



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus
Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 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 hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Adolfo C. and Maria de Jesus De La Garza Building Room 101 located 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>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
4. Adjournment

LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus
Regular Monthly Board Meeting of Laredo College
Thursday, August 20, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate

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, August 20, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate 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.

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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. The presiding officer may adjust the time allotted to each speaker. (LC Board Policy BDB(LOCAL)-Board Meetings: Public Participation)*
4. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Mr. Ruben Villarreal*
 - 4.A. Recognition of the Historic Milestone - Official Establishment of the Laredo College Police Department SWAT Team for Successful Completion of Specialized Training
 - 4.B. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Student Success Acceleration Program (SSAP) 3.0 Grant Award
 - 4.C. Recognition of Ms. Patricia J. Godines and Ms. Cristina Greco for 2026 FlamencoFest
5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 5.A. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela*
 - 5.B. Program/Policy Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
6. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 6.A. President's Annual Title IX Compliance Report – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
 - 6.B. Senate Bill 17 FY2026 Compliance Certification – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
 - 6.C. Report on the Aspen Collaborative/Counseling Taskforce – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Ms. Jessica Treviño*
 - 6.D. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Compliance Monitoring Review of the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Ms. Jessica Trevino/Mr. Steven Aguilar*
 - 6.E. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Project of Excellence Recognition – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Dr. Veronica Martinez*
 - 6.F. Laredo College Board of Trustees Elections Updates – *Dr. Veronica Martinez*
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 7.A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of July 30, 2026 and Special Called Board Meeting of August 6, 2026
 - 7.B. July 2026 Financial Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela*

- 7.C. Approval of Annual Subscription for the Library SirsiDynix Enterprise System – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 7.D. Approval of Online Subscription Services for the Yeary and Zaffirini Libraries – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 7.E. Approve Modifications to Laredo College Board Policy DMB(LOCAL)-TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: TENURE – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 7.F. Approve Modifications to Laredo College Board Policy DCB(LOCAL)-EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: TENURE – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
- 7.G. Approve Modifications to Laredo College Board Policy EGA(LOCAL)-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADING AND CREDIT Due to Prior Learning Assessment Initiative – *Dr. Heriberto Hernandez*
- 7.H. TASB Board Policy Update 51: Review Updated **LEGAL** Policies and Act on LOCAL Policies (see list below) – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*

LOCAL POLICIES

BBC(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE
 BGC(LOCAL): ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION - COUNCILS AND FACULTY SENATES
 CS(LOCAL): INFORMATION SECURITY
 FB(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS
 FDA(LOCAL): TUITION AND FEES - RESIDENCY

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- 7.I. Approval of Insurance Premium Renewals for Academic Year 2026-2027 – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
- 7.J. Approval of Budgeted Cash Matching Funds Required for a Grant Application for the Rio South Texas Education and Community Development Foundation to be Submitted on behalf of Laredo College by the Grants Department to Benefit the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership (BASORG) Program and Students – *Dr. Diana Y. Ortiz*

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 8.A. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
 - 8.A.1. Resolution Adopting FY 2027 Budget
 - 8.A.2. Resolution Adopting 2026 Property Tax Rate
 - 8.A.3. Resolution Authorizing Collection of General Use Fee and Expenditure of Funds for Fiscal Year 2027
- 8.B. Approve Proposed Amendment to Laredo College Board Policy BBD(LOCAL)BOARD MEMBERS: ORIENTATION AND TRAINING to Add the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Board Member Training Modules and Lessons to the List of Authorized Orientation and Training Content Topics – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*

9. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

- 9.A. Campus Police, Personnel, and Travel Reports – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 9.B. President's Remarks on Recent Happenings in the Community – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*

- 10. Next Meeting
 Dates: Saturday, August 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Special Called Board Workshop
 Thursday, September 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

11. Adjournment

Board members will meet informally for dinner prior to or after the meeting. Although a quorum may be present, no College business is discussed.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

On this day, August 14, 2026, this notice was posted to the Laredo College website at <https://www.laredo.edu/about/administration/board-of-trustees/agendas%20and%20meetings.html> and on a bulletin board located at the Elpha Lee West Building on the Laredo College District's Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

Dr. Minita Ramirez
President

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.