



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The regular monthly meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Monday, April 28, 2025, beginning at 6:01 p.m. in Adolfo C. and Maria de Jesus De La Garza Building Room 101 at the Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rangel called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Esteban Rangel, President

Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, Vice President

Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary

Cindy Liendo, Parliamentarian
(arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Erica Benavides Garcia

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Adriana Alexander

Lizzy Newsome

Karina "Kari" Elizondo (arrived at
6:38 p.m.)

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.

Rusty Meurer

Ruben Villarreal

Gilberto Martinez, Jr., Ed.D.

Lindsey Ballesteros

Julio Reyes

Robert Burrier

Sandra Garza

Emma Rodriguez

Yesenia Sandoval

Jessica Treviño

Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Ed.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

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3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up for public testimony.

4. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS – MR. RUBEN VILLARREAL

**4.A. LAREDO COLLEGE
LEAPS POWER STUDENTS'
PARTICIPATION AT THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH (NCUR) 2025**

Laredo College LEAPS POWER program students had the distinct honor of presenting their undergraduate research projects at the 2025 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), held in April in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Board recognized the students: Andres Cabello, Ciara Cano, Carolina Estrella, Alexis Guajardo, Karla Salas, and Maria De Los Angeles Reyes.

**4.B. INTRODUCTION OF
PERSONNEL/PERSONNEL
ACTIONS**

The new hires/personnel actions for the month were announced - Montserrat N. Hernandez Ramirez, Admissions Specialist I; Kristina Ramirez Guerra, Patrol Officer; Johnny L. Santos, Automotive Lab Assistant; Jorge A. Mata, Help Desk Technician; Laura G. Lagunes, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor; Danny Zaragoza, Photographer/Public Relations; and Claudia E. Saenz, Logistics/Distribution Management Instructor/Logistics/Distribution Management Program Coordinator.

Ms. Leven-Ramos acknowledged the presence of Ms. Liendo.

5. FACULTY SENATE REPORT – DR. GILBERTO MARTINEZ, JR.

Dr. Gilberto Martinez, Jr., Faculty Senate President, reported on:

- Math Awareness event
- Faculty Senate resolutions
- Faculty Senate elections
- BASHEART degree

- Dance concert

6. LAREDO COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT – MS. LINDSEY BALLESTEROS

Ms. Lindsey Ballesteros, Student Government Association President, provided an update on SGA activities (TRIO SSS scholarships, LC Spring Expo and Health Fair, National Library Week, LC Car Show, Student Life awards, Easter break, Earth Day, Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month, Paws for a Cause, Logistics and Distribution students' visit, and De-Stress Week).

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MS. CINDY LIENDO

Ms. Liendo summarized the Building Committee meeting held on April 24th.

7.B. FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MS. ERNESTINA “TITA” CANTU VELA

Ms. Vela summarized the Finance & Audit Committee meeting held on April 24th.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.A. UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EARLY COLLEGE END OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION – MR. JULIO REYES

Mr. Julio Reyes, Director of Recruitment and Dual Enrollment, introduced UISD Early College Program Deans - Mr. Robert Burrier, United South High School; Ms. Sandra Garza, United High School; Ms. Emma Rodriguez, Alexander High School; Ms. Yesenia Sandoval, LBJ High School, who presented information from their respective early college programs.

Ms. Leven-Ramos acknowledged the presence of Ms. Elizondo.

8.B. COMMENCEMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORT – MS. JESSICA TREVIÑO/MR. JULIO REYES

Ms. Jessica Treviño, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, provided the Enrollment Update (timeline, enrollments for Spring 2025, Summer Session I & II 2025, Fall 2025, and continuing education).

Mr. Reyes provided a Dual Credit Overview (the impact, enrollment comparison, pathways, and what is in progress).

Ms. Treviño provided a Commencement Update.

8.C. REPORT ON ELLUCIAN LIVE 2025 CONFERENCE – MR. ESTEBAN RANGEL/DR. MINITA RAMÍREZ

Dr. Minita Ramirez, President, and Mr. Esteban Rangel, Board President, provided a recap of their travel to the Ellucian Live 2025 Conference.

8.D. NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL TO NALEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE JULY 22 – 24, 2025, 2025 COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TRUSTEES (CCATT) ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 11 – 13, 2025, AND 2025 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) LEADERSHIP CONGRESS OCTOBER 22 - 25, 2025, AS PER LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD POLICIES BBG(LOCAL)-

Dr. Ramirez announced upcoming conferences for any Board members interested in attending.

**BOARD MEMBERS:
COMPENSATION AND
EXPENSES, AND
BBH(LOCAL)-BOARD
MEMBERS:
CONVENTIONS,
CONFERENCES, AND
WORKSHOPS – DR. MINITA
RAMIREZ**

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Liendo moved to approve all of the following items under Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 9.A. – Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of March 26, 2025
- Agenda Item 9.B. – March 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 9.C. – February 2025 Quarterly Investment Report
- Agenda Item 9.D. – Approval of Co-Bond Counsel Agreement
- Agenda Item 9.E. – Approval for Purchase of Ambulance for EMS Program
- Agenda Item 9.F. – Approval for the Purchase of Furniture for the Arechiga Hall Building
- Agenda Item 9.G. – Approval for Purchase of Network Equipment for Arechiga Hall
- Agenda Item 9.H. – Approval for Purchase of Equipment for the Transportation Technology Department
- Agenda Item 9.I. – Approval for the Purchase of Equipment for Continuing Education Department
- Agenda Item 9.J. – Approval of Endowment Matching Funds for The Oscar and Minerva Family Endowment as Per Donor's Request, Ms. Alma Carrillo and Carrillo Family

Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion; motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**10.A. APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR
UNITED INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BRIDGING ROADS TO
INDEPENDENCE,
DIPLOMAS, GRADUATION,
AND EMPLOYMENT
(BRIDGE) ACADEMY – DR.
MARISELA RODRIGUEZ
TIJERINA**

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the Memorandum of Understanding for United Independent School District Bridging Roads to Independence, Diplomas, Graduation, and Employment (BRIDGE) Academy. Ms. Elizondo moved to approve. Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed with Ms. Leven-Ramos abstaining (Ms. Newsome was not present for the vote).

**10.B. APPROVAL OF A
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH
LAREDO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
THE USE OF A SCHOOL
BUS – DR. MARISELA
RODRIGUEZ TIJERINA/MS.
SANDRA CORTEZ**

Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina presented the Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Independent School District for the use of a school bus for training and educational purposes. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve the MOU and authorize Dr. Ramirez to negotiate the pending terms of the agreement. Ms. Liendo and Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed with Mr. Rangel and Ms. Newsome abstaining.

11. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

**11.A. CAMPUS POLICE,
PERSONNEL, AND
TRAVEL REPORTS – DR.
MINITA RAMIREZ**

Reports were provided to the Board in the meeting materials.

**11.B. PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS – DR. MINITA
RAMIREZ**

Dr. Ramirez remarked on the following:

- upcoming pinning ceremonies
- Camilo Prada Child Development Center graduation
- Law Enforcement Academy graduation
- End of the year events
- Summer orientations
- New program requests

- Legislative bills

Mr. Rangel noted that a Board Budget Workshop is scheduled for June 7.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – A.D.N. Pinning Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – Allied Health Pinning Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 9, 2025 – LC Graduation Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Sames Auto Arena

Monday, May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day Holiday

13. NEXT MEETING DATES:

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Board Budget Workshop

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 p.m., Ms. Vela moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion carried.