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## UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** \_\_\_\_\_ Board Travel for the Month of February 2008

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Roberto Santos \_\_\_\_\_ **OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ February 20, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Board Travel for the month of February 2008.

**RATIONALE:**

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

**BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:**

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**United Independent School District**  
**Request for Travel Authorization and Payment**  
 SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Name: <b>Francisco Gonzalez, Jr.</b>		Date: <b>2-5-08</b>																									
Board Member/ Superintendent Vendor Number: <b>21200</b>		Home Address: <b>3327 Aberdeen Loop Ldo., TX 78043</b>																									
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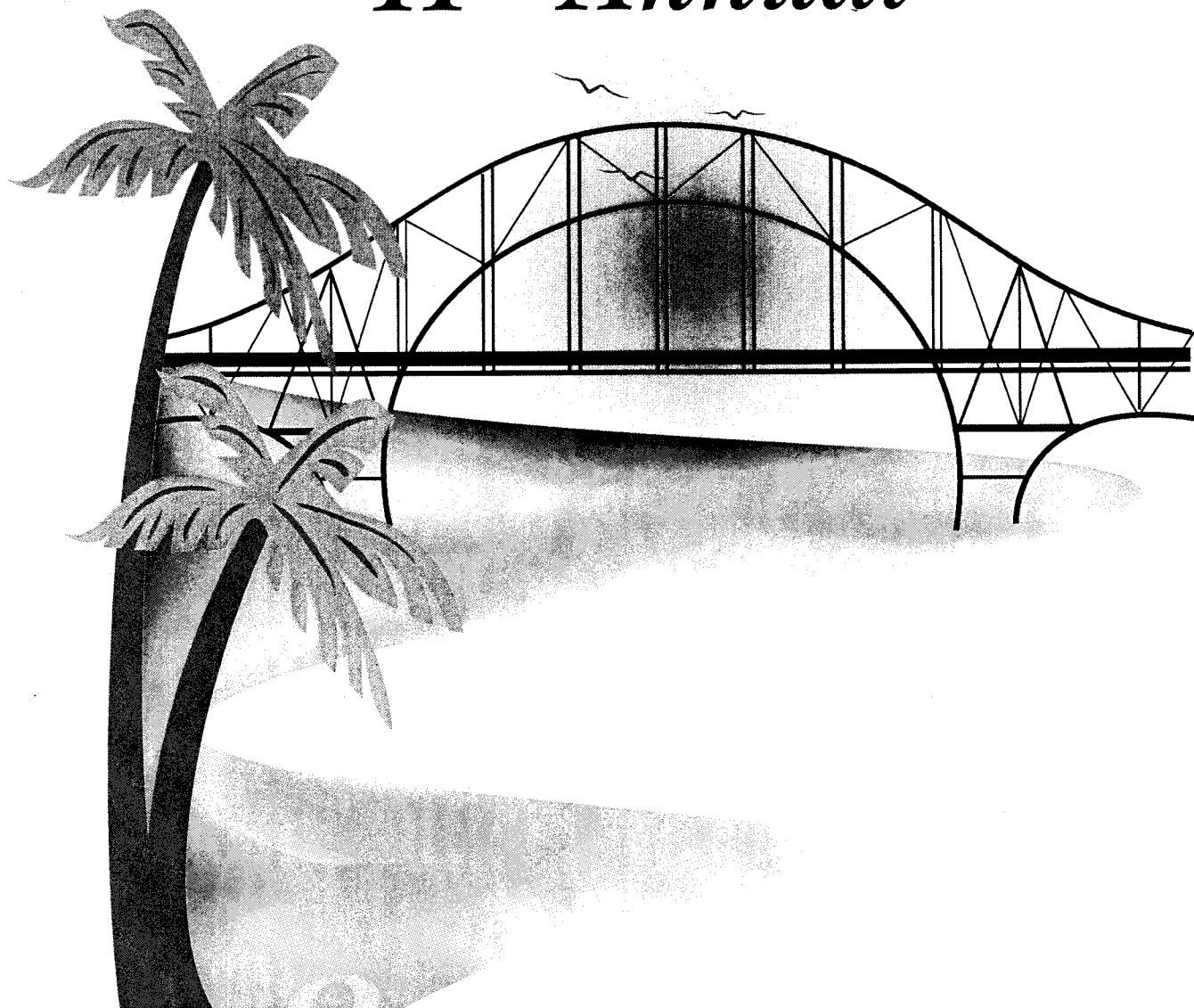
# United Independent School District

## Request for Travel Authorization and Payment

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Name: <b>Juan Roberto Ramirez</b>		Date: <b>2-5-08</b>	
Board Member/ Superintendent Vendor Number: <b>22530</b>		Home Address <b>10302 Dancer Dr., Ldo. Tx 78040</b>	
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*11<sup>th</sup> Annual*



**WINTER GOVERNANCE**  
& Legal Seminar

Omni Bayfront Hotel • Corpus Christi, Texas  
February 21–23, 2008



## Agenda

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Registration ( <i>Option 1</i> )	7:30–8:30 a.m.
Breakout Sessions	9–10:15 a.m.
In-Depth Session	9–11:45 a.m.
Breakout Sessions	10:30–11:45 a.m.
Lunch	Noon–1 p.m.
Breakout Sessions	1:15–2:30 p.m.
In-Depth Session	1:15–4 p.m.
Breakout Sessions	2:45–4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Registration and Continental	
Breakfast ( <i>Option 2</i> )	7–8 a.m.
First General Session	8–9 a.m.
Breakout Sessions	9:15–10:30 a.m.
In-Depth Session	9:15 a.m.–noon
Breakout Sessions	10:45 a.m.–noon
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### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Full Breakfast	7–7:45 a.m.
Second General Session	7:45–8:45 a.m.
Breakout Sessions	9–10:15 a.m.
In-Depth Session	9–11:45 a.m.
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## Registration

**Option 1**—\$300 for programs offered all day Thursday, February 21, through Saturday, February 23, which includes the following:

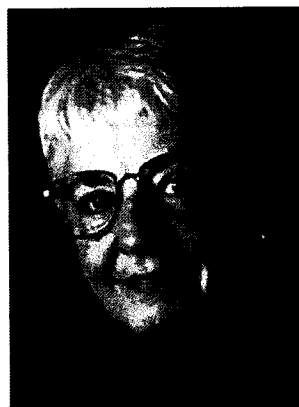
- Lunch Thursday and Friday
- Breakfast Friday and Saturday
- Breaks all three days
- 14.5 hours of continuing education credit

**Option 2**—\$225 for programs offered Friday, February 22, through Saturday, February 23, which includes the following:

- Breakfast Friday and Saturday
- Lunch Friday
- Breaks both days
- 12 hours of continuing education credit

## General Session Speakers

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22



First General Session  
8–9 a.m.

#### **Jane Elliott**

Teacher, Lecturer, Diversity Trainer  
***Power, Perception, and Prejudice***

Following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., teacher Jane Elliott's all-white, all-Christian, third-grade class hungered to understand the significance of King's mission. Living in the

homogenous farming community of Riceville, Iowa, many of Elliott's students harbored subtle and not-so-subtle prejudices despite the fact that many of them had never even seen a black man before. So where did these prejudices come from? And, more importantly, how could she make them understand how arbitrary and unfair they were?

Elliott devised an exercise that labeled participants as *inferior* or *superior* based solely upon the color of their eyes and exposed them to the experience of being a minority. It provided an examination of the realities of discrimination and showed how quickly even children can succumb to discriminatory behavior, how easily prejudicial attitudes can lead to frustration, broken friendships, and vicious behavior.

Thus began the now famous blue-eyed, brown-eyed exercise. Everyone who is exposed to Elliott's work, whether through a lecture, workshop, or video, is dramatically affected by it.

Elliott, an internationally known teacher, lecturer, diversity trainer, and recipient of the National Mental Health Association Award for Excellence in Education and the Christine Wilson Medal for Equality, exposes prejudice and bigotry for what it is—an irrational class system based upon purely arbitrary factors. And if you think this does not apply to you, you are in for a rude awakening.

On Friday morning, Elliott will present ***Power, Perception, and Prejudice***, during which Elliott uses audience members and visual aids to help us recognize, identify, and appreciate the differences on which power is assigned, and some of the ways in which we are conditioned to develop some of our perceptions.

## How to Register

**Register On Line**—Before registering, preselect which sessions you plan to attend, and then you can either allow your superintendent to register for you or you can register yourself.

Register by going to **Its.tasb.org** and click on "Winter Governance Seminar" under "Conferences/Events."

To expedite the registration process and ensure information accuracy, use MyTASB:

- Less data entry
- Preentered names and district information
- Name badge accuracy
- Accurate information for continuing education training credit reporting

If you do your own registration, make sure you have a district purchase order or a credit card for payment. *Registrations will not be processed without payment information or sessions selected.*

Online registration will be available until 5 p.m. Friday, February 15. After February 15, attendees are welcome to register on site at the seminar. On-site registration will require a district purchase order, check, or credit card for payment.

### Choose from one of three registration fee options:

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**Register by Fax or Mail**—Register by fax or mail by calling **800.580.8272, extension 2219**, and asking for the paper version of the Winter Governance and Legal Seminar registration form.

For additional information about the Winter Governance and Legal Seminar Program, contact **Kathy Dundee** at **kathy.dundee@tasb.org** or **800.580.8272, extension 6171**.

**For special requirements, call 512.467.0222, extension 2242.**

**For questions about registration, call 512.467.0222, extension 2219.**

## Cancellation Policy

All registrations must be prepaid by check or credit card or include a school district purchase order. If you sign up but are unable to attend the Winter Governance and Legal Seminar, the following terms will apply: For a full refund, your cancellation must reach TASB by February 11. If your cancellation reaches TASB after that date but by February 14, 50 percent of your registration fee will be refunded. No refunds will be provided after February 14, but you may send another representative from your district or organization in your place. If TASB must cancel the event, TASB will refund the registrations in full but will not be responsible for any indirect, special, or consequential damages (including transportation, lodging, and meal costs) sustained by the registrant.

## Hotel Reservations

TASB has secured a block of rooms at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, at a rate of \$119 for single or double rooms. Make hotel reservations directly with the Omni. Call either **361.887.1600** or central reservations at **800.843.6664**, and inform the hotel reservations department that you will be attending the 2008 Winter Governance Seminar/TASB. *The cutoff date to make reservations is Wednesday, January 30, 2008*; however, this does not guarantee that there will still be rooms available at this price on January 30. If you know for sure that your board and superintendent plan to attend the seminar, make their reservations as soon as possible.

The Omni Bayfront Hotel is only minutes from downtown shopping, the Texas State Aquarium, the U.S.S. Lexington, and 131 miles of Gulf beaches. Don't forget: Shuttle service to and from Corpus Christi International Airport, just 12 miles away, is complimentary.

### Sites Around Corpus Christi

- 📍 **Omni Bayfront Hotel**
- 1 **USS Lexington Museum**
- 2 **Texas State Aquarium**
- 3 **Watergarden**
- 4 **World of Discovery/ Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History; The Ships of Christopher Columbus**
- 5 **Art Museum of South Texas**
- 6 **Heritage Park-Historic Homes**
- 7 **Water Street Market**

