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**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting of Laredo College**  
**Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

In compliance with state law, the public is hereby notified that the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District will have a regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2025, 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, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas. One or more Board members may attend and participate in the regular meeting by telephone or videoconference. Laredo College District intends to and will have a quorum of the Board of Trustees present in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room.

Members of the public and Laredo College employees who wish to view a live-stream of the Board meeting may access it by clicking on the following YouTube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/@laredopalominos>

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of December 5, 2024
4. Public Testimony – *Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up in person at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. An individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.*
5. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Mr. Ruben Villarreal*
  - 5.A. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 2024 Star Award Recipient for Workforce Development (Continuing Education Department)
  - 5.B. Recognition of a Faculty Member Obtaining Certified Welding Inspector Certification
  - 5.C. Introduction of Personnel/Personnel Actions
6. Faculty Senate Report – *Dr. Gilberto Martinez*
7. Laredo College Student Government Association Report – *Ms. Lindsey Ballesteros*
8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 8.A. Program/Policy Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
  - 8.B. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela*
  - 8.C. Building Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Cindy Liendo*

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.A. FY 2024 Audit – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Eli Mendoza, Garza Gonzalez and Associates LLC*
- 9.B. November 2024 Financial Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Richard Long, Valley View Consulting*
- 9.C. Authorization to Enter into Contractual Agreement with Retail Electricity Provider – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Marco Arredondo, Professional Utility Rate and Energy Consultant*
- 9.D. Approval to Allow College President to Negotiate Building Lease Agreement Extension with Gateway Community Health Center for Laredo College South Campus College of Health Sciences Clinic – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 9.E. Approval for the Purchase of Equipment for Continuing Education – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 9.F. Approval for Purchase of Two (2) GE Voluson S8 Ultrasound Machines – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 9.G. Approval for the Purchase of Tactical Moving Structure for the Police Academy – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 9.H. Approval for the Purchase of Networking Equipment for Building P-28 – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 9.I. Approval of Renewal of DIR Contract with Sequel Data Systems for Cloud Backup Services – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 9.J. Approval for Classroom Technology Refresh of Hachar Building – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 9.K. Approval of Budgeted Cash Matching Funds Required for a Grant Application to be Submitted on Behalf of Laredo College by the Grants Department. The 2025-2026 Texas Workforce Commission JET (JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS) Grant Application for \$350,000 in Equipment Funding and Software for the Laredo College Truck Driving Program Requires \$17,500 in Cash Match Funds Over a One-Year Grant Performance Period – *Mr. Gabriel Lozano*
- 9.L. Resolution Requesting that the Laredo College Board of Trustees Approves the Submission of a Grant Application by the Laredo College Grants Office to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office for the 2024-2025 Operation Stonegarden Project for a Total of \$78,300 in Funding – *Mr. Gabriel Lozano*
- 9.M. Approval of Donor Requested Endowment Matching Funds – *Dr. Diana Y. Ortiz*
- 9.N. Approval of Time Extension for Arechiga Hall and Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Construction Projects – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Homer Paez*
- 9.O. TASB Board Policy Update 48: Review Updated LEGAL Policies and Act on LOCAL Policies (see list below) – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
- | POLICY  | ACTION  |
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| CAK(LOCAL): APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE SOURCES - INVESTMENTS                  | Replace |
| CDE(LOCAL): ACCOUNTING - FINANCIAL ETHICS                                     | Replace |
| DHB(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING | Replace |
| FAA(LOCAL): EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY - PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS   | Replace |
- 9.P. Review and Approve Modifications to LC Board Policy CLA(LOCAL)- FACILITIES PLANNING: FACILITIES STANDARDS – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 10.A. Tenure Recommendations for Consideration and Approval by Laredo College Board of Trustees – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 10.B. Approval of Construction Contract for the Veterans Center Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 10.C. Approval of Construction Contract for Demolition of P7&8 and West Annex Buildings – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 10.D. Approval of Board Member(s) Travel and Reimbursement of Reasonable Travel Expenses to the Board of Trustees Institute as per Laredo College Board Policies BBG(LOCAL): Board Members, Compensation and Expenses, and BBH(LOCAL): Board Members, Conventions, Conferences, and Workshops – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 10.E. Appointing an Individual to Represent the Laredo College District as a Member of the Board of Directors of The City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 2 Also Known as The Coves at Winfield – *Mr. Esteban Rangel/Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
- 10.F. Honoring Former Members of the Laredo College Board of Trustees, Ms. Lupita Zepeda and Mr. JD Delgado – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
- 10.G. The Tax Exempt Status of CPS Energy and CPS Energy's Proposed Agreement for Payments In Lieu of Taxes to be Made to Laredo College. Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to Receive Legal Advice from Counsel – *Mr. Rusty Meurer*
- 10.H. Election of Board Parliamentarian as Authorized by Policy BCA(LEGAL)- BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION: BOARD OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11.A. Appointment of Laredo College Board Committees – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*
- 11.B. Report on SACSCOC Conference – *Mr. Esteban Rangel/Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela/Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia/Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 11.C. Report on 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Opening Day – *Mr. Esteban Rangel/Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos/Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela/Ms. Cindy Liendo/Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia/Ms. Adriana Alexander/Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 11.D. Notification of Employee Compensation During Closure Due to Inclement Weather as Per Laredo College Policy DEA(LOCAL)-COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: COMPENSATION PLAN – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 11.E. Foreign Trade Zone Designation Request – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 11.F. Student Success Report – *Dr. Fred Solis/Ms. Jessica Treviño*
- 11.G. Announcement of Geraldine Smith Hailey and Eleonor Smith Hailey Endowment for Nursing Program – *Dr. Diana Y. Ortiz*

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 12.A. Discussion with Laredo College Attorney to Receive Legal Advice Relating to Laredo College Ad Valorem Tax Collections, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 13.A. Laredo College Ad Valorem Tax Collections

14. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

14.A. Campus Police, Personnel, and Travel Reports – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*

14.B. President's Remarks – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*

15. Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

16. Adjournment

***Board members may meet informally prior to the start of the meeting. Although a quorum may be present, no College business is discussed.***

Public Notice is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed in the agenda when authorized by provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D and E, regardless of whether the particular agenda item identifies a potential closed meeting.