



**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Laredo, Texas

The Budget Workshop of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, beginning at 6:02 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  
Cynthia Mares (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Esteban Rangel (*participated via Zoom*)  
Karina "Kari" Elizondo (*participated via Zoom at 6:06 p.m.*)  
Tita C. Vela (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Cesar E. Vela Jr.  
Albert Hernandez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order. Ms. Leven-Ramos 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.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE FY2022 BUDGET - MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance, acknowledged the work of the Budget Committee members on the FY2022 budget. He reported that the budget draft is not a balanced budget and is a work in process.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Vela, Ms. Mares, and Ms. Elizondo.

Mr. Vela presented the preliminary draft of the FY2022 Budget which included information on institutional data and trends, budget objectives, budget assumptions, funding sources, initial budget requests, projected revenue, Budget Committee recommendations, tax rate information, and calendar timeline.

Mr. Vela and Mr. Albert Hernandez, Associate Dean of Dual Enrollment and Recruitment, explained the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Ms. Zepeda noted that the next meeting date is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – Special Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:49 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Special Board Meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, immediately after the Budget Workshop beginning at 6:49 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.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Lupita Zepeda, President Jorge “JD” Delgado, Vice President Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary Cynthia Mares Mercurio Martinez, Jr. Esteban Rangel ( <i>participated via Zoom</i> ) Karina “Kari” Elizondo ( <i>participated via Zoom</i> ) Tita C. Vela <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.	<u>OTHERS</u> Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D. Rusty Meurer
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order. Ms. Leven-Ramos 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.	
<b>PUBLIC TESTIMONY</b>	No one signed up for public testimony.	
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	At 6:51 p.m., Ms. Zepeda announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 with Laredo College Attorney Concerning the Discussion of an Interim Laredo College President</li></ul> Ms. Leven-Ramos so moved. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.	
<b>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</b>	The Board reconvened to open session at 7:52 p.m. Ms. Zepeda noted that no action was taken in executive session.	
<b>INTERIM LAREDO COLLEGE PRESIDENT</b>	Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to “adopt the process for the selection of an interim college president which was discussed by the Board of Trustees in executive session subject to the Board receiving and accepting the present college president’s resignation letter”. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion passed.	
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	Ms. Zepeda noted that the next meeting date is Thursday, June 24, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	At 7:54 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.	