

## **AGENDA ITEM 8.A.**

**RE:** Adopt Amended Resolution Authorizing the Continuation and Ratification of the Faculty Council

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Laredo College Board of Trustees amend the resolution authorizing the continuation and ratification of the faculty council. This action is to comply with provisions stipulated in Texas Senate Bill (SB) 37. In June 2025, Texas enacted SB 37, effective September 1, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:** In June 2025, the State of Texas enacted Senate Bill 37 (SB 37), effective September 1, 2025, amending provisions of the Texas Education Code § 51.3522. This legislation mandates new requirements for faculty participation in institutional governance through formal advisory bodies, including Faculty Senates and Councils. Specifically, SB 37 outlines conditions under which governing boards may establish and maintain faculty advisory bodies, emphasizing transparency, defined advisory roles, and compliance with open meeting laws.

In accordance with this new legislation, the existing Board resolution authorizing the continuation and ratification of the Faculty Council requires amendment to reflect these statutory updates and ensure full compliance with SB 37.

The proposed resolution amendment (see attachments on amended resolution) affirm the Board's commitment to shared governance, legal compliance, and meaningful faculty engagement in academic and institutional matters.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**CONTACT PERSONS:**

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