



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The workshop of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Monday, November 29, 2021, beginning 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President
Jorge “JD” Delgado, Vice President
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary
Cynthia Mares (*arrived at 6:22 p.m.*)
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.
Karina “Kari” Elizondo
Tita C. Vela (*arrived at 6:23 p.m.*)

OTHERS

Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, M.S., Ed.D.
Rusty Meurer
David Arreazola, Ed.D.
Fred Solis, Ed.D.
Cesar E. Vela Jr.
Jaime Don Juan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Esteban Rangel (*at 6:18 p.m., participated via telephone call – as per Texas Government Code Sec. 551.122, a Board member participating by telephone conference call is considered absent from the meeting for purposes of Section 130.0845, Education Code*)

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.

Ms. Zepeda noted that this is a Board Workshop and no action will be taken tonight.

**ATHLETICS PROGRAM
CONSIDERATIONS
REVIEW LAREDO
COLLEGE’S MISSION AND
VISION – DR. DAVID
ARREAZOLA**

Dr. David Arreazola, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, went over Laredo College’s mission statement and vision statement which were developed in 2018 in conjunction with community members, students, dual credit students, online students, faculty, and staff. He went over initiatives that support the vision statement.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged that Mr. Rangel has joined the meeting via telephone call.

**REVIEW DEMOGRAPHICS
OF LAREDO COLLEGE’S
ENROLLMENT – DR. FRED
SOLIS**

Dr. Fred Solis, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment, reported on enrollment of non-dual and dual credit students from Fall 2009 – Fall 2021 and demographic changes.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Mares.

Dr. Solis answered questions from the Board. Ms. Elizondo noted for the record that based on Dr. Solis' presentation, enrollment at Laredo College has averaged 9,475 for the last 13 years.

**DISCUSS RETAINING
EXTERNAL FINANCIAL
CONSULTANT TO EVALUATE
THE SUSTAINABILITY OF
ATHLETICS PROGRAMS –
MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance, presented options to evaluate the sustainability of athletics programs (hire CPA firm to review the athletics programs or hire a firm that does review of programs). The estimated cost would be \$15,000 - \$20,000. Mr. Vela and Dr. Arreazola answered questions from the Board.

**REVIEW LAREDO
COLLEGE'S FY2022
BUDGET – MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Vela went over the major initiatives impacting the budget, student activity fee revenues, budgets for athletics, programs/services funded by student activity fees, and budgets for programs/services funded by student activity fees. Ms. Elizondo noted for the record that based on previously presented information, enrollment since 2014 increased by 2,000 students. Mr. Vela noted that the number is total enrollment which includes dual enrollment students and fees are generated by semester credit hours taken not headcount. Mr. Vela and Dr. Solis answered questions from the Board.

**PRESENTATION ON THE
SPORTS OF THE LAREDO
COLLEGE ATHLETICS
PROGRAM – COACH JAIME
DON JUAN**

Mr. Jaime Don Juan, HSOC/Assistant Athletic Director and Men's & Women's Tennis Coach, made a presentation on the Laredo College Athletics Mission and the Role of Athletics (mission, philosophy, vision, student-athlete demographics, prospective student-athletes, attendance, student interest/recruiting, and waiting lists). He answered questions from the Board.

**DISCUSS OPTIONS
PERTAINING TO THE
FUTURE OF THE
ATHLETICS PROGRAM – DR.
MARISELA RODRIGUEZ
TIJERINA/MR. CESAR VELA**

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Interim President, and Mr. Vela presented three athletics program options and Administration's recommendation due to financial and other concerns indicated in the presentation. Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina, Mr. Vela, Dr. Solis, and Mr. Don Juan answered questions from the Board. Ms. Elizondo stated that she will put an item on the December Board meeting agenda regarding the student activity fee pertaining to athletics. Ms. Zepeda requested that both presentations be sent out to all Board members.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, November 30 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:08 p.m., Ms. Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.