



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, October 14, 2021, beginning at 6:01 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 6:07 p.m.*)
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.
Esteban Rangel (*arrived at 6:07 p.m.*)
Karina “Kari” Elizondo
Tita C. Vela (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)

OTHERS

Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, M.S., Ed.D.
Rusty Meurer
Fred Solis, Ed.D.
Cliffe Killam
Myron Dornic

MEMBERS ABSENT

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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.

**RECOGNITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, AND
INTRODUCTIONS OF
PERSONNEL**

INTRODUCTIONS OF PERSONNEL – Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Interim President, announced the Interim Dean of South, Ms. Beatriz Gutierrez.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION**

**APPROVAL OF THE SPRING
2022 ENROLLMENT
INCENTIVE – DR. FRED SOLIS**

Dr. Fred Solis, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment, asked that the Board of Trustees approve the Spring 2022 Enrollment Incentive as presented which will be covered through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF).

INFORMATION ITEMS

**SELECTED COMMITTEE
FOR REVIEW OF THE
REQUESTS FOR
QUALIFICATIONS FOR
INTERNAL ARCHITECT – DR.
MARISELA RODRIGUEZ
TIJERINA**

Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina informed the Board that the committee selected to review the requests for qualifications for internal architect is the Building Committee, Mr. Orlando Zepeda, Director of Plant Operations & Maintenance, and Mr. Eluid Valdez, Physical Plant Supervisor (South). The rankings will be brought to the Board for approval.

Ms. Zepeda announced the presence of Mr. Rangel and Ms. Mares.

Judge Martinez made a motion to move up Item 8.A. - *Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Participating in The City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 2, Also Known as The Coves at*

Winfield for discussion. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY OF LAREDO TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) NO. 2, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COVES AT WINFIELD

Mr. Cliffe Killam, Killam Development, presented information on the TIRZ No. 2 (location, proposed development, project costs, financing overview, 2017 vs. 2021 comparison, projected tax base growth, projected Laredo College District tax revenue, proposed LC north building, and actions required). Mr. Killam, Mr. Rusty Meurer, college attorney, and Mr. Myron Dornic, Killam legal counsel, answered questions from the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to go into executive session on the following items:

- Closed Session Meeting with the College District's Attorney Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to Discuss The City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 2, Also Known as The Coves at Winfield
- Closed Session Consultation with the College District's Attorney Concerning Retaining Special Legal Counsel for Pending Title IX Complaints Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:52 p.m. Ms. Zepeda noted that no action was taken in executive session.

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Mr. Rangel moved to approve pursuant that both entities' legal counsel meet and make proper modifications to the contract. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Mares, Ms. Vela, and Ms. Zepeda voted against.

RETAIN SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PENDING TITLE IX COMPLAINTS

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve as discussed in executive session. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., Dr. Carranza moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.