



**LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus
Regular Monthly Board Meeting of Laredo College
Tuesday, May 5, 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 have a regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 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. The presiding officer may adjust the time allotted to each speaker. (LC Board Policy BDB(LOCAL)-Board Meetings: Public Participation)*
4. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - 4.A. Laredo College Honors Students Participating in a Research Symposium at Texas A&M University at San Antonio – *Mr. Alan Webb*
 - 4.B. Division of Health Sciences Licensure Pass Rates – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
5. Laredo College Student Government Association Report – *Ms. Lindsey Ballesteros*
6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 6.A. Student Success Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia*
 - 6.B. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Ernestina “Tita” Cantu Vela*
 - 6.C. Building Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Cindy Liendo*
 - 6.D. Program/Policy Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
7. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 7.A. Renewal of Dual Post-Secondary Credit Partnership Agreement Between Laredo College and School Districts – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina/Dr. David Arreazola*
 - 7.B. United Independent School District Dual Credit End of The Year Presentation – *Mr. Julio Reyes*

- 7.C. Status Update of the Faculty Council's Adoption of a Constitution and Bylaws – *Ms. Lizzy Newsome*
 - 7.D. Update on the Faculty Council in Accordance with Senate Bill 37 – *Dr. Minita Ramirez/Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina/Ad Hoc Faculty Council Committee*
 - 7.E. Cooperative Agreement between City of Laredo Fire Department and Laredo College – *Dr. Minita Ramirez/Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina/Dr. Marissa Guerrero*
 - 7.F. Laredo College Open Educational Resources Virtual Summit Conducted by Division of Academic Innovation and Technology – *Dr. Elizabeth Rodriguez*
 - 7.G. Report on the Aspen Texas Presidents & Trustees Collaborative Meeting – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
 - 7.H. Notification of Travel to National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) 43rd Annual Conference July 14 – 16, 2026, as per Laredo College Board Policies BBG(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES, and BBH(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS – *Mr. Esteban Rangel*
 - 7.I. Notification of the Serving of Alcoholic Beverages at Laredo College Facilities, as per Laredo College Board Policy GDA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY EXPRESSION AND USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES-CONDUCT ON COLLEGE DISTRICT PREMISES – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
 - 7.J. Enrollment Report and Graduation – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Ms. Jessica Treviño*
8. CONSENT AGENDA
- 8.A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of March 26, 2026, and Board Workshop of April 11, 2026
 - 8.B. Approve Modifications to Laredo College DCB(LOCAL) Policy - EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: TENURE As Required by Senate Bill 18 – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
 - 8.C. Approve Modifications to Laredo College DMB(LOCAL) Policy - TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: TENURE As Required by Senate Bill 18 – *Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina*
 - 8.D. Approve Modifications to Laredo College DEC(LOCAL) Policy – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: LEAVES AND ABSENCES – *Ms. Veronica Cardenas*
 - 8.E. Approval of Associate of Science in Criminal Justice – *Dr. Heriberto Hernandez*
 - 8.F. Approval of Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement – *Dr. Heriberto Hernandez*
 - 8.G. Approval of the November 2025 Quarterly Investment Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Valley View Consulting*
 - 8.H. Approval of the February 2026 Quarterly Investment Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Valley View Consulting*
 - 8.I. March 2026 Financial Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
 - 8.J. Approval for the Purchase of Equipment for the Instructional Technology Center – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
 - 8.K. Approval of Donor Requested Endowment Matching Funds – *Mr. Rene Gonzalez*
 - 8.L. Approval of South Campus Electronic Door Access – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
 - 8.M. Approval of Change Order for Sewer Line Replacement Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Wicho Tijerina*

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 9.A. Approve an Amendment to the Resolution Requesting that the Laredo College Board of Trustees Approve the Submission of a Grant Application by the Laredo College Grants Office for \$78,152 for the 2026-2028 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office – *Mr. Gabriel Lozano*
- 9.B. Approve Modifications to Laredo College Board Policy BD(LOCAL) - BOARD MEETINGS – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
- 9.C. Approve Revisions to the Laredo College Board Procedures Manual – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
- 9.D. Approve Updating the Name of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Science Center to Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Center as per Laredo College Board Policy CLA(LOCAL) - FACILITIES PLANNING: FACILITIES STANDARDS – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 9.E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dual Enrollment Program Memoranda of Understanding Entered into with Other Educational Institutions, including Policies and Procedures for Developing, Reviewing and Revising Them – *Ms. Lizzy Newsome*
- 9.F. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Action Previously Adopted Regarding Laredo College’s Participation in and Contribution to the City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 – *Ms. Lizzy Newsome*
- 9.G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance with Board of Trustees Procedures Manual (Page 15), Including Agenda Submission Deadlines, Agenda Placement Authority, and the Consistent Application of Such Procedures. Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. – *Ms. Lizzy Newsome*
- 9.H. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Clarification of Trustee Communications with College Administration in a Non-Official Capacities. Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074. – *Ms. Lizzy Newsome*

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.A. Closed Session Meeting with Laredo College District Attorney to Discuss Legal Issues Related to Laredo College’s Participation In and Contribution to the City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1, and the Proposed Participation Agreement Between Laredo College and the City of Laredo. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- 10.B. Closed Session Meeting with College District Attorney to Discuss Legal Issues Related to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Notice of Interest – Property Located Near Planned Border Barrier Construction Projects, Including Board of Trustees’ Policies CAL(LEGAL) and CAL(LOCAL) — Appropriations and Revenue Sources: Sale, Trade, or Lease of College-Owned Property. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- 10.C. Discussion with Laredo College Attorney Involving Case Law Relating to the Accessibility of Cell Phone Logs and Other Data Under the Texas Public Information Act, Including the United States Supreme Court case *Fort Bend Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Paxton*, 2023 WL 4495224 (Tex. App.—Austin July 13, 2023), review denied (Tex. Jan. 31, 2025), reh’g of pet. for review denied (Tex. Sept. 19, 2025), cert. denied, 2026 WL 795154 (U.S. Mar. 23, 2026). Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

11.A. Approval of the Proposed Participation Agreement Between Laredo College and the City of Laredo for the City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1

11.B. Consider and Take Possible Action on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Notice of Interest – Property Located Near Planned Border Barrier Construction Projects on Laredo College’s Riverfront Property, Including Potential Adoption of a Right of Entry for Survey and Site Assessment Only

12. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS AND REPORTS

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

12.B. President’s Remarks on Recent Happenings in the Community – *Dr. Minita Ramírez*

13. Upcoming Events: Friday, May 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. – Laredo College Graduation at the Sames Auto Arena

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day Holiday

Friday, May 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – LC Regional Law Enforcement Academy Graduation at the Martinez Fine Arts Center

(tentative) Wednesday, June 3, 2026, time TBD – Laredo College Dr. Domingo Arechiga Hall Ribbon Cutting

14. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

15. 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 OR GIVING NOTICE

On this day, April 29, 2026, this notice was posted to the College’s website (<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 of the Laredo College District Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

Dr. Minita Ramírez
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.