



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The 1st Public Hearing on Proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 15, 2019, beginning at 12:04 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., Secretary
Jorge "JD" Delgado
Lupita Zepeda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jackie Leven-Ramos, Vice President
Cynthia Mares
Esteban Rangel
Michelle De La Peña
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.
Rusty Meurer

Cesar E. Vela Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order. Judge Martinez called out the members that were present. He acknowledged that there was no quorum but the public hearing may be held.

1ST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE – MR. CESAR E. VELA, JR.

Judge Martinez introduced himself and indicated the Board was convening the 1st Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 Laredo College Property Tax Rate. He presided as Chair of the Hearing and provided the following information:

- The Webb County Tax Assessor Collector published on August 8, 2019 in the Laredo Morning Times a Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 property tax rate that would take place today.
- The following is information related to the proposed tax rate. The Laredo College 2019 effective property tax rate for maintenance and operations and debt service combined is \$0.317272 per \$100 valuation. The 2019 property tax rollback rate for maintenance and operations and debt service combined is \$0.340769 per \$100 valuation. The Laredo College proposed 2019 property tax rate for maintenance and operations would be \$0.255067 per \$100 valuation. The proposed 2019 property tax rate for debt service would be \$0.073576 per \$100 valuation. The combined proposed 2019 property tax rate for maintenance and operations and debt service would be \$0.328643 per \$100 valuation. This combined property tax rate is less than the rollback tax rate but more than the effective tax rate.
- The 1st public hearing allowed the proponents and opponents of the tax rate to present their views to the Board of Trustees.
- Each proponent and opponent may step up to the podium to express his or her views regarding the 2019 proposed tax rate. The Board would 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.

Judge Martinez announced the second public hearing on the 2019 proposed tax rate is scheduled to take place on August 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laredo College Fort McIntosh Campus, in the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105. The Laredo College Board of Trustees will vote on the proposed 2019 property tax rate on August 29, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laredo College Fort McIntosh Campus in the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105. He opened the public hearing and acknowledged the presence of the Webb County Tax Assessor Collector, Ms. Rosie Cuellar. Judge Martinez emphasized that the Laredo College tax rate would remain the same.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments or testimony, Judge Martinez closed the Laredo College 1st Public Hearing on the 2019 proposed property tax rate at 12:09 p.m. Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, noted for the record that a Special Board meeting was scheduled immediately following the hearing but due to lack of a quorum, the meeting will not be held.