



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 17, 2023, beginning at 6:06 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President
Jorge "JD" Delgado, Vice President
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary
Erica Benavides Garcia
Cindy Liendo (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)
Tita C. Vela

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.
Rusty Meurer
Patricia Barrera

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mercurio Martinez, Jr. (*participated via telephone conference 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*)

Esteban Rangel (*participated via telephone conference 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*)

Karina "Kari" Elizondo

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE – MR. CESAR VELA

Ms. Zepeda indicated that the Board was convening the Public Hearing on the proposed 2023 Laredo College Property Tax Rate. She presided as Chair of the hearing and provided the following information:

- The notice of tonight's public hearing was published on August 9, 2023, as required by Texas Tax Code Chapter 26.
- The Laredo College 2023 property tax rate is proposed to be set at \$0.267675 per \$100.00 valuation of taxable property, of which \$0.220895 shall be for maintenance and operations and \$0.046780 shall be for debt retirement.

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, noted that the notice of the public hearing was published according to the law.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Liendo.

Ms. Zepeda asked if there were any proponents and opponents of the 2023 tax rate to present their views to the Board of Trustees. No one presented their views regarding the 2023 proposed property tax rate.

Ms. Zepeda announced that the Board is scheduled to adopt the Laredo College proposed 2023 property tax rate and the proposed FY 2023-24 budget during the Board's regular meeting on August 24, 2023, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the hearing. Ms. Leven-Ramos and Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion carried. Ms. Zepeda announced that the Laredo College Public Hearing on the 2023 proposed property tax rate is closed.

The special Board meeting and Budget Workshop of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 3, 2023, beginning at 6:13 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105 at the Fort McIntosh Campus.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

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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.

3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF DUAL CREDIT TUITION WAIVER – DR. MINITA RAMÍREZ

Dr. Minita Ramirez, President, presented information on House Bill 8 and dual credit instruction. Administration is proposing for approval a tuition waiver for tuition and fees for this year to the school district as part of the dual credit program with Laredo College. Mr. Delgado moved to approve the dual credit tuition waiver. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OF THE FY2024 BUDGET – MR. CESAR VELA

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance & Administration, presented a draft of the FY2023 proposed budget, which included planning factors, general operating revenue, resources of revenue, budget

request adjustments, general operating expenditures, expenditures by classification, tax rate, and FY 2024 annual operating budget-all funds.

Dr. Ramirez reported on:

- TASB/TACCA post-legislative update
- First class day on Monday
- Orientation
- Welcome week
- Convocation
- Graduation

6. NEXT MEETING DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS: Thursday, August 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023; 9:00 a.m. – PNC Marker Unveiling

7. ADJOURNMENT At 6:49 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rangel and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.