



LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 6, 2026, beginning 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rangel called the Special Called Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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
Erica Benavides Garcia
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Adriana Alexander
Lizzy Newsome
Karina "Kari" Elizondo

OTHERS

Minita Ramirez, Ph.D.
Rusty Meurer
Patricia Barrera
Maria Elena Morales
Cesar E. Vela, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

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A quorum was established.

3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**4.A. DISCUSSION AND
POSSIBLE ACTION
CONCERNING THE
FOLLOWING MATTERS
RELATED TO APPRAISAL
ROLL AND TAX RATE –**

*MS. PATRICIA
BARRERA/MS. MARIA
ELENA MORALES*

**4.A.1. APPROVE THE
2026 CERTIFICATION OF
THE APPRAISAL ROLL**

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, presented information regarding the 2026 certified appraisal tax roll values. Ms. Leven-Ramos motioned that the Board approve the 2026 certification of the appraisal roll. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion passed.

**4.A.2. APPROVE THE
ANTICIPATED
COLLECTIONS FOR 2026
OF 100%**

Ms. Barrera reported that the anticipated collections for 2026 are 100 percent. Ms. Leven-Ramos motioned that the Board approve the anticipated collections for 2026 for 100 percent. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion carried.

**4.A.3. THE EXCESS DEBT
COLLECTIONS FOR 2025**

Ms. Barrera reported that the excess collections for debt service for taxable year 2025 totaled \$230,199 as of June 30, 2026. Ms. Leven-

Ramos motioned to approve the excess debt calculations for 2025. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed.

4.B. PRESENTATION AND SUBMISSION BY MS. PATRICIA BARRERA, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, OF THE 2026 TRUTH-IN-TAXATION CALCULATIONS – MS. PATRICIA BARRERA/MS. MARIA ELENA MORALES

Ms. Maria Elena Morales, Chief Deputy for Webb County Tax Office, presented the 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet. She stated that the information will be posted on the Webb County Tax Office website and should be posted on the LC website.

4.C. TAX RATE – MS. PATRICIA BARRERA/MS. MARIA ELENA MORALES

4.C.1. DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance & Administration, noted that Administration is proposing the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.225913 for 2026.

4.C.2. TAKE A RECORD VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

Ms. Leven-Ramos motioned to set the proposed tax rate for Laredo College at the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.225913 for tax year 2026. Ms. Vela and Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion. A record vote was taken.

FOR the proposal	
Jackie Leven-Ramos	Lizzy Newsome
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela	Karina Elizondo
Cindy Liendo	Esteban Rangel
Erica Benavides Garcia	
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	
Adriana Alexander	

AGAINST the proposal

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PRESENT and not voting.

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NOT PRESENT

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Motion passed.

4.C.3. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING TO ADOPT A TAX RATE

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved that the Board schedule the public hearing for August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to receive public input on the proposed 2026 property tax rate, with a meeting to be held immediately thereafter to adopt the 2026 proposed property tax rate. Ms. Liendo, Ms. Benavides Garcia, and Ms. Alexander seconded the motion; motion passed.

4.D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.1 FOR THE SPORTS COMPLEX ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT – MR. CESAR VELA

Ms. Elizondo motioned to approve the change order. Ms. Vela and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion passed.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:28 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss the following items:

- Agenda Item 5.A. - Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning Laredo College President's 2025 – 2026 Annual Evaluation
- Agenda Item 5.B. - Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 Concerning Laredo College President's Employment Contract

- Agenda Item 5.C. - Discussion to Review the Board Self-Evaluation Results as Required by Board Policy BCG(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - BOARD EVALUATION and by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation. Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Rangel noted that no action was taken during executive session.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**6.A. LAREDO COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S 2025 - 2026
ANNUAL EVALUATION**

Ms. Elizondo motioned to approve the Laredo College President's 2025 - 2026 annual evaluation. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Newsome was not present for the vote.

**6.B. LAREDO COLLEGE
PRESIDENT'S
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Ms. Elizondo motioned to amend the College President's employment contract as discussed in executive session and extend the term of the contract by two years. Ms. Alexander and Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

**6.C. REVIEW THE BOARD
SELF-EVALUATION
RESULTS AS REQUIRED
BY BOARD POLICY
BCG(LOCAL): BOARD
INTERNAL
ORGANIZATION - BOARD
EVALUATION AND BY
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
OF COLLEGES AND
SCHOOLS COMMISSION
ON COLLEGES (SACSCOC)
PRINCIPLES OF
ACCREDITATION**

Ms. Elizondo motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Board self-evaluation results, as discussed in executive session. Ms. Alexander and Ms. Leven-Ramos seconded the motion; motion passed.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate and Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

(tentative) Saturday, August 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - Special Called Board Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion passed.