



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Discussion and possible action to approve board minutes for the month of May 2023

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alejandra Salinas      **OF:** Office of Superintendent

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** June 21, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees discuss and take possible action to approve the following board minutes for the month of May 2023.

Special Called Meeting – May 11, 2023

Special Called Meeting – May 24, 2023

**United Independent School District  
UISD Boardroom  
201 Lindenwood Dr. – Laredo, Texas 78045**

**Special Called Meeting  
May 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT: David H. Gonzalez

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ramiro Veliz, III, President – Present  
Aliza Flores Oliveros, Vice-President – Present  
Michelle Molina, Secretary – Present  
Francisco “Frank” Castillo, Parliamentarian – Absent  
Javier Montemayor, Member – Present  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Member – Present

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Jaime Garcia

**I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order**

*Ramiro Veliz, III, board president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated a quorum of board members was present.*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

**III. Public Comments**

Comments shall be limited to current Board agenda items, student recognitions, or charitable causes. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker, except that non-english speakers requiring a translator, are limited to six minutes. The presiding Board officer may modify or waive these time limits as appropriate. Public comments shall not be used for personal attacks or use insulting, profane, threatening or abusive language during any Board meeting shall be ruled out of order by the presiding Board officer and may be escorted from the Board meeting room by District peace officers or security staff. Any concerns or complaints regarding individual District employees, students, or parents must be resolved via

appropriate complaint process, as stated in Board Policy BED (LOCAL). Pursuant to Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond to a member of the public about an item that is not listed on this agenda, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information.

*No Public Comments*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz made a motion to move up Agenda Item V-A. Motion was seconded by Aliza F. Oliveros and was unanimously approved.*

#### **IV. Items to be reviewed by the Board for information only:**

##### **A. Budget 2023-24 Update**

*Ms. Laida Benavides presented information on the 2023-2024 budget. She reviewed some of the House and Senate bills. (Presentation available upon request)*

##### **B. Presentation from Legacy Water Supply Corporation and SE Legacy Development regarding a potential groundwater lease on the Webb County School Lands, potential creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and Public Improvement District, and real estate development in Webb County**

*Mr. Enrique Rangel addressed the board and stated that administration is bringing to the board a great opportunity and presentation from the Legacy Water Supply Corporation regarding the residential and commercial development that is in the planning stages on Highway 35 on the Walker property. He introduced Mr. David Earl and Tom Wendorf who will be doing the presentation.*

*Mr. David Earl and Tom Wendorf proceeded with the presentation which covered the following items on their agenda: (presentation available upon request)*

- *Introduce Attendees and Roles*
- *Legacy Development and Legacy Water Supply Corporation Background*
- *UISD Property Water Well*
- *Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone & Public Improvement District*
- *Opportunity for UISD Facilities Delivery & Participation in TIRZ(DE)*
- *Question & Answers on TIRZ & PID (DE & TW)*
- *Discussion*
- *Other issues that may arise*
- *End of Meeting*

*Mr. Earl thanked the board for their time.*

**V. Action Items:**

A. Discussion and possible action to approve employment contracts and addendums for professional employees for the 2023-2024 school year

*Mr. David Canales asked the board for approval of the employment contracts for professional employees for the 2023-24 school year.*

*A motion was made by Javier Montemayor to approve the employment contracts and addendums for professional employees and seconded by Aliza F. Oliveros. Motion was unanimously approved.*

**VI. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act**

*The board adjourned into closed session at 7:33 p.m.*

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting

1. Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters related to presentation from Legacy Water Supply Corporation and SE Legacy Development regarding a potential groundwater lease on the Webb County School Lands, potential creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and Public Improvement District, and real estate development in Webb County, and matters incident thereto

B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting  
TGC 551.074 Personnel Matters

1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding proposed nonrenewal of Classroom Teacher's Term Contract, and matters incident thereto

**VII. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session**

*The board reconvened from closed session 8:32 p.m.*

A. Action regarding proposed nonrenewal of Classroom Teacher's Term Contract, designation of Board-Appointed attorney to conduct nonrenewal hearing, and authorization to Superintendent to send notice of same to affected employee

*Jaime Garcia, legal counsel, made a recommendation to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the nonrenewal of classroom teacher Gustavo Rojo Buendia's term contract of employment; to designate Jose Maldonado, Jr. to conduct the nonrenewal hearing and to authorize the*

*Superintendent to send notice of same to the affected employee Gustavo Rojo Buendia.*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion was seconded by Gilbert Aguilar and was unanimously approved.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Molina and seconded by Aliza F. Oliveros. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.*

*There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of May 11, 2023 was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*

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Ramiro Veliz, III, President

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Michelle Molina, Secretary

(Approved: June 21, 2023)

Minutes submitted by:  
*Alejandra Salinas*, Secretary to Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Policies

**United Independent School District**  
**UISD Boardroom**  
**201 Lindenwood Dr. – Laredo, Texas 78045**

**Special Called Meeting**  
**May 24, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT: David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ramiro Veliz, III, President – Present  
Aliza Flores Oliveros, Vice-President – Present  
Michelle Molina, Secretary – Present  
Francisco “Frank” Castillo, Parliamentarian – Absent  
Javier Montemayor, Member –Present  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Member –Present

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Stephen Trautmann

**I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order**

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III, board president called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of board members was present.*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

*Mr. David Gonzalez asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the one-year anniversary of the Uvalde, Texas massacre.*

**III. Public Comments:**

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*Jose Ovando stated he was there as a parent. Mr. Ovando demanded that the board act with ethics and set aside any personal benefits or anything else they are gaining from this. He asked them to remember that it is our kids whose lives are at stake here and they are here for the children and not for any personal benefit.*

*Guillermo "Memo" Castro stated he was a graduate of United in 1972. Mr. Castro addressed the board and stated that before them, there were people who sat on that board that brought integrity and dignity to the board. He added that recently there have been some incidents that have happened and that they must act in the best interest of the board. He added that he had just been to his grandson's graduation at Nye Elementary School and he was proud of his grandson and of the school which was the first school that was built. He also stated this building was built by the building trades schools in 1969-70 by Mr. Salas. Mr. Castro stated that in this floor, in this school, we have a tradition of dignity, and integrity to stand up. He told the board they hold the dignity and integrity in their hands and added that in order to move this district forward they have to lead by example. Mr. Castro then addressed Mr. Rodriguez and asked him to do the right thing; to stand down in order to move forward; if not, he and other parents will unite and petition a call back.*

#### **IV. Action Items:**

A. Discussion and possible action by resolution of the United Independent School District's Board of Trustees to call for the recall of the United Independent School District's member on the Webb County District Board of Directors and to cast all of United Independent School District's 1,066 votes to recall Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, the United Independent School District's member on the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors, as per section 6.033 of the Texas Property Tax Code

*Stephen Trautmann stated he had some information to share with the board. He stated that Mr. Rodriguez had reached out to him regarding his Webb County Appraisal District Board appointment and his presence at District facilities and events. He said that Mr. Rodriguez informed him that he will voluntarily refrain from visiting District facilities or attending District events with the exception of board meetings and in his capacity as a parent, until August of this year and additionally Mr. Rodriguez will voluntarily refrain from attending Webb County Appraisal District board meetings until August of 2023.*

*Aliza F. Oliveros asked if they can act based on the wording of this item.*

*Stephen Trautmann stated that the item before them is to pass a resolution which is required by law to recall the votes in the event the board wants to replace Mr. Rodriguez on the Appraisal District. He explained that if they are in favor of that, they would make a motion to approve the resolution or if they want to take no action, they can also do that based on Mr. Rodriguez's statement or there were plenty of other options.*

*Aliza F. Oliveros made a motion for discussion. Motion was seconded by Javier Montemayor.*

*Javier Montemayor stated that this is something that he doesn't think any of the board members are happy about and he feels for Mr. Rodriguez's situation. He added that he is satisfied with the statement that was submitted to legal counsel and he made a motion to take no action at this time and hope that this gets resolved before August.*

*Aliza F. Oliveros stated that it must be difficult for Mr. Rodriguez to make a statement and added that this is what she wanted; for Mr. Rodriguez to come forward and take ownership of what happened in his personal life. She added that this had nothing to do with the district, that they are not here to judge anyone. She said there is a judicial system that will work its way through the process that every citizen deserves and is entitled to. Ms. Oliveros said she also is satisfied with that. She reminded everybody that as a mental health professional we need to respect people's personal lives and that's what she feels the board would be doing here as a United board, to support a fellow board member as he goes through this issue legally and personally. She added she will support the motion and asked the public to understand and to remember that there is a legal process that needs to take place and nobody here is acting like judge and jury, just accepting the fact that he's taking ownership and whenever this is resolved they will deal with it at that time.*

*Michelle Molina stated that it must be difficult for Mr. Rodriguez and no one would like to be in that position. She said they have received a lot of calls and it was exactly what was detailed in the comments to our attorneys and they are respecting those wishes.*

*Motion was approved by Javier Montemayor, Aliza F. Oliveros, Ramiro Veliz, III, Michelle Molina and Gilbert Aguilar. Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez abstained. Motion passed.*

B. Discussion and possible action by resolution of the United Independent School District's Board of Trustees to nominate a candidate for the Webb County Appraisal District's Board of Directors as a result of the recall of the United Independent School District's member and to cast all of United Independent School District's 1,066 votes for United Independent School District's new member to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term as per section 6.033 of the Texas Property Tax Code

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III asked if they need to make a motion for this item.*

*Mr. Stephen Trautmann recommended a motion for no action.*

*Motion for no action was made by Gilbert Aguilar and seconded by Javier Montemayor. Motion was approved by Javier Montemayor, Aliza F. Oliveros, Ramiro Veliz, III, Michelle Molina and Gilbert Aguilar. Ricardo Rodriguez abstained. Motion passed.*

**V. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act**

*The board adjourned into closed session at 12:09 p.m.*

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting  
TGC 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

1. Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

**VI. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session**

*The board reconvened from closed session at 12:33 p.m.*



A. Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

*Mr. Mike Garza read a statement regarding the Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings and added that it was for informational purposes only and no action was needed. (statement attached)*

**VII. Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Aliza F. Oliveros and seconded by Gilbert Aguilar. Motion was unanimously approved.*

*There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of May 24, 2023 was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.*

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Ramiro Veliz, III, President

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Michelle Molina, Secretary

(Approved: June 21, 2023)

Minutes submitted by:  
*Alejandra Salinas*, Secretary to Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Policies