

# Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees  
Fabens ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, October 16, 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

**Members Present:** Adan Escobar  
Luis “Charlie” Estrada  
Orlando Flores  
Sylvia Gonzales – joined virtually  
Angel Ornelas Jr.  
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

**Members Absent:** Benjamin Morales

**Administrators Present:** Mr. Martin Torres                      Dr. Daniel Aguayo  
Mr. Jesus Barba                              Ms. Diane Flores  
Dr. Ana Galaviz                              Mr. Justin Kleist  
Ms. Marcela Licerio                        Ms. Sofia Maciel  
Mr. Richard Orozco                        Mr. Michael Perez  
Ms. Aide Polanco                            Dr. Rogelio Segovia

Maria T. Rodriguz

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## 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Orlando Flores. All members were in attendance except Mr. Benjamin Morales. Ms. Sylvia Gonzales joined virtually. The Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision statements were recited by all present.

## 2. Communication and Visitors

No one signed up to address the Board.

## 3. Superintendent Updates / Recognitions – 6:32 PM

Ms. Sofia Maciel, District Media Specialist covered the following items:

### 3.A. Raiz Credit Union El Paso

Ms. Maciel welcomed the personnel from Raiz Credit Union and thanked them for their continued support of the district. Raiz personnel were presented with a plaque as a token of appreciation.

### **3.B. Fabens ISD Maintenance Department Update**

Mr. Jesus Barba, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, presented an update on his departments; to include the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wildcat Fest on Friday, October 18, 2024 starting at 5:00 PM.

### **3.C. Fabens ISD Special Education Department Update**

Ms. Diane Flores, Director of Special Education, had a Power Point presentation of updated department information for the Board and community.

### **3.D. Fabens ISD Child Nutrition Department Update**

Ms. Marcela Licerio, Director of Child Nutrition, presented a department update to the Board and community.

### **3.E. Fabens ISD Principals' Recognition Month**

In recognition of Principals' Month, Ms. Sofia Maciel, read the Governor's Proclamation thanking all Texas Principals for their contributions to the impact they have on their staff, students and the future. All principals present were recognized with a copy of the Proclamation and a certificate.

Secondary principals; Dr. Daniel Aguayo and Mr. Justin Kleist, spoke and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve our students.

## **4. District Employees and Officers – 6:57 PM**

### **4.A. 2024 - 2025 New Hires**

Ms. Aide Polanco, Director of Human Resources, presented the latest new hires:

Vincent Delgadillo, SRO at FHS, Rose Irene Garcia, Counselor at FHS, Cesar Martinez, Skilled Maintenance at FHS, Rosario Rubio Trejo Custodian at Athletics/Technology and Ileanna Ugarte, Special Ed Teacher at FES. All were welcomed by the Board and community.

## **5. Consent Agenda – 6:59 PM**

### **5.A. Minutes of the Budget and Tax Rate Public Meeting, August 21, 2024**

### **5.B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 21, 2024**

### **5.C. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, August 28, 2024**

### **5.D. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2024**

### **5.E. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, October 3, 2024**

### **5.F. Fabens ISD Monthly and Quarterly Financial / Federal Expenditure Reports**

### **5.G. Fabens ISD Campus Improvement Plans**

## **5.H. Fabens ISD District Improvement Plan**

## **5.I. Fabens ISD Substitute Handbook**

## **5.J. Texas Education Agency Bilingual Education Exceptions and ESL Waiver Approval**

Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada made a motion and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

## **6. Student Outcomes – 7:00 PM**

### **6.A. Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Accountability Projections and Progress Measures**

Under this portion of the meeting, Secondary principals: Mr. Justin Kleist – FMS Principal and Dr. Daniel Aguayo – FHS Principal presented their campus Accountability Projections and Progress Measures for 2023 – 2024. During each of their presentations, they answered questions from the Board.

## **7. Board of Trustees Business – 8:01 – 8:35 PM**

### **7.A. El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA) Presentation – 8:01 PM**

Mr. Miguel Hernandez with EPCHA, presented an informational item on the projects the Housing Authority does in the communities it serves. During the presentation he announced that they hope to provide a Backpack Giveaway for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

### **7.B. Approval of Letter of Support for SNRA Commodities Minor Boundary Modification / Subzone Expansion Request – 8:15 PM**

Mr. David Panko, Foreign Trade Zone Manager for the City of El Paso, presented the item requesting a letter of support for SNRA Commodities located at 1601 N. Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas.

He explained the benefits to the company and the potential impact it could have on the work force. After his presentation, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Adan Escobar seconded to approve the letter of support.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

### **7.C. Update of Fabens ISD Branding – 8:20 PM**

Ms. Sofia Maciel, Media Specialist, covered the item. She covered why district branding is important. After her presentation, she asked if any board member had any suggestions, to please feel free to contact her. The item would be presented at a future meeting for approval.

### **7.D. Fabens ISD Board of Trustees Continuing Education Credit Report- 8:28 PM**

As required, the minutes of the last regular meeting before an election, must reflect whether each trustee has met, exceeds or is deficient in meeting the training required each year.

Mr. Orlando Flores read the status of each board member. **Attached** to the minutes is the chart with the updated information.

**7.E. Discussion to Set Fabens ISD Board Meeting for Canvassing of November 5, 2024 Election – 8:32 PM**

The November 5, 2024 election canvassing must be done between November 8 – 19, 2024. Our regular board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024. After a short discussion, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to have the canvassing done on November 13, 2024.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

**7.F. Discussion and Possible Action for Selection of November 2024 Regular Board Meeting Date – 8:34 PM**

After selecting the 2024 Election canvassing date, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to move the regular board meeting to November 13, 2024.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Motion Carried: 6 – 0