



## LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The emergency meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Friday, March 20, 2020, beginning at 12:02 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  
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D., Secretary  
Cynthia Mares (*joined via conference call at 12:05 p.m.*)  
Jorge "JD" Delgado (*via conference call*)  
Lupita Zepeda (*via conference call*)  
Esteban Rangel (*via conference call*)  
Michelle De La Peña (*via conference call*)  
Tita C. Vela (*via conference call*)

#### OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Cesar E. Vela, Jr.  
Marisela Rodriguez  
Fred Solis

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

### UPDATE ON ALTERED COLLEGE OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 EVENT

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, provided an update on the college's operations during COVID-19 pandemic which include daily conference calls with local emergency response team, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Texas Association of Community Colleges; all travel and events have been cancelled, there will be limited operations next week, and there will be no interruption in pay for full-time and part-time employees. Mr. Rusty Meurer, College Attorney, noted the Texas Association of Schools Boards distributed a memo this morning to school districts and community colleges regarding payment of personnel. He will visit with Dr. Ricardo Solis and Mr. Cesar Vela, Comptroller, regarding the legal issues outlined in the memo. Discussion took place on paychecks.

### CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COLLEGE PRESIDENT DURING ALTERED LAREDO COLLEGE OPERATIONS

Judge Martinez acknowledged that each Board member received a copy of the resolution and had time to review. Ms. Mares asked if the resolution is only during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Both Judge Martinez and Dr. Ricardo Solis indicated yes, it is a temporary delegation of authority. Discussion took place. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt the resolution to authorize delegation of authority to the college president during altered Laredo College operations. Ms. De La Peña seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion. Mr. Rangel asked for information about classes and dual enrollment program. Dr. Marisela Rodriguez, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided brief information on instruction

and Dr. Fred Solis, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment, provided brief information on dual enrollment. Dr. Carranza called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.