



**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, beginning at 5:31 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  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.  
Esteban Rangel (*arrived at 5:39 p.m.*)  
Karina "Kari" Elizondo  
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Rolando Ortiz  
Myron Dornic  
Cesar Vela

MEMBERS ABSENT

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**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.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE COVES AT WINFIELD TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) #2 – DR. RICARDO J. SOLIS/MR. CLIFFE KILLAM**

Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, President, noted that a presentation was made about three years ago on this project but there have been updates/changes. Mr. Rolando Ortiz, Killam Development Real Estate Development Manager, introduced Mr. Myron Dornic, Jackson Walker LLP Senior Counsel, who made an informational presentation on The Coves at Winfield TIRZ #2 which included an overview of Laredo TIRZ #2 boundary, The Coves master plan, key facts, proposed development renderings, Laredo TIRZ 2017 vs. 2021 comparison, TIRZ finance details, proposed LC North Campus plan, proposed Town Center, and actions and timeline.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Mr. Rangel.

Mr. Dornic and Mr. Ortiz answered questions.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS MODIFICATION TO LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD POLICY DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES – MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS**

Ms. Leven-Ramos noted that the section for review in DC(LOCAL) policy is *Authority for Employment of All Personnel*. She recommends that the Board approve the selection of contractual personnel at the dean level and above. Discussion followed. Ms. Mares moved to modify Laredo College Board Policy DC(LOCAL) to have directors and above be brought

to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the President. Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Mares amended her motion to administer the change to the policy. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried.

**ADDRESS THE APPROVAL  
OF ARCHITECTS FOR  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN  
PHASE III BOND PROJECTS**  
– MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS

Ms. Leven-Ramos deferred this item to Mr. Delgado and/or Mr. Rangel. Mr. Delgado noted that this item was discussed at the Building Committee Meeting and that because of the merging of two architect firms, that new firm should be added to the Board approved list and also requested to discuss including other architects to the list. Mr. Meurer noted that a separate RFQ would be needed if architects are chosen who have not been vetted before. Discussion followed. Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance, answered questions from the Board on the previous RFQ. Mr. Rangel moved to re-bid the architect RFQs. Ms. Zepeda asked administration, in the future, to notify the Board of any changes that take place. Mr. Rangel withdrew his motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:51 p.m., Ms. Zepeda announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following items:

- Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 with Laredo College Attorney Concerning the Employment Contract of the Laredo College President, Including Laredo College Board Policy BFB(LLEGAL): Chief Executive Officer-Contract
- Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 with Laredo College Attorney Concerning the Appointment of an Interim Laredo College President
- Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Relating to Instituting a National Search for a Laredo College President, Including Request for Proposals to Retain an Executive Search Firm

Ms. Mares so moved. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION  
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
OF THE LAREDO COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
RESIGNATION – MS. JACKIE  
LEVEN-RAMOS**

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:05 p.m.

Ms. Leven-Ramos indicated that there is no action on this item.

**APPOINTMENT OF AN  
INTERIM LAREDO COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT AND  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to “accept letters of interest with a resume for the interim President position to be submitted to the Chair of the Board and to be considered at the June 15, 2021 meeting”. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried. Ms. Zepeda noted to send letters of interest to [lupitazepeda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lupitazepeda@sbcglobal.net). Mr. Rangel moved to amend the previous motion to include that the interim position be only open to LC employees. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Elizondo and Judge Martinez voted against.

**FORMATION OF AN AD HOC  
EXECUTIVE SEARCH  
COMMITTEE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS  
HIGHER EDUCATION CODE  
SECTION 51.913 FOR THE  
NATIONAL SEARCH OF A  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT – MS. JACKIE  
LEVEN-RAMOS**

Ms. Leven-Ramos indicated that there is no action on this item.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE A  
PROCESS INVOLVING A  
NATIONAL SEARCH FOR A  
NEW LAREDO COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT, INCLUDING  
THE APPROVAL OF A  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
TO RETAIN AN EXECUTIVE  
SEARCH FIRM – MS. JACKIE  
LEVEN-RAMOS**

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve a Request for Proposals to retain an executive search firm to be prepared by LC Purchasing Department. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Ms. Zepeda noted the next meeting dates:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Budget Workshop  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:36 p.m., Mr. Rangel moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mares seconded the motion; motion carried.