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**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting of Laredo College**  
**Wednesday, July 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 Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Adolfo C. and Maria de Jesus De La Garza Building Room 101, at the Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas. Laredo College District intends to and will have a quorum of the Board of Trustees present in the Adolfo C. and Maria de Jesus De La Garza Building Room 101.

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. 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.*
4. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Mr. Ruben Villarreal*
  - 4.A. Emergency Medical Services Program Receives Continued Accreditation
  - 4.B. Student Recognition – *Ms. Karen Hinojosa*
  - 4.C. Introduction of Personnel/Personnel Actions
5. Faculty Advisory – *Dr. Gilberto Martinez*
6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 6.A. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela*
  - 6.B. Program/Policy Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
7. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - 7.A. Student Success Report – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Ms. Jessica Treviño*
  - 7.B. National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO) Annual Conference Report – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*
  - 7.C. Foreign Trade Zone Designation Request – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of May 29, 2025 and the Board Budget Workshop of June 25, 2025
- 8.B. Approval of Donor Requested Endowment Matching Funds – *Mr. Rene Gonzalez*
- 8.C. June 2025 Financial Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.D. May 2025 Quarterly Investment Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.E. Approval for Purchase of Anatomage Table for the Natural Sciences Department – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.F. Approval of Contract for Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.G. Approval for Purchase of Air Compressor for Diesel Shop Expansion Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.H. Approval to Purchase Annual Licenses for Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus Monitor – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.I. Approval for the Purchase of Equipment for the Transportation Technology Program – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.J. Approval for the Purchase of Ellucian Journey Software – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.K. Approval for the Purchase of Furniture for the Forensic Sciences Program – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.L. Approval for the Purchase Table for De La Garza 101 Board Room – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.M. Approval for Argos Software License Agreement and Maintenance Extension – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 8.N. Approval of Modifications to Laredo College Board Policy CAK(LOCAL) - APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE SOURCES: INVESTMENTS – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.O. Approval of Laredo College Police Dispatch Consoles. Possible Closed Session Discussion as Permitted by Government Code §551.076 – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 9.A. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Following Matters Related to Appraisal Roll and Tax Rate – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Ms. Patricia Barrera*
  - 9.A.1. Approve the 2025 Certification of the Appraisal Roll
  - 9.A.2. Approve the Anticipated Collections for 2025 of 100%
- 9.B. Approval of Designated Non-Business Days for Open Records Request – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
- 9.C. Ratification of Laredo College Board of Trustees Letter of Support for the Aspen-Presidents & Trustees Collaborative – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*
- 9.D. Discuss Provisions of Texas Senate Bill 37 Requiring Abolishment of the Faculty Senate in its Current Form, Act as Needed to Form a New Faculty Representative Organization, and Change Laredo College Board Policy BGC(LOCAL) and Board Regulation BD(REGULATION) – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 9.E. Adopt a Resolution Abolishing Faculty Senate in Accordance with the Mandates of Texas Senate Bill 37 – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*

- 9.F. Approve a Timeline for the Creation of a Faculty Council Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 37, Including Dates to Adopt a Board Policy that Incorporates Requirements of Senate Bill 37, Appoint Members, and Establish an Effective Date – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.A. Meeting with the Laredo College President and Laredo College Attorney Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.071 to discuss a Recommendation for a Reduction in Force Due to a Program Change Resulting from a Termination or Curtailment in Federal and State Government Funding Sources
- 10.B. Closed Session Meeting Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to Discuss with Laredo College President and Laredo College Attorney Legal Issues Related to Delegation of Authority to the College President to Conduct Reductions in Force When Federal or State Grant Funding is Terminated or Curtailed and Discuss Modifying Laredo College Board Policy DMC(LOCAL): TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT-REDUCTION IN FORCE to Enable the Delegation
- 10.C. Discussion to Review the Board Self-Evaluation Results as Required by Board Policy BCG(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - BOARD EVALUATION and by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 11.A. Approve Recommendation for a Reduction in Force Due to a Program Change Resulting from a Termination or Curtailment in Federal and State Government Funding Sources
- 11.B. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Laredo College Board Policy DMC(LOCAL): TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT – REDUCTION IN FORCE, to Authorize the College President to Act Without Prior Board Approval Solely in Cases of Confirmed Loss or Curtailment of Federal or State Grant Funds, Provided that Such Actions are Subject to Case-By-Case Legal Review and Reporting to the Board at the Next Regular Meeting
- 11.C. Review the Board Self-Evaluation Results as Required by Board Policy BCG(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - BOARD EVALUATION and by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation

12. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

- 12.A. Campus Police, Personnel, and Travel Reports – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*
- 12.B. President's Remarks – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*

13. Upcoming Events: July 29 – August 2, 2025 – FlamencoFest

Thursday, July 31, 2025, 3:00 p.m. – IME Becas  
Memorandum of Understanding Signing at the Elpha Lee  
West Building Board Room

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – Association Nursing Degree and Vocational Nursing Pinning Ceremony at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Friday, August 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – Summer Graduation at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Monday, August 11, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Convocation at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

14. Next Meeting Dates: Thursday, August 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

15. 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.