



**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
Laredo, Texas

The Special Board Meeting & Budget Workshop of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President  
Jorge “JD” Delgado, Vice President  
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary  
*(arrived at 6:08 p.m.)*  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.  
Esteban Rangel *(arrived at 6:09 p.m.)*  
Tita C. Vela  
Karina “Kari” Elizondo

OTHERS

Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, M.S., Ed.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Lynda Gomez  
Cesar E. Vela, Jr. *(participated via Zoom)*  
Luz Cadena *(participated via Zoom)*  
David V. Arreazola, Ed.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Mares

**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**

**APRIL 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. CESAR VELA/MS. LYNDA GOMEZ**

Ms. Lynda Gomez, Director of Accounting, reviewed the following financial information for the report as of April 2022: general operating revenues are \$55.6 million and expenditures are \$36.3 million.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Leven-Ramos and Mr. Rangel.

Ms. Gomez continued to report that the Facilities Master Plan Phase III balance is \$19.6; tax collections are \$38.1 million; general operating fund balance is \$14.3 million; total investments and deposits are \$119 million. Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance, explained the fund balance and bond ratings.

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (TASB) PAY MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS – MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Vela introduced Ms. Luz Cadena, TASB Senior HR & Compensation Consultant, who Laredo College has contracted to annually review Laredo College’s compensation plan. Ms. Cadena presented Laredo College Pay System Maintenance (TASB Pay Study Process, Market Pay Strategy, Market Sources, Other Market Sources, Market Review – Faculty, Faculty Market – Master’s, Faculty Market – Doctorate, Market Comparison – Others, Recommendations - Proposed

Faculty Salary Plan, Proposed Faculty Ranges, and, Cost – Model 3.0% GPI). Ms. Cadena and Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina, Interim President, answered questions from the Board. Ms. Leven-Ramos noted for the record that every college has a different tax base. Laredo College has a tax base of only the city limits and limited legislative funding.

**PRESENTATION OF  
PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF  
THE FY2023 BUDGET – MR.  
CESAR VELA**

Mr. Vela presented a preliminary draft of the FY2023 budget, which is not a balanced budget but work continues to present a balanced budget. Information presented was on: Enrollment Data and Fund Balance Information, Budget Objectives, Budget Objectives, Budget Assumptions, Funding Sources, Initial Budget Requests, Projected Revenue, Budget Committee Recommendations, Tax Rate and Valuation Information, and Calendar Timeline. Discussion took place.

**APPROVAL TO USE FY 2022  
SAVINGS TO PURCHASE FY  
2023 EQUIPMENT – MR.  
CESAR VELA**

Mr. Vela presented the Board with a list of equipment totaling \$1,314,615 and asked for approval to use FY2022 savings. Mr. Martinez moved to approve. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Dr. David Arreazola, Interim Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, noted that they are working on additional security requests. A special Board meeting will be scheduled for approval of these requests. Ms. Zepeda called for the vote; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:51 p.m., Mr. Rangel moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.