LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The regular monthly meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, May 28, 2026, beginning at 6:02 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 meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL** — Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS
Esteban Rangel, President	Minita Ramírez, Ph.D.
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary	Rusty Meurer
Cindy Liendo, Parliamentarian	Ruben Villarreal
Erica Benavides Garcia	Monica Calles
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	Dr. Rocio Lopez
Karina "Kari" Elizondo *(left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.)*	Pedro Medellin
	Bianca H. Martinez
MEMBERS ABSENT	Blanca Polanco
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, Vice President *(excused)*	Jessica Treviño
Adriana Alexander *(excused)*	David V. Arreazola, Ed.D.
Lizzy Newsome *(excused)*	

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to excuse Ms. Vela, Ms. Alexander, and Ms. Newsome from the meeting. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

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

4. **RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS** *– MR. RUBEN VILLARREAL*

4.A. RECOGNIZE THE RETIREMENTS OF: YESENIA SANDOVAL - LBJ HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE DEAN ANA LAURA MONCIVAIS - LBJ HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR BERTHA LOPEZ - ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR ROSA RAMOS - UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE COUNSELOR CLAUDIA GARZA - ZAPATA HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR SANDRA CRUZ - ZAPATA HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR *– MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*

The Board recognized the retirements of the area Independent School Districts' dean and counselors, acknowledging their dedication to students and their longstanding service and partnership with Laredo College.

4.B. PHI THETA KAPPA (2025-2026) THETA THETA CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF MR. OSVALDO CRUZ - 2026 DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER MEMBER AWARD - 2026 PTK CATALYST CONVENTION (APRIL 2026) - BALTIMORE, MD

Mr. Osvaldo Cruz, an LC student and member of the Theta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, was recognized for receiving the Distinguished Chapter Member Award at the international level.

Chapter advisors Brenda Carmona and Randolph Gonzalez were also recognized for being nominated by Phi Theta Kappa Texas regional leadership and for receiving Horizon Award in recognition for their contributions to PTK advising, student leadership development, and regional engagement.

4.C. RECOGNITION OF LAREDO COLLEGE STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) LUNABOTICS CHALLENGE

Laredo College students Karla Salas, Adela Mendez-Martinez, Brianna Guajardo, Genesis Diaz, Magali De La Cruz Coronado, Alejandro Barrios, Emilio Estrada, Sebastian Treviño, and Hector Calleja, along with faculty and staff members Rosemary Aguero-Riojas, Claudia Juarez, Gabriela Solis-Cavazos, Dr. Selinda Martinez, Rogelio Sandoval, Julio Talamantes, Ricardo Perez, Eric Maldonado, Albert Chavez, Tekuani Perez, and Dr. Orlando Patricio were recognized for representing Laredo College at the 2026 NASA Lunabotics Challenge in Orlando, Florida.

The team was recognized for earning the Lunabotics 2026 Systems Engineering Paper Award (NOVA Award for Stellar Systems Engineering by a First-Year Team) and an Autonomy Honorable Mention. In the competition, Laredo College placed 20th in the Autonomy category and 40th in Berm Construction.

4.D. LAREDO COLLEGE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT - APPLIED ACCOUNTING STUDENT, PASSES FIVE INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS

Rosa McCabe-Garcia, a recent graduate of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Applied Accounting program, was recognized for earning five industry-recognized Certiport certifications in key business areas: Bookkeeper Professional, Certiport Online User, Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Professional Communication, and Generative AI Foundations.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.A. PROGRAM/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – *MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*

Ms. Leven-Ramos summarized the Program/Policy committee meeting held on May 27th.

5.B. FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – *MS. ERNESTINA "TITA" CANTU VELA*

Ms. Liendo on behalf of Ms. Vela summarized the Finance & Audit Committee meeting held on May 27th.

5.C. BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – *MS. CINDY LIENDO*

Ms. Liendo summarized the Building Committee meeting held on May 27th.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.A. LAREDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DUAL CREDIT END OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION – *MR. JULIO REYES*

The LISD dual credit team - Monica Calles, Dr. Rocio Lopez, Pedro Medellin, Bianca H. Martinez, and Blanca Polanco – presented the end-of-the-year report for their College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM), including early college, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) and P-Tech programs.

6.B. ENROLLMENT REPORT – *DR. DAVID V. ARREAZOLA/MS. JESSICA TREVIÑO*

Ms. Jessica Treviño, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, provided an Enrollment & Graduation Update for the Spring semester, Summer Sessions I & II, the Fall semester, continuing education enrollment, and spring commencement ceremonies.

6.C. REPORT ON THE ASPEN COLLABORATIVE/COUNSELING TASKFORCE – *DR. DAVID V. ARREAZOLA/MS. JESSICA TREVIÑO*

Dr. David Arreazola, Vice President of Student Success and Compliance, provided an Enrollment/Advising Taskforce Update, which included enrollment barriers and the actions and initiatives being implemented to address them.

6.D. FOREIGN TRADE ZONE DESIGNATION REQUESTS – *DR. MINITA RAMÍREZ*

Dr. Minita Ramírez, President, notified the Board that letters of concurrence supporting requests for minor boundary modification (ASF/usage driven) within Foreign Trade Zone No. 94 were issued for the following entities:

1. Joffroy Group, L.L.C., located at 10218 Crossroads Loop, Laredo, Texas, 78045
2. Padilla Import Sales Marketing, Inc., located at 14206 Mercury Dr., Laredo, Texas, 78045
3. Ramon Barrios Inc., located at 2702, 2802, & 27220 Santa Isabel, Laredo, Texas, 78045

6.E. NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL TO THE 2026 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) LEADERSHIP CONGRESS, OCTOBER 21 - 24, 2026, AS PER LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD POLICIES BBG(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES, AND BBH(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS – *DR. MINITA RAMIREZ*

Dr. Ramírez announced the upcoming ACCT Leadership Congress and invited Board members who are interested in attending to notify the office. Information regarding the deadline to indicate interest will be distributed.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Liendo made a motion to approve all of the following items under Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 7.A. – Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of May 5, 2026
- Agenda Item 7.B. – April 2026 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 7.C. – Ratification for the Purchase of Welding Equipment for the Construction and Industrial Technologies Department
- Agenda Item 7.D. – Approval of Computer Room Air Conditioning (CRAC) Unit Replacement for the Martin Building
- Agenda Item 7.E. – Approval of the Fort McIntosh Sports Complex Roof Restoration Project
- Agenda Item 7.F. – Approval for the Purchase of Generator for the Campus Police Department

Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion; motion passed.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8.A. APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD POLICY BD(LOCAL) - BOARD MEETINGS – *MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*

Ms. Leven-Ramos presented the proposed revisions to Policy BD(LOCAL) and moved to adopt the revisions. Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion; motion passed.

8.B. APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD

Ms. Leven-Ramos noted that the Board Procedures Manual would be updated to reflect the revisions to Policy BD(LOCAL) and to update and clarify additional procedures. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to approve the

PROCEDURES MANUAL – *MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*	revisions to the manual. Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion; motion passed.
8.C. FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (AGB) – *MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*	Ms. Leven-Ramos summarized the benefits of AGB membership and moved to approve the membership. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.
8.D. APPROVE OF LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' LETTER IN SUPPORT OF LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD MEMBER JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS PARTICIPATING IN AND PRESENTING AT THE 2026 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) LEADERSHIP CONGRESS – *MS. JACKIE LEVEN-RAMOS*	Ms. Liendo moved to approve the letter of support. Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo amended the motion to include, if needed, a letter of support for Dr. Ramírez. Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the amendment; motion passed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:57 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss the following items:

- Agenda Item 9.A. – Consultation with the Laredo College President and Laredo College Attorney to Discuss the Laredo College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program and the Laredo College Radiology Program, Including Personnel, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and Related Legal Issues, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.
- Agenda Item 9.B. – Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Closed Session Discussion Regarding Legal Services Agreement for Board Governance Matters

Mr. Rusty Meurer, College Attorney, noted that Agenda Item 9.B. would also include discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, in addition to Section 551.071.

Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Rangel noted that no action was taken during executive session.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

10.A. ACTION TO APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR BOARD GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to authorize the Laredo College Board to retain legal counsel to provide legal advice regarding the governance matter identified during executive session. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

At 8:16 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to reconvene into executive session for Agenda Item 9.A. – *Consultation with the Laredo College President and Laredo College Attorney to discuss the Laredo College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program and the Laredo College Radiology Program, including personnel, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and related legal issues, pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.* Ms. Benavides Garcia and Judge Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:17 p.m. Mr. Rangel noted that no action was taken during executive session.

11. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS

11.A. CAMPUS POLICE, PERSONNEL, AND TRAVEL REPORTS – *DR. MINITA RAMÍREZ*

Reports were provided to the Board as part of the meeting materials.

11.B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY – *DR. MINITA RAMÍREZ*

Dr. Ramírez provided remarks on the following items:

- Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Center re-opening
- Program pinning ceremonies
- Graduations
- Canvas issue
- Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez Foundation grant opportunities
- Flamenco Fest
- Caring Campus initiative
- Youth Success Court graduation
- LC regional law enforcement graduation

12. NEXT MEETING DATES:

Mr. Rangel announced a tentative Board Retreat scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2026. Ms. Leven-Ramos clarified that the Board Retreat is now tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, following the Board Budget Workshop.

Thursday, June 25, 2026; 6:00 p.m. – Board Budget Workshop and possible Board Retreat

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:26 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.