



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, beginning at 6:02 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 *(left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.)*
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D., Secretary
Jorge "JD" Delgado
Lupita Zepeda
Esteban Rangel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Mares
Michelle De La Peña
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.
Rusty Meurer
Carolyn Schmies
Obed Guerrero
Troy Van Brunt
Brittany Harry
Juan de Dios Ibarra
Raquel Pena
Marissa Guerrero-Longoria
Carolyn Schmies
David Arreazola
Marisela Rodriguez
Prakash Mansinghani
Vilma Guzman
Joya Vidaurri

CALL TO ORDER

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

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES FOR REGULAR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER
25, 2019**

Mr. Rangel moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carranza; motion carried.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

Judge Martinez asked for a motion to bring up Items 9 – 14 since a Board member needs to leave the meeting early. Mr. Rangel so moved. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Carranza moved to approve all of the following items under Consent Agenda.

- Item 9 - September 2019 Monthly Financial Report
- Item 10 - August 2019 Quarterly Investment Report, and FYE 2019 Annual Investment Report
- Item 11 - Approval of Purchase of Audio Visual Equipment and Installation Services for the College of Health Sciences Building
- Item 12 - Approval of Furniture Purchase for the College of Health Sciences Building
- Item 13 - Approval of Purchase of Network Infrastructure Equipment for the Cigarroa Science Complex

Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE
LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD TO CAST VOTES FOR WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES ON THE VOTING BALLOT**

Dr. Ricardo Solis, President, indicated that Ms. Leven-Ramos has the experience to continue to serve on this Board. Dr. Carranza so moved. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Leven-Ramos left the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS OF PERSONNEL, AND NEW PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR THE MONTH

Ms. Carolyn Schmies, Dean of South Campus, introduced Mr. Obed Guerrero, Community and Media Relations Director. Mr. Guerrero announced that the Community and Media Relations Office received eight medallion awards from the Region 4 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Awards Competition.

Mr. Troy Van Brunt, Athletic Director, introduced the Head Women's Volleyball Coach, Ms. Brittany Harry and the Head Men's Soccer Coach, Mr. Juan de Dios Ibarra. Ms. Harry provided an update on the volleyball season which ended with a record of 23 -11. Mr. Ibarra provided an update of the soccer season which ended with a record of 10 - 9.

Ms. Raquel Pena, Associate Dean of Students/Title IX Coordinator, announced that the Office of Student Life submitted a design flyer at the Association for Promotion of Campuses Activities Conference in Houston in October. The flyer received first place and was designed by Ms. Vilma Guzman.

Ms. Marissa Guerrero-Longoria, English Department Chair & President Elect of the Laredo Rotary Club, provided an update on the recent city-wide Rotary conference held at Laredo College

Ms. Carolyn Schmies, Dean of South Campus, provided an update of the Fall Fest & Quinceañera event held at LC South.

Dr. Ricardo Solis introduced the new employees: Luz Maria Contreras, Secretary – eLearning & Instructional Innovation Center, and Michael E. Gonzalez, Senior Director of Strategic & External Initiatives.

Dr. David Arreazola, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness & Research, and Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided an update on the SACSCOC Reaffirmation visit which resulted in zero recommendations.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Mr. Prakash Mansinghani, Faculty Senate President, thanked Ms. Joya Vidaurri, outgoing Classified Staff Council President, for all her work and welcomed Ms. Rosario Dominguez, the new Classified Staff Council President. Mr. Mansinghani reported on: (1) Marketing Office for advertising results as classes are beginning to close; (2) December Faculty Senate meeting which will celebrate retiring faculty member, Dr. Fernando Prince; (3) faculty evaluations process; (4) dual enrollment; (5) virtual office hours; and (6) the Faculty Senate now has representation from all departments.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

Ms. Vilma Guzman, Associated Student Organization President, reported on: (1) Fall Fest; (2) leadership academy; (3) Dia del Rio event; (4) HEB feast of sharing; (5) National Student Contemporary Leadership and Citizenship Conference; and (6) Trading Station donations from Dr.

Henry Carranza. She presented a letter of appreciation to Dr. Carranza on behalf of the A.S.O.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF
COUNCIL REPORT**

Ms. Joya Vidaurri, outgoing Classified Staff Council President, thanked Administration for their support and presented the newly elected C.S.C. President – Ms. Rosario Dominguez. Ms. Dominguez noted plans to work on events and fundraisers.

**INFORMATION ITEMS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND
FUTURE PROGRAMS**

Dr. Ricardo Solis invited the Board to attend Faculty Senate meetings, Associated Student Organization meetings, and Classified Staff Council meetings.

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

The reports were provided for information purposes.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 p.m., Dr. Carranza moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.