



**AMENDED AGENDA**

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the Webb County Justice Center on 10/25/2021, at 3:23 p.m.

**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus**

In compliance with state law, the public is hereby notified that the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District will have a regular Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105, at the Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

Laredo College will comply with all local, statewide, and federal orders, ordinances and rules with regards to social distancing and related matters thus limiting the number of persons physically present in the Laredo College Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105. A second room at the Elpha Lee West Building which is adjacent to or near Room 105 will be available for members of the public to attend, if needed.

Members of the public and Laredo College employees who wish to view a live-stream of the Board meeting may access it by clicking on the following Zoom Webinar link:

Link to Join Zoom Webinar: <https://zoom.us/join>

Webinar ID: 871 2671 5038

**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting of September 30, 2021 and Special Board Meeting of October 14, 2021
4. Public Testimony – *Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up in person at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. An individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.*
5. RECOGNITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS OF PERSONNEL, AND NEW PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR THE MONTH
  - 5.A. 2021 National Council for Marketing & Public Relations District 4 Conference – *Mr. Obed Guerrero*
  - 5.B. Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing – *Dr. Dianna Miller*
  - 5.C. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Committee Appointments – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
  - 5.D. Introductions of Personnel/Personnel Actions – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*

6. Faculty Senate Report
7. Associated Student Organization Report
8. Classified Staff Council Report
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 9.A. Approval to Extend Collection Agency Contract – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
  - 9.B. Approval of Information Technology Support and Maintenance Fees as Approved by the FY 2022 Budget – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
  - 9.C. Approval of Contract for Course Syllabus Management Platform – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
  - 10.A. Appointing an Individual to Represent the Laredo College District as a Member of the Board of Directors of The City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 2 Also Known as The Coves at Winfield – *Ms. Lupita Zepeda/Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
  - 10.B. Adopt Resolutions Supporting Applications to Become a Usage-Driven Foreign Trade Zone #94 Designation – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
    - 10.B.1. American Air Freight Inc., Located at 5812 East Drive, Laredo, Texas 78041
    - 10.B.2. Capin Vyborny LLC., Located at 11302 Eastpoint Drive, Laredo, Texas 78044
  - 10.C. Discussion and Possible Action on Obtaining Internal Auditing Services – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
  - 10.D. Select Internal Architect and Delegate to College President the Authority to Negotiate a Contract and Fees – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
  - 10.E. Annexation of New Property which has been Annexed by the City of Laredo Pursuant to Texas Higher Education Code Section 130.066 – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
  - 10.F. Approval of Emergency Response Management (Associate of Applied Science Degree) Program – *Mr. Heriberto Hernandez*
  - 10.G. Approval of 2022 – 2023 Laredo College Academic Calendar – *Dr. Fred Solis*
  - 10.H. Hearing and Approval of Proposed One-Time Stipend to Eligible Laredo College Employees Funded by the U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and Other Sources, Including Discussion of the Public Purpose Served. Possible Closed Session to Discuss Legal Issues with Laredo College Counsel Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – *Ms. Cynthia Mares/Mr. Cesar Vela*
  - 10.I. Approval of Board Member Travel and Reimbursement of Reasonable Travel Expenses as per Laredo College Board Policies BBG(LOCAL): *Board Members, Compensation and Expenses*, and BBH(LOCAL): *Board Members, Conventions, Conferences, and Workshops - 2021 Higher Education Leadership Conference* – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
  - 10.J. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Board Member Travel Expense Reimbursement Request Considered by the Laredo College Board of Trustees on August 19, 2021, Under Laredo College Board Policies BBG(LOCAL): *Board Members, Compensation and Expenses*, and

BBH(LOCAL): *Board Members, Conventions, Conferences, and Workshops*  
– Ms. Karina “Kari” Elizondo

10.K. Approval of Laredo College Board of Trustees’ Goals – Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.A. Enrollment Update – Ms. Andrea Lopez

11.B. Student Success Committee Report – Ms. Cynthia Mares

11.C. Status of Contracting with a New Food Vendor to Provide Vegetarian/Vegan Menu Options – Ms. Karina “Kari” Elizondo

11.D. Laredo College Presidential Search Committee – Ms. Lupita Zepeda

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12.A. Consultation with Laredo College Attorney to Discuss Former Employee Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Complaint and Dismissal Notice, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

12.B. Consultation with Laredo College Attorney to Discuss the Status of the Following Lawsuit: *United States of America v. 202.893 acres of Land, More or Less Situated in Webb County, State of Texas; and Laredo College*, Case No. 5:20-CV-067, Pending in the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division., Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

12.C. Consultation with Laredo College Attorney to Discuss Legal Issues Concerning Communications Under the Texas Open Meetings Act Between Board Members and/or Administration Outside of a Duly Noticed Meeting, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 – Mr. Esteban Rangel

12.D. Discussion Concerning the Feasibility and Sustainability of the Laredo College Camilo Prada Child Development Center, Including a Possible Change to the Current Status of the Center, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 – Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina

12.E. Discussions Concerning Legal Issues Related to the Feasibility and Sustainability of the Laredo College Athletics Program, the Possible Disbanding of the Athletics Program, and the Personnel Employed in the Athletics Program. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 – Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina

12.F. Discussion Concerning the Laredo College Athletics Program as it Relates to Action Taken by the Laredo College Board of Trustees During Meetings Held on April 29, 2021 and May 10, 2021, and Reinstating All or Part of the Laredo College Athletics Program, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 – Ms. Karina “Kari” Elizondo

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- 13.C. Approval of Options to Implement for Communications Between Board Members and/or Administration – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*
- 13.D. Feasibility and Sustainability of the Laredo College Camilo Prada Child Development Center, Including a Possible Change to the Current Status of the Center – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 13.E. The Feasibility and Sustainability of the Laredo College Athletics Program, Including the Possible Disbanding of the Athletics Program and the Employment Status of the Athletics Program Employees – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 13.F. Action Concerning the Laredo College Athletics Program as it Relates to Action Taken by the Laredo College Board of Trustees During Meetings Held on April 29, 2021 and May 10, 2021, and Reinstating All or Part of the Laredo College Athletics Program – *Ms. Karina “Kari” Elizondo*

14. PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

Campus Police, Personnel, Travel, and Other Reports

- 15. Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday, November 9 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

To Be Determined, December 16 or 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

16. Adjournment

***Board members will meet informally for dinner prior to the start of the meeting. Although a quorum may be present, no College business is discussed.***

**Public Notice is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed in the agenda when authorized by provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D and E, regardless of whether the particular agenda item identifies a potential closed meeting.**