



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Monday, May 10, 2021, beginning at 5:40 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/telephone.

ROLL CALL	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
	Lupita Zepeda, President	Ricardo J. Solis, Ph.D.
	Jorge "JD" Delgado, Vice President	Rusty Meurer
	Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary	
	Cynthia Mares	
	Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	
	Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.	
	Esteban Rangel	
	Karina "Kari" Elizondo <i>(participated via Zoom & telephone)</i>	
	Tita C. Vela <i>(arrived at 5:45 p.m.)</i>	
	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	
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CALL TO ORDER Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order. Ms. Leven-Ramos called the roll; a quorum of the members was present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY Mr. Michael Gonzalez, Senior Director of Strategic & External Affairs, read aloud the comment received via email from Ms. Esther Kurczyn Firova regarding Laredo College sports.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Vela.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to bring up Item 5 - *Discussion and Possible Action-Laredo College Athletics Program Operations and Personnel during Fiscal Year 2022 and Action Taken by Laredo College Board of Trustees During the April 29,2021 Board Meeting Relating to the Athletics Program.* Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
LAREDO COLLEGE
ATHLETICS PROGRAM
OPERATIONS AND
PERSONNEL DURING
FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND
ACTION TAKEN BY LAREDO
COLLEGE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES DURING THE
APRIL 29,2021 BOARD
MEETING RELATING TO
THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM**

Ms. Leven-Ramos presented a PowerPoint on LC sports and wellness program which included: • actions taken at May 7, 2020 Regular Board meeting, April 20, 2021 Special Board meeting, and April 29, 2021 Regular Board meeting; • summary of revenues – budget and actual for FY 2019, 2020, & 2021; •athletic program budget for FY 2020 and FY 2022; •student activity budget for FYs 2013-2021; •student activity actual revenues and expenses for FYs 2013-2020; • non-dual vs. dual semester credit hours for 2017-2021; • GPA/Residency/semester credit hours - attempted/earned by Program FYs 2016-2019; • measures done during 2020 – 2021; • general operating fund comparisons between FY 2020 & FY 2021; • reinstating all programs; • Texas community college

districts' service areas and taxing districts; • program sources of revenues; • funding a sports program; • options to consider; and • things to look at.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:21 p.m., Ms. Zepeda announced that the Board would go into executive session for the following item:

- Closed Session Discussion with College President and College Attorney Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning the Athletics Program and Personnel and Related Legal Issues in Connection with Board Action Taken on April 29, 2021

Ms. Mares moved to go into executive session. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

LAREDO COLLEGE ATHLETICS PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND ACTION TAKEN BY LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE APRIL 29, 2021 BOARD MEETING RELATING TO THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:36 p.m. Ms. Zepeda noted that no action was taken in executive session.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved that the Board “rescind the motion made on April 29, 2021 which reads ‘temporarily reinstate the soccer program for the 2021 – 2022 school year and provide a men’s and women’s team representing Laredo College in the Region 14 conference with a program audit conducted at the end of the 2021 – 2022 school year and a review of finances in Spring of 2022. Furthermore, implementing a wellness program to benefit the community college and review periodically utilizing the student activity fund’”. Judge Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Elizondo voted against.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to “suspend all athletics programs within the student activity fee and general operating budgets for FY 2022 with a mid-year evaluation focusing on enrollment and available resources”. Dr. Carranza seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Elizondo voted against.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to “temporarily implement a wellness program to benefit the community college and review periodically utilizing the student activity fund”. Judge Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to “update the Ad Hoc Committee and its members on action taken by the Board relating to the athletic and wellness program”. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion. Each Board member voiced the difficult decision on the action taken by the Board. Ms. Zepeda called for the vote; motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Ms. Zepeda noted that the next meeting is on Thursday, May 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 p.m., Dr. Carranza moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.