



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 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.

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 (*arrived at
6:06 p.m.*)

Cindy Liendo (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Esteban Rangel

Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela

Karina "Kari" Elizondo (*participated
via Zoom then arrived in person at 6:15
p.m.; left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.*)

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.

Rusty Meurer (*participated via Zoom*)

Cesar E. Vela, Jr.

Patricia Barrera

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

**4.A. TAKE ACTION ON
TAX RATE TO DISCUSS,
TAKE A RECORD VOTE,
SCHEDULE A PUBLIC
HEARING AND MEETING
TO ADOPT A TAX RATE –**

*MR. CESAR VELA/MS.
PATRICIA BARRERA*

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance and Administration, noted that the Board will review the no-new-revenue tax rate, the voter-approval tax rate, and the proposed tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, presented the Truth in Taxation calculations and tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Liendo and Ms. Benavides Garcia.

Ms. Barrera indicated that the Board needs to take a record vote on the tax rate and set the date, time, and place of the meeting to adopt the tax rate.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved that the Laredo College Board of Trustees approve the proposed 2024 property tax rate as presented by the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector and Mr. Vela, and schedule a

meeting to adopt the property tax rate. The meeting to adopt the 2024 property tax will take place on August 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A record vote was taken.

FOR the proposal
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Jorge "JD" Delgado
Esteban Rangel

Cindy Liendo Lupita Zepeda
Erica Benavides Garcia
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

AGAINST the proposal
—

PRESENT and not voting.
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NOT PRESENT
Karina Elizondo

Motion carried.

Ms. Barrera asked for a vote on the proposed tax rate. Mr. Vela indicated that the proposed tax rate for the next fiscal year is .242418, which is the no revenue tax rate. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to amend her motion to approve the proposed 2024 property tax rate of .242418 as presented by the Webb County Tax Assessor Collector and Mr. Vela and schedule a meeting to adopt the property tax rate. The meeting to adopt the 2024 property tax will take place on August 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion.

Ms. Zepeda acknowledged the presence of Ms. Elizondo. A record vote was taken.

FOR the proposal
Cindy Liendo
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela
Lupita Zepeda
Erica Benavides Garcia
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Karina Elizondo
Jackie Leven-Ramos
Jorge "JD" Delgado
Esteban Rangel

AGAINST the proposal
—

PRESENT and not voting.
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ABSENT
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Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Barrera noted that she will present the corrected tax roll at the August 22, 2024 meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., Mr. Rangel moved to go into executive session on the following items:

- Agenda Item 5.A. - Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning Laredo College President's 2023 – 2024 Annual Evaluation
- Agenda Item 5.B. - Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning Laredo College President's Employment Contract

Mr. Delgado and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:46 p.m. Ms. Zepeda noted that no action was taken during executive session and will take appropriate action on items if necessary as discussed in closed session.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**6.A. LAREDO COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S 2023 - 2024
ANNUAL EVALUATION**

Mr. Delgado moved to approve and adopt the Board's annual evaluation of the Laredo College President. Ms. Elizondo and Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**6.B. LAREDO COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Mr. Delgado moved to extend the Laredo College President's employment contract by three (3) additional years and compensation be increased as discussed in executive session. Ms. Leven-Ramos and Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE &
UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – Associate Degree Nursing & Vocational Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Friday, August 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – Graduation Ceremonies

Monday, August 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – LC Fall 2024 Convocation at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Monday, August 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – LC Employee Recognition Ceremony at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – Eduardo Garza Check Presentation

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

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