



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, beginning at 12:01 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

Mr. Delgado called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President

Jorge "JD" Delgado, Vice President

Erica Benavides Garcia

Cindy Liendo

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Esteban Rangel (*arrived at 12:04 p.m.*)

Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.

Rusty Meurer (*participated via Zoom*)

Cesar E. Vela, Jr.

Diana Y. Ortiz, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary

Karina "Kari" Elizondo

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

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Mr. Rangel.

**4.A. APPROVAL OF
RUBEN GARCIA
BUILDING CHILL WATER
LINE REPLACEMENT –
MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President for Finance and Administration, requested that the Board approve a contract with Daikin in the amount of \$153,465.00 to replace the chill water line at the Ruben Garcia Building. Funds will come from the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Ms. Liendo moved to approve. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

**4.B. APPROVAL OF P-14
BUILDING EXTERIOR
REPAIRS – MR. CESAR
VELA**

Mr. Vela requested that the Board approve a contract with American Contracting & Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$180,000.00 for the exterior repairs to Building P-14. Funds for this project are coming from the deferred maintenance fund balance. He answered questions from the Board. Mr. Rangel moved to approve. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion carried (Mr. Delgado opposed).

**4.C. APPROVAL OF
MOORE VOCATIONAL
BUILDING ROOF
REPAIRS – MR. CESAR
VELA**

Mr. Vela requested that the Board approve a contract with American Contracting and Roofing in the amount of \$434,850.15 for Moore Vocational Building roof improvements and a transfer of \$435,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to the Deferred Maintenance Project to

cover the cost of the project. Mr. Martinez moved to approve. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried (Mr. Delgado opposed).

5. NEXT MEETING DATE & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 30, 2023, 4:00 p.m. – College of Health Sciences Open House

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – LC Employees’ Thanksgiving Luncheon (Fort McIntosh Campus)

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – LC Employees’ Thanksgiving Luncheon (South Campus)

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

November 20 – 24, 2023 – Thanksgiving holidays

Friday, December 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – LC Winter Dance

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 7:30 a.m. – LC Golf Classic

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:16 p.m., Mr. Rangel moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion.

Dr. Diana Y. Ortiz, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, reminded the Board of the API check presentation on Thursday, November 2nd, at 11:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn carried.