

# **Amended Minutes of Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

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The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

## **1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Members present: Cal Lambert, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, Robert Quinones

Members absent: Laura Perez

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Dr. Josie Hernandez-Gutierrez, Zeke De La Fuente, Norma De La Fuente, Cash Keith, David Zamora, Anne Marie Espinoza, Pedro Huizar, Mario Rangel, Rodney Harrison, Dr. Hector Lopez, Dr. Yvette Buehring, Margaret Tarski, Patricia Merlos, Elsa Ayala, Sandra Gonzalez, Dr. Bryan Perez, Noe Truan, Christy Perez, Jennifer Torres, Jennifer Griffin, Michael Liarakos, Mikka Sanchez

Guests present: Diego Ovalle, Christina Ovalle, Jackie Rendon, Kathleen Maxwell Rambie, Maria Iuriegas, Alma Rodriguez, George Rodriguez, George L. Rodriguez, Carlos Rodriguez, Alex Rodriguez, Gracy Castillon, Jimmy Castillon, Grayce Castillon, Cara, Lopez, Olivia Conrad (BGC), Amy Ouellette (BGC), Teresa Childs, S. Rodriguez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jose A Chavez, Abigail Lopez, Isabella Villarreal, John Perez, Marisa Perez, Sergio Ramos, Vanessa Gutierrez, Nadiyah Ramos, Natalie Ramos, Claudia Thompson

Media present: Michael Robinson

## **B. Moment of Silence**

The heavenly birthdays of Xavier Lopez and Eva Mireles were recognized. There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Lourdes Lara and Cadet Petty Officer Atticus Villescaz.

## **2. Board Recognition**

### **UIL Wrestling State Championships:**

Freshman Rafael Perez

Freshman Alex Rodriguez

Junior Carlos Rodriguez

Senior George Rodriguez

Head Coach Michael Liarakos

Assistant Coach MSgt. Kenneth Childs

### **UIL State Mariachi Festival**

Encarnacion Guevara

Nadiyah Ramos

Isabella Villareal

Isabella Bueno

Daniel Chavez

Aurora Moreno Gomez

Jocelyn Rendon

Grayce Castillon

Luis De La Cruz  
Aiden Hernandez  
Abigail Lopez

Sophia Talavera  
Jayro Del Valle  
Arianna Ovalle  
Natalie Ramos

Director of Performing Arts and Mariachi Director: Albert Martinez

### 3. Superintendent's Report

#### A. DOMAIN 1: High Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction

- Texas Strategic Leadership Team Steering Committee
- ESC 20-HQIM walks
- Carnegie and Amplify - Secondary HQIM Materials Review session
- CEN meeting- School Action Fund Gate 3 Grant submissions for MJH and Batesville
- Curriculum and Instruction PLC reviewed upcoming needs

#### B. DOMAIN 2: Effective, Well Supported Staff

- HR and Technology to digitize all employee group evaluations and upload in Eduphoria
- Staff and Teacher Attendance Reward (STAR) through board approved donation; more information to come soon

#### C. DOMAIN 3: Positive School Culture; Safety and Security

- First of 7 District Resource Pantries at Uvalde Elementary @ Flores in place
- Thank you to our HEB partners and Dr. Buehring's team
- Central Office Cupids delivered over 4700 Valentines Affirmation cards to students and staff
- UCISD, SA Food Bank & El Progreso Library Food Distribution-Big Thank you to our teams and over 30 volunteers!
- CHDI School Based Clinic
  - Fall Year to date visits - 961
    - ❖ January visits - 240
    - ❖ Student visits - 73%
    - ❖ Employee visits - 27%
    - ❖ Uninsured - 24%

#### Safety & Security

- Vestibule project
- Gate closures

#### D. DOMAIN 4: Alignment of Financial Well Being With Student Achievement

- The Community Budget meeting on February 24th will have the group discuss the outcome of the rating exercise, make any final adjustments, and recommendations they want to present to the board on March 10th.
- Upcoming events

### 4. Open Forum:

The following spoke in open forum:

- Isaac Cardona - UIL sports students not enrolled at Uvalde CISD
- Jacob Earnest - metal detectors and backpack searches

### 5.. Consent Agenda:

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent. Item D was pulled by Robert Quinones to thank

Richard Castle and the food service department for the meal provided in January for School Board Appreciation Month. Item I was pulled for comments and questions by Jesse Rizo.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on January 23, 2025
- B. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- C. Item of information regarding transportation
- D. Item of information regarding SFE
- E. Item of information on the district's investment activity for January 2025
- F. Item of Information on the district's credit card activity for January 2025
- G. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of December 2024
- H. Item of information on the tax collection activity for January 2025
- I. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for January 2025
- J. Item of information for the district's federal program activity for January 2025
- K. Item of information on student attendance
- L. Item of information on student discipline

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Item of information on Uvalde High School

A presentation on Uvalde High School was made by Jorge Cerna.

- B. Consider approval of the Uvalde High School Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the Uvalde High School Targeted Improvement Plan as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

- C. Consider approval of the Uvalde CISD 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve option C of the Uvalde CISD 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. The motion carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

- A. Discussion and consider approval of Garza/Gonzalez & Associates as the districts' auditor for the year ending August 31, 2025

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve Garza/Gonzalez & Associates as the districts' auditor for the year ending August 31, 2025. Fiscal impact is estimated at \$58,650. The motion carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

- B. Consider approval of donations

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve donations in the amount of \$6,659.50 from Lobo Soccer for the purpose of Practice Ball, Game Balls, Cones, shin guards, agility poles, etc and \$19,500 from the Safer Schools Foundation for the purpose of cadet first responder system. The motion carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

- C. Consider approval of vendor list for the 2024-2025 school year

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the vendor list with the potential to be paid in excess of \$50,000 during the 2024-2025 school year including 34ED, LLC (Centegix), ACME Architectural Hardware, Arnold Oil Company, Frontline Technologies, PBK Architects, Renaissance Learning Inc., and RG Commercial Doors and Hardware. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

8. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Item of information to allow students not enrolled in Uvalde CISD such as private schools, home schools, etc., to be eligible to play sports with Uvalde CISD.

Discussion on pros and cons. Financial, attendance, recruiting, equipment, charging each student per sport, vouchers, immunizations, grades, 60 minute UIL rule, student injury, will our coach go to the hospital with a non UCISD enrolled student. Can our district afford our own sports?

B. Item of information regarding TASB Policy Update 124

There was discussion regarding TASB Policy Update 124. This will be brought back for approval in March.

C. Consider approval of date change for the April Regular Board Meeting date

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the date change of the regular meeting to April 14, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent. The request was made by Robert Quinones to not have board meetings on major holidays.

9. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.076

The board met in closed session at 8:36 pm.

A. Item of information on safety and security to review After Action Report about from swatting incident

B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

10. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed

A. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations as discussed in closed session. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

11. Adjournment

The motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Javier Flores to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 pm

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Board Secretary

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Date