LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The retreat of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Saturday, January 25, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Falcon Bank 3rd Floor Community Room (7718 McPherson Rd., Laredo, Texas 78045).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mr. Rangel called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL
ESTABLISH QUORUM Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS
Esteban Rangel, President	Minita Ramírez, Ph.D.
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, Vice President *(arrived at 9:25 a.m.)*	Rusty Meurer
	Juan Cruz
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary	Joe Benavides III
Erica Benavides Garcia *(arrived at 9:25 a.m.)*	Valeria Reyes
	David V. Arreazola, Ed.D.
Cindy Liendo *(arrived at 9:49 a.m.)*	Cesar E. Vela, Jr.
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	

MEMBERS ABSENT
Adriana Alexander
Lizzy Newsome
Karina "Kari" Elizondo

3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY No one signed up for public testimony.

The Board recessed from 9:02 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

Ms. Leven-Ramos recognized Ms. Benavides Garcia and Ms. Vela in attendance.

4. BOARD-PRESIDENT TEAM TRAINING CONDUCTED BY JCA LAW, PLLC

Mr. Juan Cruz, Mr. Joe Benavides III, and Ms. Valeria Reyes, attorneys at Law with JCA Law, PLLC, provided Board training which included information on Board policies & procedures; positive student outcomes; agenda items; powers, duties, and responsibilities; Board operating procedures and recommendations; communication; and Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Board took a break from 10:59 a.m. – 11:09 a.m.

More information was presented on closed meetings; public comment; succession plan; Robert's Rules of Order; avoiding criminal and official liability; gifts and bribes; political contributions; conflict of interest disclosure requirements; nepotism; LC's insurance coverage; and Board authority.

Mr. Cruz provided recommendations to the LC Board of Trustees Procedures Manual.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:48 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the retreat. Ms. Benavides Garcia and Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion carried.