



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The retreat of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Saturday, June 22, 2024, beginning at 9:05 a.m. in the Private David B. Barkeley Cantu Memorial Chapel located at the Laredo College Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Zepeda called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Zepeda called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lupita Zepeda, President

Jorge "JD" Delgado, Vice President

Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary
(arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Cindy Liendo

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Karina "Kari" Elizondo

Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.

Guillermo Garcia

Martha Ellis, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Erica Benavides Garcia

Esteban Rangel

Ms. Zepeda announced that a quorum of the members was present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

WELCOME – BOARD
*PRESIDENT MS. LUPITA
ZEPEDA AND DR. MINITA
RAMIREZ*

Ms. Zepeda and Dr. Ramirez welcomed the trustees, Dr. Martha Ellis, Senior Pathways Lead/Retreat Facilitator, and Mr. Guillermo Garcia, College Attorney, to the retreat.

**SETTING THE STAGE FOR
OUR TIME TOGETHER** –
*MARTHA ELLIS, PH.D., SENIOR
PATHWAYS LEAD - TEXAS
SUCCESS CENTER*

Dr. Ellis noted that she will go over strategic governance, the challenges, and national trends in Board professional development.

PURPOSE DRIVEN BOARD GOVERNANCE

- **THE COLLEGE MISSION AND VISION**
- **WHO WE ARE AND THE PERSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BRING**
- **WHAT THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS ITS ROLE TO BE AND ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT**
- **HOW WE PRIORITIZE AND DECIDE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

Dr. Ellis went over the purpose of college governing Boards, student success, the work of the Board, Board responsibility, community college reform, the Board self-evaluation, and the Board/CEO relationship.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.

Discussion took place on Board decisions.

LUNCH BREAK

At 11:48 a.m., Mr. Martinez moved to break for lunch. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Board reconvened the retreat at 1:02 p.m.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- DATA
- BUDGETS
- BOARD POLICY

Dr. Ellis went over monitoring what matters, Talent Strong Texas Pathways Framework, budget, and allocation of resources.

PAINTING THE PICTURE OF THE FUTURE

- TEXAS HOUSE BILL 8 DISCUSSION
- OTHER LEGISLATION DISCUSSION
- IMPACT ON HOW THE BOARD DECIDES AND GUIDES THE COLLEGE

Dr. Ellis informed the Board of House Bill 8 (performance and funding), Senate Bill 17, Senate Bill 42, and House Bill 1361.

NEXT STEPS AND WRAP-UP

Dr. Ramírez reminded the Board to submit their self-evaluation and Ms. Zepeda reminded the Board to submit the President's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:06 p.m., Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion carried.