



**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, April 21, 2021, beginning at 5:04 p.m. 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.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President  
Jorge "JD" Delgado, Vice President  
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary  
*(participated via Zoom at 5:34 p.m.)*  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Esteban Rangel  
Karina "Kari" Elizondo *(participated via Zoom)*

Tita C. Vela

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Mares  
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer *(participated via Zoom)*  
Henry Sauvignet  
Carole Alexander  
Sue Darcy *(participated via Zoom)*  
Viviana Frank

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order. Mr. Delgado called the roll. Ms. Zepeda announced that a quorum of the members was present, that this meeting was duly called, and that notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No one signed up for public testimony.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) BY THE DOWNTOWN TIRZ COMMITTEE – DR. RICARDO J. SOLIS**

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, informed the Board that the Downtown TIRZ Committee met with Laredo College and would like for LC to become part of the TIRZ. He introduced Mr. Henry Sauvignet, Board Chair of the Downtown TIRZ Committee, who made a presentation on the Participation in the Downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 which included zone boundaries, proposed improvements, financing improvements, contribution to Downtown TIRZ, and an opportunity for an interlocal agreement between LC and Laredo Downtown TIRZ No. 1 project.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged Ms. Leven-Ramos' attendance via Zoom.

Ms. Carole Alexander, TIRZ Board Member, promoted Downtown TIRZ and LC as a great connection.

Judge Martinez announced the rededication and reopening of St. Augustine Cathedral on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sauvignet and Ms. Sue Darcy of Marsh Darcy Partners, Inc. answered questions from the Board. Ms. Viviana Frank from Able City made comments on the project.

Ms. Zepeda indicated that no motion is required as the presentation was for information only.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Ms. Zepeda noted that the next meeting date is Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.