



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Approval of board minutes for the months of August and September 2022

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alejandra Salinas **OF:** Secretary

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

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** October 19, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the board minutes for the months of August and September 2022.

Safety & Security Meeting – August 2, 2022 / 10:00 AM  
Safety & Security Meeting – August 2, 2022 / 11:00 AM

Safety & Security Meeting – September 6, 2022  
Special Called Meeting – September 6, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2022

Safety and Security Committee Meeting  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
The County of Webb

August 2, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

**In Attendance**

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools  
Jaime Garcia, Attorney

Gloria S. Rendon, Deputy Superintendent for Safety & Student Services  
Ricardo Rangel, Safety and Crisis Response Manager

A Safety and Security Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, Room #1, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043.

I. Call Meeting to Order

*Ms. Gloria Rendon thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated that she was calling this meeting as a newbie group and was going to try to catch up everyone on all the information with regards to safety and emergency plans. She added that the 11:00 meeting to be held right after will go into what we are doing in our practices. Ms. Rendon introduced Ricardo Rangel, Safety and Crisis Response Manager and mentioned his last day is on Thursday and trying to find a replacement. She also introduced Oscar Guerrero, who is joining our team and her secretary, Alejandra Salinas. She called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and stated this was a public meeting, that the committee members were present and that roll call will be shared with everybody. She added that there were no public comments for this meeting. Ms. Rendon continued by saying that the media was present and everything that will be discussed will be in closed session. At this time she asked the non-members and media to step out and explained that what the committee will discuss falls under the confidentiality oath they took.*

II. Call Roll – New Committee Members

*Attendees list attached*

III. Public Comments on Agenda Items

*No Public Comments*

IV. Closed Session:

A. Closed Session: The Committee will adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act: Texas Government Code §551.076.089 and Texas Education Code §37.109:

*The committee adjourned into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m.*

1. TEC 37.109 School Safety and Security Committee

a. New Committee Member Orientation

V. Reconvened from Closed Session

*The Committee reconvened from Closed Session at 10:56 a.m.*

*Ms. Gloria Rendon thanked the group, stated she will meet with them again at the 11:00 meeting and adjourned the meeting at this time.*

VI. Announcements:

A. Meeting Dates:

1. August 2, 2022

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Safety & Security Committee Meeting of August 2, 2022 was adjourned at 10:56 AM

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Gloria S. Rendon  
Deputy Superintendent for Safety & Student Services

**New Committee Members**

Martha Alvarez  
Annette Perez  
Rosana Arizola  
Mayra Ramirez  
Ileana Moreno  
Linda Garza  
Diana Espinoza  
Claudia Dovalina Guzman  
Leticia Estrada  
Jessica Salazar  
Cynthia Giddens  
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Raul Garza  
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Dr. Edith Landeck  
David Perez  
Victor Sotelo  
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Ofelia Dominguez  
Guillermo Heard  
Jorge Hernandez Cifrendo  
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez  
Emma Cavazos  
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Roel Lara

Safety and Security Committee Meeting  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
The County of Webb

August 2, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

**In Attendance**

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools  
Jaime Garcia, Attorney

Gloria S. Rendon, Deputy Superintendent-Safety & Student Services  
Ricardo Rangel, Safety and Crisis Response Manager

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I. Call Meeting to Order

*Ms. Gloria Rendon introduced herself and also introduced Ricardo Rangel, Safety and Crisis Response Manager and stated he is leaving the district for the private sector and that his last day is tomorrow. She also introduced Oscar Guerrero who is joining the safety team and her secretary, Alejandra Salinas.*

*Ms. Rendon also introduced Superintendent, David Gonzalez and convened the Safety and Security Committee Meeting at 11:04 a.m. She mentioned that the group that was here before were having an orientation and tried to catch them up on everything going back to 2020 and other things that have been done as an established committee. Ms. Rendon stated to the committee that she will be presenting what the state is requiring, some of the components we are seeing with regards to the agenda. She told the committee to ask questions as they are moving along. Ms. Rendon stated they will be going into closed session and asked members of the media, ITV, and people who are non-members to step out because they will be discussing critical information and will be showing some of the mappings that we have, procedures that we have in place at the different campus levels. She asked for any public comments.*

*David Gonzalez welcomed the committee and thanked them for stepping up to the plate and stated that now more than ever, we are asked to come together as a united family and as a community to review what we have in safety, not only for our students but for all our stakeholders within our district. He added that it is imperative that we all take an active role because this is not about United ISD, this is about our community and we have to do what we are doing now and more. He stated that from the last time they met, there are changes and this evolves and we continue to make adjustments to what we have in place. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned that what we have is not perfect so we continue to modify it and make it better for our district. He said it is critical to point out that in shootings that have come across the United States, there's always the next day where we come back and say; we could've done this or could've done that so this is what we are here for, to look at what we have in place. He asked*

*the committee to be upfront and forward and be proactive because we don't want to be reactive in the event that this happens. He added that we are also taking the role to train all administrators and teachers as well and Ms. Rendon and her staff have come up with extensive training video for staff members. He mentioned we will be having more drills because there is a need for it and because it is required by the state. He thanked the law enforcement individuals that are present because they are the experts and they are who we go to for guidance. He added that we are looking at ordering more metal detectors and looking at every single avenue which Ms. Rendon and Mr. Rangel will go into. He thanked the committee members again for coming to this meeting.*

*Gloria Rendon stated that the Risk Management Department staff (Roman Garcia, Ofelia Dominguez, Emma Cavazos) have been instrumental in assisting with all the compliant efforts that the state is coming down with. She also introduced board member Mr. Rick Rodriguez and stated one of the components of the safety committee is our board president and an appointed member of the board should be present in our meetings. She also stated we have campus administrators, individuals from our emergency response teams, law enforcement entities, counselors, licensed school psychologists that are present at this meeting and added it is a multi-effort approach with parents and community members and our director of discipline management and our CFO who handles our budget. Ms. Rendon said it takes a lot of individuals to move forward in our safety practices. She stated the time is 11:10 and going into closed session.*

## II. Call Roll – New Committee Members

## III. Public Comments on Agenda Items

*No Public Comments*

## IV. District Report

### A. School Safety and Security

V. Closed Session: The Committee will adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act: Texas Government Code §551.076.089 and Texas Education Code §37.109:

*The Committee adjourned into closed session at 11:10 a.m.*

### A. TEC 37.108 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan; Safety and Security Audit

1. School Safety Requirements and Information
2. 2022-2023 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan Draft - Workshop

## VI. Reconvened from Closed Session

*The Committee reconvened from Closed Session at 1:05 p.m.*

*Ms. Gloria Rendon announced that this concludes the Safety and Security Committee Meeting and stated they will review the EOP at the next meeting scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

VII. Announcements:

A. Fall Meeting – September 6, 2022

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Safety & Security Committee Meeting of August 2, 2022 was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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Gloria S. Rendon  
Deputy Superintendent for Safety & Student Services

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Secretary to Deputy Superintendent



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Safety and Security Committee Meeting  
The State of Texas  
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September 6, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

**In Attendance**

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools  
Jaime Garcia, Attorney

Gloria S. Rendon, Deputy Superintendent-Safety & Student Services  
Ruben Ayala, Safety and Crisis Response Manager

A Safety and Security Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, beginning at 11:00 AM in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, Room #1, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043.

I. Call Meeting to Order

*Ms. Gloria Rendon called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and stated the sign in sheets will be taken as a formal roll call.*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated safety and security for our district staff and students is one of the most important issues at the moment and it has always taken our time and is now inviting the committee to go through our processes and told the committee that their feedback is very much appreciated.*

*David Gonzalez thanked the committee for taking time out of their schedules to attend the meeting. He mentioned Uvalde started school today and asked for a moment of silence and also for the community and wished all education entities a safe school year. He recognized Sheriff Martin Cuellar who has always been very supportive of UISD and the community.*

*Sheriff Martin Cuellar stated that today people are wearing the color maroon because of Uvalde and added that it is a very sad situation that he thinks about everyday and thinks about what we are going to do to protect our kids. He said one of the things he wanted to do is establish the Operation Safety Shield which means that we can protect the borders like we do now with Operation Stone Garden, which allows law enforcement agents to work overtime to be out there protecting the borders. Sheriff Cuellar said he wrote a letter to the President, to the Governor, to Senator Zaffirini, Richard Raymond and to Tracy King and Henry Cuellar regarding this Operation Safety Shield where we can have troopers, deputies, police and constables work in our schools just like we do in the borders. He added that if we can have some money go to UISD, LISD and to private schools who don't have police officers. He explained that this project would have a marked unit and a trooper, constable or police walking the hallways conversing with the kids, talking to the teachers and he thinks everyone would feel safer. Also, explained about having a school marshal in plain clothes walking the hallways and*

*talking to the teachers and to the kids. Sheriff Cuellar stated they are doing active shooter training for civilians and they need to continue to train and help the community.*

*Gloria Rendon announced they were going into Closed Session and stated that those individuals who are replacements for a committee member that was not able to attend the meeting, may not have received the required trainings such as Open Meetings Act Trainings and certifications. Ms. Rendon stated that those who were here last month are welcome to join them and continue to work on the plan and present the Emergency Operations Plan and the agenda items. She explained that those who went through the trainings that we had and the components that we had last month are welcome to stay. Ms. Rendon stated they are now in Closed Session and the time was 11:10 a.m. and asked those who have not completed the trainings to step out of the meeting and added they would reconvene in about an hour and a half once they review the plans.*

II. Call Roll – New Committee Members (Tex. Educ. Code §37.109)

*Sign-in Sheets taken as roll call*

III. Public Comments on Agenda Items

*No Public Comments*

IV. Closed Session: The Committee will adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Education Code

A. TGC 551.076, 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; Closed Meeting

TEC 37.109 School Safety and Security Committee

1. Review the District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
2. Review Safety Audit Findings – Summer Safety Audits

V. Reconvened from Closed Session

*The Committee reconvened from Closed Session at 12:57 p.m.*

A. Action to approve the District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Motion: So Move

Moved by: David Perez

Seconded by: Mayra Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. Announcements

*Ms. Gloria Rendon announced that the spring meeting will take place on March 21st and at that meeting they will be doing the full fledged safety audits which are on-going already and those need to be submitted to the State by June of 2023. She thanked the committee for taking the time to help improve the safety of our campuses and our corporate needs.*

VII. Adjournment

*There being no further business, the Safety & Security Committee Meeting of September 6, 2022 was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.*

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Gloria S. Rendon  
Deputy Superintendent for Safety & Student Services

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Secretary to Deputy Superintendent

**New Committee Members**

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Special Called Meeting  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
The County of Webb

September 6, 2022

**In Attendance**

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools

**Board of Trustees**

Ramiro Veliz, III, President – PRESENT  
Aliza Flores Oliveros, Vice-President – ABSENT  
Juan Roberto Ramirez, Secretary – PRESENT  
Francisco “Frank” Castillo, Parliamentarian – PRESENT  
Ricardo Molina, Sr., Member – PRESENT  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Member – PRESENT  
Javier Montemayor, Member – PRESENT

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, beginning at 12:00 PM in the United ISD – Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Auditorium, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043.

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to Order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

*Board President Ramiro Veliz, III called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. 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 by the speaker against District employees. Speakers who engage in 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.

*Mike Fry – stated they are the consulting firm for Gransolar Holdings USA and was there on behalf of the two projects Gransolar Texas Two LLC and Gransolar Texas Three LLC. He stated the first is a 300 megawatt ac project and according to statute, they pushed it out as far as possible and added it is running the 285 million dollar valuation and Gransolar Texas Three is a 169 megawatt ac project and looking at about 160 to 70 million dollar valuation. He mentioned the larger one is northeast on US 59 and Ranch Road 71312-A will be the approximate location and Texas Three is on the southern end of the ISD off of US Highway 83. He asked if the Board had any questions and thanked them for their time.*

## V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, submitted by: Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC, No. 1673; Gransolar Texas Two LLC, No. 1745; and Gransolar Texas Three LLC, No. 1744.

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing*

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

### MOTION PASSES

*The Public Hearing opened at 12:04 p.m.*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III asked if there was any additional information on this item.*

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated no and that it would be discussed in closed session in more detail with action taken in open session and added there were no public comments on this matter.*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz III asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.*

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez  
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

### MOTION PASSES

*The Public Hearing closed at 12:05 p.m.*



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 12:05 p.m.*

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

TGC 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Closed Meeting

1. Deliberation to discuss financial incentives regarding applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property under the Texas Economic Development Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, submitted by: Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC, No. 1673; Gransolar Texas Two LLC, No. 1745; and Gransolar Texas Three LLC, No. 1744

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 at 12:41 p.m.*

A. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, No. 1673, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and other action incident thereto

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board approve a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented relating to the application of Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such resolution and findings as presented be executed by the Board President and may be part of the minutes of this meeting and that the application of Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC be approved all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC, No. 1673

*Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Hecate Energy Outpost Solar LLC, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement on the district's behalf and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the comptroller's related rules.*



Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez  
Seconded by: Francisco Castillo  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Gransolar Texas Two LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, No. 1745, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and other action incident thereto

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board move to approve the Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented relating to the application of Gransolar Texas Two LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such resolution and findings as presented by executed by the Board President and may be part of the minutes of this meeting and that the application of Gransolar Texas Two LLC be approved all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez  
Seconded by: Francisco Castillo  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Gransolar Texas Two LLC, No. 1745

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board move to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, with Gransolar Texas Two LLC, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement on the district's behalf and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the comptroller's related rules.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Francisco Castillo  
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Gransolar Texas Three LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, No. 1744, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and other action incident thereto

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board move to approve the Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented relating to the application of Gransolar Texas Three LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such resolution and findings as presented be executed by the Board President and may be part of the minutes of this meeting and that the application of Gransolar Texas Three LLC be approved all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

F. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Gransolar Texas Three LLC, No. 1744

*Mr. Jaime Garcia stated the recommendation is that the board move to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, with Gransolar Texas Three LLC, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement on the district's behalf and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the comptroller's related rules.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Francisco Castillo  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of September 6, 2022 was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Motion:                      So Move  
  
Moved by:                    Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by:               Francisco Castillo  
Discussion:                 None  
In Favor:                    Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

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Ramiro Veliz, III, President

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Juan Roberto Ramirez, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Secretary to Deputy Superintendent

Regular Board Meeting  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
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September 21, 2022

**In Attendance**

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools

**Board of Trustees**

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the United ISD - Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Auditorium, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043.

*At 5:30 p.m., Ms. Aliza F. Oliveros introduced herself, Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez and Mr. Ricardo Molina and she announced that they do not have a quorum, that the meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. but they will start with Board Recognitions.*

*Mr. David Gonzalez stated that in 2018 the State made it mandatory for the campuses and districts within the State of Texas to receive an evaluation and a letter grade and asked Ms. Zaida Gonzales to start with the introduction of the campuses.*

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.*

II. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to Order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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IV. Recognitions:

A. CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Honors Band - Texas Music Educators Association Honors Band Competition - 11th in State,  
Class CC

V. Public Comments: 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 comment shall not be used for personal attacks by the speaker against District employees or students. Speakers who engage in personal attacks or use insulting, profane, threatening or abusive language 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 the 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 the agenda, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information.

*Victor Trevino, Jr. – thanked the board for allowing them to speak. He stated the city had agreed to fund \$175,000 for the air monitoring of ethylene oxide and added that this is a movement across the United States. He said Willowbrook, Illinois jury returned a 363 million dollar verdict against a sterogenics sterilization plant based on almost identical facts they have here. He hopes they understand that this is a turning point for the community and it is essential that we be on the right side of history. He asked what is the point of educating and seeing all these children prosper when years later as adults, they end up having cancer and also asked them to do some soul searching because this is something that is not going to go away and it is something that we will have to deal with for generations to come. He told the board he knows they want to do the right thing with what is going on before us.*

*Edna Ibarra – stated she is a resident at La Bota Ranch and said September is childhood cancer awareness month and the kids have activities next week. She asked the board what is the message we are sending to our kids when UISD does not decide to put money and contribute to something that we know causes cancer in kids. Ms. Ibarra said they have several families that have come forward and said that they have been fighting cancer and that just like them they want to be a voice of all the other families that have not come forward and whose children have not survived this horrible disease. She asked the board to stand next to them to formally vote on this and put their money where their heart is because they are making the kids do a September national childhood awareness month.*

*Tricia Cortez – stated a lot has happened since the board decided to join them in getting air monitors such as EPA Region Six choosing Laredo as the first in the huge five-state region to do their national rollout for this ethylene oxide outreach campaign. She thanked Mr. Montemayor, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Trautmann and Mr. Garcia for attending and for listening to some of the testimony of the families with children who live in the district that are suffering and have cancer. Ms. Cortez mentioned that Earth Justice has come down from different parts of the country to file a national lawsuit and Laredo is one of the five plaintiffs. She added that this is a notice of intent to sue the EPA for their extreme delay in getting a new rule passed on ethylene oxide for commercial sterilizers knowing how severe and carcinogenic this air toxic is to communities like ours. Ms. Cortez also mentioned that City Council voted this past Monday, and this is a huge step forward*



for our community and Laredo Clean Air Coalition, and that is to make the first major investment in a fence line air monitoring plan dependent on making sure that the other entities put money into that pot. She told the board that it is critical that they participate so that they can get the full investment from the City of Laredo and explained to them that the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst, their air toxic study shows that of all schools in the United States (college and below), public, private and charter, UISD has several schools that are in the top one percent of most toxic of air toxicity due to the industrial air pollution and those are seven elementary schools and three middle schools. The elementaries are Muller, Fasken, Finley, Kazen, Dellano, Trautmann, Borchers, and the middle schools are Herrera, Trautmann and Washington. She said it is critical that they get their full investment into this community public health threat so that they can end these really dangerous threatening emissions to our kids and staff and families.

Marvin Brown – stated he is an attorney with Earth Justice in Washington DC and proceeded to say that after last week's meeting with EPA, Laredo is at the center of a national crisis; cancer cases are increasing due to ethylene oxide emissions and it is unfair and wrong but unfortunately that is the reality. He added that EPA is going to issue a rule to regulate the emissions of ethylene oxide but they are moving too slow. He stated that Earth Justice filed a notice of intent to sue EPA, that they move faster but they said that the rule will probably come out later this year and finalize it next year and they're talking about doing three years to allow these facilities to comply. He stated that is completely unacceptable and that is four more years of children breathing in toxic air. Mr. Brown said it is his job to make sure that they move faster and it's the board's job to make sure that children are protected in the meantime and to do that, they need data and he emphasized that there is a chance here for Laredo to be a national leader. He added they are here from DC and all around the country because this is a national issue and EPA is following this because it is a national issue and there are reporters from all around the country that are following this. He said what he needs is the data to show when the air is toxic so that they can protect children and by contributing their funds to the pot that the city has already contributed, the community will thank the board but more importantly, the children will thank them. He told the board whether or not they contribute, the coalition is going to move forward to make sure that ethylene oxide is removed from the air and added that they have an opportunity to be a national leader on protecting children from toxic air because everybody in the country is watching them.

Sheila Serna – stated their plan has been updated to not include air monitoring at the schools but nearby and near midwest and what they have been told by EPA is that the closer you get to the facility, the better chance you have at getting a reading. She said this plan includes using the EPA approved method and at the EPA meeting they heard there are some difficulties with these canisters and TCEQ has expressed the same sentiment but they have seen it done well successfully at Willowbrook, Illinois. Ms. Serna explained that the contractor will use approximately five to seven cannisters per day and the cost of this sampling plan includes travel, the actual sampling, the shipping costs to the lab, the lab costs and the summary and alaysis of what they found and also said this is a third party project. She informed the board that she had a meeting with TCEQ before the EPA public meeting where they expressed concerns with the cannisters and she reassured them that it wasn't her collecting those samples, that it was an experienced company and an accredited lab and she would take into consideration all of their concerns. Ms. Serna also stated that she invited them to conduct air monitoring with them because she feels that it's right that it's the state agency that regulates ethylene oxide should also be involved in this sampling plan and what they told her is that yes, they had cannisters to do the

*air sampling but their labs are not equipped to actually analyze ETO and clean the cannisters. Ms. Serna added the state agency that regulates ethylene oxide does not have the proper equipment to do air monitoring for the very chemical that they regulate. She said EPA also told them during the public meeting that they would not do sampling. Ms. Serna continued to say that during last week's council meeting, they were asked how many children at these top 10 schools have cancer and they do not have that data and told the board she is not going to ask them for that data but will ask them to take that into consideration for them to look into that information and take it into consideration when they hear them talking about this topic. She asked how many kids at Muller elementary have cancer and stated that the last time they were there, the board agreed to look into their budget and their vendors and she asked if they had any information to share with her.*

*David Gonzalez – responded that they will be discussing it in executive session and hopefully have something for the next board meeting.*

*Aliza F. Oliveros – stated they cannot respond to Public Comments.*

*Valentin Ruiz – stated he is a veteran and they lose a lot of veterans everyday to suicide, to cancer, and told the board they have a terrorist cell living in their backyard that is using 1.3 million pounds of ethylene oxide that causes cancer. He said this was like a terrorist bomb going off every year and for the record, they had monitors that were not functioning for three years and they got away with it. He asked the board how could they not know for three years that their monitors were not working. He said UISD is an educational institution and historically it has been known that hispanics, minorities, black and the white working class have been subject, for companies like these to poison those communities, it is like legalized genocide on our people and they moved to Laredo where we are a minority community. Mr. Ruiz stated the same thing is happening right now in the southern part of Puerto Rico where they have three companies functioning there and their kids are known to have cancer. He asked why do we have to wait for our kids to have cancer for people to join in the fight. He told the board if they truly care about the children, the staff, they need to join in the fight and mentioned the schools that are in the top one percentile, Muller Elementary, Fasken Elementary, Finley Elementary, Kazen Elementary, Dellano Elementary, Trautmann Elementary, Borchers Elementary, Elias Herrera Middle School, Trautmann Middle School and Washington Middle School. He said he had family in almost all of those schools and begged the board to please join in the fight.*

*Jose Ovando – stated he completely agrees with the coalition and thinks the air quality at the schools is very poor. He said he was going to talk about the classroom size and a lot of issues that are happening right now in the school district especially after the Covid19 pandemic, the closing the gap and other issues that we have been having but hopes that the board does pay attention to what the coalition is saying. He added that this should be at the forefront of their agenda to take care of the air quality for the students. He said he did not know the extent of the problem but hopes the board does take into account what the coalition just said.*



## VI. Informational Items

### A. Superintendent's Report

*David Gonzalez – announced that the District is partnering with Sheriff Martin Cuellar and the Sheriff's Department with an operation called Operation Safety Shield and explained that this is a program where law enforcement is able to visit our campuses and adopt a school they can visit from time to time during the day. He added he will provide more information later and said UISD is the first entity in the State of Texas that is doing this partnership with the Sheriffs Department. He also stated that Ms. Gloria Rendon and her staff were working on a POPS Program which is a Parents on Patrol Squad to get our parents to be more active at our campuses and help us with daily operations, specifically with safety. His last item he stated was the conference for board member hours taking place this week. He said they were asked to present with LISD, the topic is Two Districts, One Community and it will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.*

### B. Overview of District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

*Ms. Gloria Rendon – addressed the board and advised them she had a binder with the EOP information which will be discussed once they go into Closed Session. She explained that the plan is 870 pages long and is due to the State on October 12<sup>th</sup>. She then presented to the Board an overview of the District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and stated she will answer any questions they may have during Closed Session. ( presentation available upon request)*

## VII. Consent Agenda Items

*David Gonzalez – asked the board to table item VII-E for next month*

Motion:	So Move
Moved by:	Aliza F. Oliveros
Seconded by:	Javier Montemayor
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

### MOTION PASSES

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment
- C. Resolution to Approve the 2022 Appraisal Roll as the 2022 UISD Tax Roll
- D. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- E. Approval of revisions to 2022-23 calendar due to bad weather on August 15, 2022
- F. Approval of additional appraiser for the 2022-2023 school year

G. Approval of sale or disposition of salvage furniture and equipment

H. Approval of Internal Audit Plan for 2022-2023

I. Approval of implementation of Pilot Program for Transportation and Child Nutrition 186-207 Day Hourly Employees

J. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between United ISD and Webb County Juvenile Department Allowing its Probation Officers Access to UISD Campuses

K. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between United ISD and Webb County Juvenile Department Providing Teachers to Youth Village Detention Center

L. Discussion and possible action to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Independent School District regarding administrative costs sharing for the Webb County School Lands

*Stephen Trautmann – asked the board to make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items and stated the previous motion was to table Item VII-E*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Seconded by: Javier Montemayor  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

#### VIII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Donations

*David Gonzalez – read the donations into the minutes for a total this month of \$38,715.38*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Seconded by: Javier Montemayor  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Board minutes for the month of August 2022

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Approval of Class Size Waivers for the Fall 2022 Semester

*David Gonzalez – stated that the number of Class Size Waivers went down. The last time they presented 83 and the new total is 57 as of this Friday. He added they are working with the campus principals to bring that number down.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Approval of requests from Board Members in re: use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for various campuses and departments

*Mike Garza – presented three additional requests that were not included in the board packet.*

- *Cherish Center – Requestor Laura De los Santos – Sponsored by all board members - \$4,285.72*
- *Alexander 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Requestor Michelle Gomez – Sponsored by Javier Montemayor - \$1,800*
- *Ruiz and Bonnie Garcia – Requestors both principals – Sponsored by Rick Rodriguez - \$600 (\$300 each school)*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Approval of Board travel to attend the TASB 2022 TxEDCON Conference in San Antonio, Texas on September 23-25, 2022

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

F. Discussion and possible action on proposed naming of the UISD Aquatic Center

*David Gonzalez – stated they had put an online google form for stakeholders to vote and said administration is recommending the naming of the Aquatic Center as the Carroll E. Summers Aquatic Center. He added that he is a long-time laredoan who was a UISD school board president when swimming was introduced in the late 1970s – early 80's and he was a meet director for AAU swimming meets in the old downtown civic center. He's been a historic with border patrol, with the border olympics in the swimming area and asked the board to approve his recommendation.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

G. Consideration for Approval of Application for the "Cool Chillers HVAC Loan Program" provided by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) of the State of Texas Comptroller's Office

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

IX. 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 6:56 p.m.*

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

1. Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting

1. Legal Consultation and consideration of a proposed donation of real property subject to utility easement and jogging and bike trail easement. The real property is approximately 64.26 feet wide and runs from Lindenwood Drive to Mcpherson Road as set forth in the plat of the United Independent School District Central Administration Complex filed on or about May 23, 1995 and filed under document number 554246 in the Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas

2. Legal Consultation regarding the status of the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding the acquisition of a tract of land of approximately 10.77 acres out of a 53.40-acre tract of land, which itself is out of a tract of land, described in the deed recorded in Volume 1089, Pages 586-587, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas. The tract is situated in Porcion 28, E. Martinez, Abstract 241, Webb County, Texas, such property being in the vicinity of the intersection of Saunders Blvd. and Loop 20 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The acquisition of said acres will be from L91 BC Properties, LLC.

3. Legal consultation and report regarding the closing on the 10.16-acre tract on the north side of Clark Blvd., east of Chacon Creek and west of Bob Bullock Loop and west of the Walmart Supercenter. Such property is owned by Killam Development, Ltd.

C. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding employees affected by lapse in District-provided Emergency Paid Sick Leave in July 2021, and matters incident thereto

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

TGC 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

1. Student Activity Fund Audits

- a. Elementary Schools - Arndt, Kazen, Kennedy-Zapata, Malakoff, Newman, Perez, San Isidro, Trautmann

- b. Middle Schools - Los Obispos, Salvador Garcia, Washington, United MS 6th Grade

- c. High Schools - Alexander HS 9th Grade

2. Department / Other Audits

- a. Maintenance Department Work Orders and Inventory

- b. Attendance Accounting for Elementary Campuses
- c. State Compensatory Education Student Identification
- d. Campus Technology Inventory
- e. Musical Instruments Inventory
- f. Employee Leaves and Absences
- g. Transportation Department Overtime
- h. Delinquent Tax Attorneys Contract
- i. Human Resources Department - Change in Administration
- j. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program Grant

3. Status of Ongoing Audits

4. Consultation with legal counsel regarding implementation of UISD's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and safety protocols

X. 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 7:49 p.m.*

A. Possible action with respect to a proposed donation of real property subject to utility easement and jogging and bike trail easement. The real property is approximately 64.26 feet wide and runs from Lindenwood Drive to McPherson Road as set forth in the plat of the United Independent School District Central Administration Complex filed on or about May 23, 1995 and filed under document number 554246 in the Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas

*Stephen Trautmann – stated the recommendation was to take no action*

Motion:                      So Move

Moved by:                    Aliza F. Oliveros

Seconded by:                Ricardo Molina

Discussion:                   None

In Favor:                     Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

B. Possible action with respect to the Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding the acquisition of a tract of land of approximately 10.77 acres out of a 53.40-acre tract of land, which itself is out of a tract of land, described in the deed recorded in Volume 1089, Pages 586-587, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas. The tract is situated in Porcion 28, E. Martinez, Abstract 241, Webb

County, Texas, such property being in the vicinity of the intersection of Saunders Blvd. and Loop 20 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The purchase of said acres will be from L91 BC Properties, LLC.

*Stephen Trautmann – stated the recommendation was to continue negotiations as discussed in closed session*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Possible action with respect to the closing on the purchase and sale agreement regarding the 10.16-acre tract on the north side of Clark Blvd., east of Chacon Creek and west of Bob Bullock Loop and west of the Walmart Supercenter owned by Killam Development, Ltd.

*Stephen Trautmann – stated the recommendation was for approval to close on the property subject to TxDot approval*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Seconded by: Javier Montemayor  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Possible action with respect to the UISD Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

*Stephen Trautmann – stated the recommendation was to approve and submit to the State in a timely manner the EOP with further revisions as discussed in closed session*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES



E. Possible action with respect to revised resolution of the Board regarding District-provided Emergency Paid Sick Leave

*Stephen Trautmann – stated the recommendation was to revise the board’s resolution of district provided emergency paid sick leave as discussed in closed session*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

XI. Adjournment

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

**There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2022 was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

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Ramiro Veliz, III, President

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Juan Roberto Ramirez, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Deputy Superintendent’s Secretary