEAPS Grant.

Ms. Sandra Cortez, Senior Director of Community Education, announced the Governor's Small Business Forum is scheduled for November 1st from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at La Posada Hotel in collaboration with the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Laredo College Economic Development Center, and the Small Business Development Center at TAMIU.

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis announced that the University Technologica Matamoros took bilingual classes at Laredo College to become certified. Laredo College is the only college to offer this intensive English curriculum. He recognized Ms. Sandra Cortez and Dr. Marisela Rodriguez.

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis announced that the electronic signs have arrived. A ceremony will be scheduled later.

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis announced the following employees new to their positions: Lorena Rios, Registrar; Dr. Laura Cruz Lopez, Psychology Instructor/Honors Program Director; Ms. Laura Ramirez Cruz, Instructor/Interim Department Chair and Ms. Hortencia Madrigal, Diagnostic Imaging Program Director/Instructor.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Mr. Prakash Mansinghani, Faculty Senate Vice President, on behalf of Dr. Cin Bickel reported on: (1) congratulations to Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Dr. Horacio Salinas, Ms. Laura Ramirez-Cruz, Dr. Laura Lopez, and Ms. Lorena Rios on their new positions, and new ASO President, Vanesa Puente (2) Dr. Bickel's attendance at the TCCTA Conference and tenure practices and procedures, (3) working on several faculty initiatives, and (4) the Faculty Senate moderating the Board of Trustees Open Forum on October 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the De La Garza Building Room 101 and is working on scheduling another debate.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

Mr. Carmelino Castillo, Director of Student Life/ASO Advisor, introduced the new Associated Student Organization President, Ms. Vanesa Puente. Ms.

Puente thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and provided some information on herself.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF
COUNCIL REPORT**

Ms. Joya Vidaurri, Classified Staff Council President, reported on: (1) Fall Fest, (2) providing information to staff on benefits, achievements, and initiatives, and (3) additional committees for the council to promote the institution.

CONSENT AGENDA

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE
OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
(PCS) FOR THE YEAR
LIBRARY AS PART OF THE
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN
PHASE III-YEARLY LIBRARY
RENOVATION – DR. FRED
SOLIS**

Dr. Carranza so moved to approve the items under Consent Agenda. Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
AND MAINTENANCE
EXPENDITURES AS
APPROVED BY THE FY 2019
BUDGET – DR. FRED SOLIS**

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE
OF NETWORK AND
ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICES FOR THE
LAREDO COLLEGE
CAMPUSES – DR. FRED SOLIS**

**APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION
OF SERIALS AND
PERIODICALS AS
APPROVED BY FY 2019
BUDGET – MR. CESAR VELA**

**APPROVAL TO RENEW
AGREEMENT WITH
SIRSIDYNIX FOR THE
LIBRARY'S SYMPHONY
SOFTWARE – MR. CESAR
VELA**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION
PRELIMINARY AUGUST
2018 FINANCIAL REPORT –
MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Cesar Vela reported that the process to close out the fiscal year has begun. The external auditors are expected to be on campus the second week in October. He reviewed the following financial information for the report as of August 31, 2018: revenue is \$58.1 million (pending dual enrollment adjustments); expenditures are \$51.7 million (pending bad debt expense and health insurance); Facilities Master Plan Phase III – Health Science Center expenditures are \$14.1 million and Yearly Library expenditures are \$12.9 million. Mr. Homero Paez, Assistant Construction Project Manager, went over construction update for the Health Science Center. Discussion on the completion was discussed. Mr. Vela reported that Cigarroa Science Building expenditures are \$8.5 million; current tax levy is \$33.1 million; general operating fund balance is \$24.4 million. Laredo College's proportionate share for GASB75 is \$34.2 million which will result in a book transaction in the general operating fund balance of approximately -\$16 million and total investments are \$123,915,975. Ms. Vela and Ms. Mares expressed concern over the amount in savings.

APPROVAL OF LAREDO COLLEGE FORT MCINTOSH SOFTBALL COMPETITION FIELD AND THE LAREDO COLLEGE SOUTH BASEBALL COMPETITIVE FIELD RENOVATION WORK BY TEXAS MULTI-CHEM – MR. CESAR VELA

Mr. Vela asked the Board to approve renovations to the South Campus baseball field and Fort McIntosh softball field for a cost of \$165,165. Discussion followed. Mr. Troy Van Brunt, Athletic Director, answered questions from the Board. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve this item and Item 16 - *Approval of Annual Athletic Fields Maintenance Program Proposal for All Seven (7) Laredo College Fort McIntosh and South Athletic Fields by Texas Multi-Chem*. Ms. De La Peña seconded the motion; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ATHLETIC FIELDS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR ALL SEVEN (7) LAREDO COLLEGE FORT MCINTOSH AND SOUTH ATHLETIC FIELDS BY TEXAS MULTI-CHEM – MR. CESAR VELA

APPROVAL OF 2018 – 2023 LAREDO COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN – DR. DAVID V. ARREAZOLA

Dr. David V. Arreazola, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research, presented the Laredo College Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2023, which included the College mission, vision, and goals for review and approval. Ms. Leven-Ramos asked that external workshops be held next year especially since there will be three new Board members. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve the 2018-2023 Laredo College Strategic Plan as presented which included the College mission vision and goals. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to move up Item 19 – *Student Activities and Future Programs* and Item 20 – *Update on Laredo College Facilities Master Plan Phase III Bond Construction Projects*. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried. Mr. Heriberto Hernandez, Senior Director of Workforce Education and South Campus, announced:

- first ever Fall Fest scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at LC South Campus.
- Eagle Ford Consortium Regional Quarterly Meeting scheduled for October 24th, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the De La Garza Building.

UPDATE ON LAREDO COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PHASE III BOND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – MR. HOMER PAEZ

Mr. Paez made a presentation on the progress of the Yearly Library, Cigarroa Science Buildings, Health Science Center, and upcoming projects – Cosmetology program at the Visual & Performing Arts Building, Maravillo Gym, and Billy Hall renovation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:17 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following items:

- Discuss and Adopt Procedure for Filling the Vacancy of Laredo College Board of Trustees Position 6 by Appointment. Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 – *Dr. Henry S. Carranza*
- Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Relating to the College President’s Recommendation to Terminate the Employment of an LC Faculty Member

Ms. De La Peña moved to go into executive session. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
DISCUSS AND ADOPT PROCEDURE FOR FILLING**

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:45 p.m. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken in executive session. No action.

**THE VACANCY OF LAREDO
COLLEGE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES POSITION 6 BY
APPOINTMENT**

**COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION TO
TERMINATE THE
EMPLOYMENT OF AN LC
FACULTY MEMBER**

Dr. Ricardo Solis had no further comment on this item.

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

The reports were provided for information purposes.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Judge Martinez noted that October meetings would need to be rescheduled to early November. Dr. Ricardo Solis noted that it was only the October Regular Board meeting that needs to be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.