



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Friday, November 13, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus to canvass the November 3, 2020 election results. Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus and pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott’s Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, some of Laredo College Board members participated via Zoom videoconference.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mercurio Martinez Jr, President
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Vice President
(participated via Zoom)
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D., Secretary
Cynthia Mares *(participated via Zoom)*
Jorge “JD” Delgado *(participated via Zoom)*
Lupita Zepeda *(participated via Zoom)*
Esteban Rangel *(participated via Zoom)*
Tita C. Vela *(participated via Zoom)*

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis *(participated via Zoom)*
Rusty Meurer *(participated via Zoom)*
Michael Gonzalez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle De La Peña

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order.

**CAVASS OF
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
ELECTION RESULTS**

Mr. Michael Gonzalez, Senior Director of Strategic & External Affairs and Elections Officer for Laredo College District, presented the election results:

Name of Candidate	Office Sought	Votes Received	Percentage
Lino E. Sanchez	Place 7	4853	8.26 %
Jose R. Villa	Place 7	6582	11.21%
Valentin Escamilla	Place 7	4695	7.99 %
Justin Hundsnurcher Casiano	Place 7	4840	8.24 %
Ricardo “Rick” Gonzalez	Place 7	13916	23.69 %
Karina “Kari” Elizondo	Place 7	23847	40.60 %
Scott J. Roberts	Place 8	8210	14.18 %
Jackie L. Ramos	Place 8	35666	61.59 %
Carlos G. Perez	Place 8	14031	24.23 %
Osbaldo “Valdi” Guzman	Place 9	18051	31.07 %
Feliciano Garza	Place 9	9644	16.60 %
Tita Vela	Place 9	30398	52.33 %

Mr. Gonzalez noted for Place 7 - there will be a run-off election between Ricardo “Rick” Gonzalez and Karina “Kari” Elizondo, for Place 8 – Jackie L. Ramos is the elected trustee, and for Place 9 – Tita Vela is

the elected trustee. He asked that certificates of election for Ms. Ramos and Ms. Vela be signed and that the Board acknowledge each precinct's votes as presented. Ms. Mares moved to accept the tallies and the numbers presented. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., the canvassing of the election adjourned.

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Friday, November 13, 2020, immediately following the canvassing of the November 3, 2020 election results in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus. Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus and pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, some of Laredo College Board members participated via Zoom videoconference.

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CALL TO ORDER

At 6:10 p.m., Judge Martinez called the meeting to order. Dr. Carranza called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Judge Martinez provided information from the Board Policy BDB(LOCAL) to clarify the topics presented under public testimony.

"Individual comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting. When there are six or less speakers that are scheduled, the Board President may extend each speaker's time to five minutes. Time may not be ceded from one speaker to another. The Board President may also limit the total amount of time for public testimony but not to less than thirty minutes. The speaker may not speak on personnel or student matters that refer to individuals by name or title. After a speaker's comments, the Board President shall make whatever response, if any, or take whatever action, if any, is deemed appropriate to handle the matter. Such response or action may include the following: 1) referring the matter to the College President for action or for further recommendations, 2) referring the matter to a later meeting or to a Board committee for further discussion or study, and 3) indicating that the matter shall be taken under advisement. If the Board President determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed

to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board.”

Mr. Michael Gonzalez, Senior Director of Strategic & External Affairs, read aloud one comment that was received via email from Mr. Prakash Mansinghani, who congratulated Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos and Ms. Tita Vela on their re-election to the Board.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ORDERING THE JOINT RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITION 7 AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A JOINT RUN-OFF ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE WEBB COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – MR. MICHAEL GONZALEZ

Mr. Gonzalez asked the Board to approve ordering the run-off election for Place 7, to authorize the college president to: enter into a joint run-off election services contract with Webb County, adopt the resolution calling for the run-off election, and amend the joint elections contract with Webb County to consolidate precincts, modify early voting sites, and modify the election for the joint election as needed. He noted that the run-off election is scheduled for December 12 and will cost the college approximately \$51,411.82. Ms. Mares moved to approve with the caveat of modifying early voting dates as per City Council’s modification. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:22 p.m., Judge Martinez announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following item:

- Discussion with Laredo College Attorney Concerning New Litigation Filed Against Laredo College Pending in Cause No. 2020CVI001621 D1, In the District Court of Webb County, Texas, 49th Judicial District, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

Ms. Mares so moved. Ms. Zepeda seconded the motion; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

NEW LITIGATION FILED AGAINST LAREDO COLLEGE PENDING IN CAUSE NO. 2020CVI001621 D1, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, 49TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Board reconvened to open session at 12:41 p.m. Judge Martinez noted that no action was taken in executive session.

Judge Martinez called on Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, for a motion on this item. Mr. Meurer recommended that “the Board adopt a motion that authorizes the college president to proceed in accordance with the authority given to him in executive session”. Ms. Mares so moved. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Judge Martinez noted that the next meeting date is Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 p.m., Dr. Carranza moved to adjourned the meeting. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.