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Office of the Superintendent

**La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 25, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – None

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Todd Gooden, Jamie White, Chief Kerry Blakemore, Allison Vrana, Betty Bentura, Denise Bell, and Jerald Weatherman

OTHERS PRESENT – Mrs. Ginny Gooden

CALLED TO ORDER – Board President Raymond Koon established a quorum and called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY – The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag were led by Dr. Shaunte' Scott, Superintendent for Personnel and Administration.

APPROVED LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Henry C. Jennings moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Myron Ridge seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE - A public hearing was held to discuss the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget and proposed Tax Rate. A presentation of the 2026-2027 ordinance set Tax Rate for General Operating and Debt Service Funds, including maintenance and operations tax collections.

RECOGNITION ITEMS – None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

SPECIAL REPORTS – Board members received the following special report(s):

Superintendent's Information to the Board

- Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Superintendent, updated the board members on Student Enrollment

- Dr. Sharon M. Shields, presented to the board of trustees upcoming calendar events
- Mrs. Denise Bell, Director of Accountability and School Improvement, presented the 2025-2026 Accountability Report to the board of trustees
- Mr. Todd Gooden, Executive Director for Facilities and Operations, updated the board members on the construction at the La Vega ISD

Summer Leadership Institute Report - Board members, Mrs. Mildred Watkins, and Mrs. Brenda Rocha each shared highlights of the conference.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Randy Devorsky moved to approve the listing of Consent Agenda Items, and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

- Minutes for July 21, 2026, regular board meeting
- The McLennan County Adjunct Faculty Agreement and the Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization
- Monthly Tax Collection Recap and Report
- Quarterly Investment Report
- Budget Amendments
- COOP Purchasing Vendors
- Conversion of Business Information Software
- Public Funds Investment Policy Renewal
- Student Handbook and Code of Conduct
- TASB Policy Updates
- Consider Job Descriptions and Paygrade Charts

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approved the Monthly Budget Analysis Report – Mrs. Brenda Rocha made the motion, and Rev. Larry Carpenter seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the Monthly Budget Analysis Report as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved Budget Amendments - Mr. Randy Devorsky made the motion, and Mr. Raymond Koon seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved the Budget Amendment as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved Official Budget for 2026-2027 – Mr. Myron Ridge made the motion, and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved the Official Budget for the 2026-2027 Academic Year as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2026-2027 – Mrs. Brenda Rocha made the motion that the board approve the 2026-2027 Tax Rate for General Operating and Debt. Rev. Larry Carpenter seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2026 - 2027 as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved Board of Trustees Standard Operating Procedures - Mr. Myron Ridge made the motion, and Mrs. Brenda Rocha seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved the Board of Trustees Standard Operating Procedures, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations - Mr. Myron Ridge made the motion, and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved the Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendation for Mrs. Sarah Ingroum and Odision Miles, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins voted in favor of the motion.

CLOSED MEETING – none

ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Henry C. Jennings made the motion, and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. on August 25, 2026, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Date of Board Approval

President, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Secretary, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees