



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The 2nd Public Hearing on Proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 22, 2019, beginning at 6:19 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
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Vice President
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D., Secretary
Jorge "JD" Delgado
Lupita Zepeda

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.
Rusty Meurer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Mares
Esteban Rangel
Michelle De La Peña
Tita C. Vela

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order and acknowledged the presence of Ms. Rosie Cuellar, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector. Dr. Carranza called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

**2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2019 PROPERTY
TAX RATE - MR. CESAR E.
VELA, JR.**

Judge Martinez indicated the Board is now convening the 2nd Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 Laredo College Property Tax. He presided as Chair of the Hearing and provided the following information:

- 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 second public hearing allows the proponents and opponents of the tax rate to present their views to the Board of Trustees.
- Each proponent and opponent may express his or her views regarding the 2019 proposed tax rate. Each proponent and opponent has up to three minutes to speak.

There being no comments or testimony, Judge Martinez announced the Laredo College Board of Trustees will vote on the proposed 2019 property tax rate at its regular meeting to be held on August 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Laredo College Fort McIntosh Campus in the Elpha Lee West Building, Room 105.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., Judge Martinez entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Dr. Carranza so moved. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried. Judge Martinez announced that the 2nd Public Hearing is closed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – AGENDA

The Special Board Meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened immediately following the 2nd Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate.

ROLL CALL

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CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:28 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following items:

- Level III Grievance Hearing Filed by a Laredo College Faculty Member as per Board Policy DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.
- Discuss Legal Issues with Laredo College District Attorney Concerning FY 2020 Salary Pay Plan. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Ms. Leven-Ramos so moved. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board reconvened to open session at 6:47 p.m. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken in executive session.

LEVEL III GRIEVANCE HEARING FILED BY A LAREDO COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER

No action.

APPROVAL OF FY 2020 SALARY PAY PLAN

Ms. Leven-Ramos requested to defer this item to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, August 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.