



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT - Fort McIntosh Campus
Regular Monthly Board Meeting of Laredo College
Thursday, September 24, 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 Thursday, September 24, 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 – *Mr. Ruben Villarreal*
 - 4.A. Recognition of Grants Department
 - 4.B. Laredo College's Open Educational Resources (OER) Faculty Fellows – Cohort 2
 - 4.C. Recognition of Laredo College Pathways to Success Center GED Graduates
5. Laredo College Student Government Association Report
6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 6.A. Student Success Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia*
 - 6.B. Program/Policy Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos*
 - 6.C. Building Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Cindy Liendo*
 - 6.D. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Ms. Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela*

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.A. 2026 Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) Annual Conference Report – *Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia/Ms. Cindy Liendo*
- 7.B. Report on the Aspen Collaborative/Counseling Taskforce – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/Ms. Jessica Treviño*
- 7.C. Presentation by the Laredo College Grants Department on FY 2025-2026 Grant Applications and Awards – *Mr. Gabriel Lozano*
- 7.D. Division of Health Sciences Open House – *Dr. Esmeralda Vargas*
- 7.E. Foreign Trade Zone Designation Request – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*
- 7.F. 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 Ramírez*
- 7.G. Laredo College U.S. Trademark Update – *Dr. Minita Ramirez*

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of August 20, 2026 and Special Called Board Meeting of August 22, 2026
- 8.B. August 2026 Preliminary Financial Report – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.C. Approve Modification to Laredo College Policy CDB(LOCAL)-ACCOUNTING INVENTORIES – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.D. Annexation of New Property for College District Purposes Which Has Been Annexed by the City of Laredo, Pursuant to Texas Education Code §130.066 – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.E. Report of Fiscal Year 2026 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.F. Approval for Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Community College and Authorize the Purchase of Adobe Software Licenses Through the Competitive RFP Awarded by El Paso Community College and Authorize the President or Designee to Execute All Related Documents – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.G. Approval of Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 8.H. Approval of Texas DIR Telecom Service Annual Renewal – *Mr. Albert Chavez*
- 8.I. Approval to Use 100% of 2026 Operating Surplus Funds to Fund Deferred Maintenance Projects – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.J. Approval of Change Order for the Veterans Center Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.K. Approval of Contract for Maravillo Gym Roof Restoration Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.L. Approval of Contract for Adkins Building Roof Restoration Project – *Mr. Cesar Vela/Mr. Wicho Tijerina*
- 8.M. Approve the Architectural Firms Recommended by the Scoring Committee and Authorize the College President to Negotiate and Execute Contracts and Related Documents with the Selected Firms – *Mr. Cesar Vela*

- 8.N. Approve the Engineering Firms Recommended by the Scoring Committee and Authorize the College President to Negotiate and Execute Contracts and Related Documents with the Selected Firms – *Mr. Cesar Vela*
- 8.O. Approve Modifications to Laredo College Policy AD(LOCAL)-EDUCATIONAL ROLE, MISSION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITY – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
- 8.P. Approval of Watermark Planning and Self-Study Services Agreement – *Dr. David V. Arreazola*
- 8.Q. Approval of Agreement with Element451 for Admissions, Marketing, and Student Success Software Services – *Dr. David V. Arreazola/ Ms. Jessica Treviño*
- 8.R. Approval for Three-Year Copier Lease for Print Shop Operations – *Mr. Cesar Vela*

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 9.A. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Possible Resignation/Retirement of Mercurio Martinez, Jr., Member of the Laredo College Board of Trustees in Accordance with Policy BBC(LEGAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE
- 9.B. Implement Process to Fill the Vacancy in Laredo College Board of Trustees Position No. 3, in Accordance with Laredo College Board Policies BBC(LEGAL) and BBC(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.A. Consultation with the College District Attorney to Evaluate Legal Advice Provided to the Board by Outside Counsel as it Pertains to Proposed Changes to the Board of Trustees Procedures Manual, Board Travel and Board Policy BD(LOCAL)-BOARD MEETINGS. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074
- 10.B. Consultation with the College District Attorney Concerning Legal Advice Provided to the Board by Outside Counsel Relating to Implementing a Laredo College Clear Communication Matrix. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 11.A. Approve Amendments to Laredo College Board of Trustees Procedures Manual and Board Policy BD(LOCAL)-BOARD MEETINGS
- 11.B. Approve Implementing a Laredo College Clear Communication Matrix and Adding the Matrix to the Laredo College Board of Trustees Procedures Manual

12. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

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

13. Upcoming Events: Monday, October 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Veterans Center
Groundbreaking in front of the old Guard House
- Saturday, October 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Fall
Fest at LC South Campus
14. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 29, 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

On this day, September 18, 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.