



## LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, beginning at 12:01 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  
Cynthia Mares (*participated via telephone*)  
Jorge "JD" Delgado  
Lupita Zepeda  
Esteban Rangel (*participated via telephone  
after reconvening from executive session*)  
Tita C. Vela (*participated via telephone*)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle De La Peña

#### OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Marisela Rodriguez  
Michael Gonzalez  
Nora Garza  
Prakash Mansinghani  
Heriberto Hernandez

### 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 MAY 7, 2020 AND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF JUNE 4, 2020

Ms. Mares moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leven-Ramos; motion carried.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

### RECOGNITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, announced that the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program has been approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and is now accredited by all agencies. She thanked Hortencia Madrigal, Dr. Dianna Miller, Dr. Veronica Martinez, and Dr. David Arreazola for all their work to get this done. The program begins Fall 2020.

Mr. Michael Gonzalez, Senior Director of Strategic & External Affairs, announced that there will be a virtual graduation on June 29 at 6:30 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook. He thanked the team who worked on the virtual graduation. Cap and gown distribution will be June 25 & 26 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Nora Garza, Vice President for Resource Development, announced that Laredo College received a Rapid Grant from the National Science Foundation for almost \$200,000. Laredo College was the only community college in Texas to receive the grant.

### FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Mr. Prakash Mansinghani, Faculty Senate President, reported on: Quality Matters, virtual learning, and the faculty thanks the Board for the teaching opportunities.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF  
COUNCIL REPORT**

No report.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE  
APPLICATION OF A  
FOREIGN TRADE ZONE  
DESIGNATION FOR TAMEX  
FORWARDING, INC.  
LOCATED AT 306 GRAND  
CENTRAL BLVD., LAREDO,  
TEXAS – DR. RICARDO J.  
SOLIS**

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, noted that TAMEX Forwarding, Inc. is requesting approval for a foreign trade zone designation. In addition, Item 9 - *Adopt a Resolution Supporting Dalko Resources, Inc.'s Application to Become an Operating Member (Usage-Driven) of Foreign Trade Zone # 94, Located at 810 Hallmark Drive, Laredo, Texas* is requesting approval as well. Ms. Mares moved to approve the resolutions for Item 8 - *Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Application of a Foreign Trade Zone Designation for Tamex Forwarding, Inc. Located at 306 Grand Central Blvd., Laredo, Texas* and Item 9 - *Adopt a Resolution Supporting Dalko Resources, Inc.'s Application to Become an Operating Member (Usage-Driven) of Foreign Trade Zone # 94, Located at 810 Hallmark Drive, Laredo, Texas*. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING DALKO  
RESOURCES, INC.'S  
APPLICATION TO BECOME  
AN OPERATING MEMBER  
(USAGE-DRIVEN) OF  
FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #  
94, LOCATED AT 810  
HALLMARK DRIVE,  
LAREDO, TEXAS – DR.  
RICARDO J. SOLIS**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
HOMELAND SECURITY  
STUDIES (ASSOCIATE OF  
APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE)  
PROGRAM – DR. MARISELA  
RODRIGUEZ**

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Mr. Heriberto Hernandez, Dean of Workforce Education. Mr. Hernandez presented the final curriculum for the Homeland Security Studies program. He thanked Mr. Dan Mercado from U.S. Customs and Mr. Billy Olvera from Homeland Security for helping develop the curriculum. Ms. Mares moved to approve. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

Dr. Ricardo Solis clarified that the information he sent to the Board previously is for a future strategic partnership with Regional Support Mission in San Antonio is to train employees. Dr. Rodriguez explained that the item the Board just approved is a pre-academy preparation and the new partnership is with Homeland Security agencies.

Ms. Mares moved under the consent agenda mode that the Board approve the following agenda items:

- Item 11 - *Approval of Oracle Licenses and Support Renewal, Approval of Computer Equipment Purchases from Dell, Inc., and Ratification of the Microsoft Licenses Renewal*
- Item 12 - *April 2020 Monthly Financial Report*
- Item 13 - *February 2020 Quarterly Investment Report*
- Item 14 - *Ratification of TouchNet Agreement Extension*
- Item 15 - *Approval for Revisions to the 2020-2021 Laredo College Academic Calendar*
- Item 16 - *Approval to Purchase Computer Laptops for Incoming STEM Students Participating Undergraduate Research as Part of the LEAPS Project*

Dr. Carranza seconded the motion. Ms. Leven-Ramos inquired if the items can be considered as consent agenda. Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, indicated that Robert's Rules of Order does not prohibit this action. Judge Martinez asked if any Board members had any concerns. There being no concerns, the motion carried.

**INFORMATION ITEMS  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND  
FUTURE PROGRAMS – DR.  
RICARDO J. SOLIS**

Dr. Ricardo Solis noted that Item 15 - *Approval for Revisions to the 2020-2021 Laredo College Academic Calendar* just changed the start of Summer Session I 2021.

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez announced the first Bachelor of Science in Nursing ceremony on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Martinez Fine Arts Center. Invitations were distributed to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:50 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following items:

- Level III Grievance Hearings Filed by Two 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
- Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to Discuss the Camilo Prada Child Development Center Personnel and Related Legal Issues in Connection with a Proposal to Suspend the Center's Operations for One Year

Ms. Leven-Ramos so moved. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:10 p.m. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken in executive session.

**LEVEL III GRIEVANCES FILED BY TWO LAREDO COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS**

Dr. Ricardo Solis indicated that there are no comments on this item. Ms. Leven-Ramos stated that there is no action to be taken on this item.

**SUSPENSION OF CAMILO PRADA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPERATIONS FOR ONE YEAR**

Dr. Ricardo Solis indicated that there are no comments on this item. Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, noted that if the college intends to suspend the operations for a year, a motion would be needed to that effect. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to suspend the Camilo Prada Child Development Center operations for one year. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

**PERSONNEL ACTION RELATING TO CAMILO PRADA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Meurer noted that Board action on this item is not required but Administration would like to comment. Dr. Marisela Rodriguez indicated that full-time employees will be reassigned and at-will action is not needed from the Board and will be handled by Administration.

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

The reports were provided for information purposes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Ms. Vela expressed concern that there is no social distancing during Board meetings and suggested that the meetings be moved to a larger venue or that Board members take turns attending the meetings in person. Discussion followed.

Judge Martinez noted that the next meeting will be on July 30, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:20 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried.