

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

☐ Workshop	☒ Regular	☐ Special
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(A) ☐ Report Only

☐ Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(B) ☐ Action Item

Presenter(s): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2026 (REGULAR), AND AUGUST 19, 2026 (SPECIAL) BOARD MEETINGS.

(C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

(D) Clarification: Explain any questions or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary – **Entered at 6:05 PM**
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee - **Absent**
Mr. Claudio Heredia, Board Trustee
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Ms. Valerie Carrillo for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 6:01 P.M. (see attendance above).
- IV. **Public Hearing to Discuss the 2026-2027 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Opened at**
Opened at 6:02 PM. No one signed up. Closed at 6:03 PM.
- V. **Citizen's Communication** – No one signed up as a public comment speaker.
- VI. **District Reports/Presentations**
 1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
 2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
 3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
 4. **Report on the 2026 Certified appraisal Roll from the Maverick County Appraisal District.** No questions from the Board.
 5. **Report on the Certification of the Estimated 2025/2026 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD Interest and Sinking Fund.** No questions from the Board.
 6. **Review and Discuss the 2026 Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.** No questions from the Board.
 7. **Report on State Compensatory Education Program Evaluations.**

8. **Presentation of the TCASE Special Education audit report.** Ms. Krista Garcia, Director of Consulting Services for TCASE Services by Design gave an Executive Summary of their Eagle Pass ISD Special Education Program Review. Mrs. Miriam Garcia, EPISD Special Education Director was present to answer questions.

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

VII. 2nd Budget Workshop

Review 2026-2027 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance reviewed the 2026-2027 Budget.

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

VIII. Action Items

1. Consider and take possible action on the request to adopt the Official Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year. **Motion to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Heredia. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt resolution 2026/2027-01 to set the 2026 Tax Rate. **Motion by Trustee Hiller, to adopt the 2026 tax rate of 0.74820 for the maintenance & operations fund and the tax rate of 0.28879 for the interest & sinking fund for a total tax rate of 1.03699. I also move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.03699 which is effectively a 0.27664 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

IX. Consent Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 (Board Workshop) and the July 14, 2026 (Regular) Board Meetings.
2. Consideration and possible action to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Eagle Pass Independent School District for Design-Build delivery method for the District wide improvements for the 2026 Bond Projects in accordance with TGC 2269 Subchapter G.
3. Consideration and possible action to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Eagle Pass Independent School District for competitive sealed proposal delivery method for the new construction and building addition construction projects for the 2026 Bond Projects in accordance with TGC 2269 Subchapter D.

4. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate and contract with the Board-selected design professional for the 2026 Bond projects in accordance with TGC Section 2269.053.
5. Consideration and possible action to approve the prevailing wage rates for the 2026 Bond Projects in accordance with TGC Section 2258.022. The Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates are recommended for Maverick County.
6. Consideration and possible action to approve the procurement method of the competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for the gym floor and roof replacement at Seguin and Seco Mines Elementary project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State Guidelines.
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for the gym floor and roof replacement at Benavides, Ray Darr, and Kirchner Elementary project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines.
8. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for the gym floor and roof replacement at HB Gonzalez, Pete Gallego, and San Luis Elementary project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines.
9. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for the gym floor and roof replacement at Liberty, Rosita Valley, and Sam Houston Elementary project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State Guidelines.
10. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for Language Development Center gym in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State Guidelines.
11. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposals and the ranking criteria for the Rosita Valley Literacy Academy gym project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State Guidelines.
12. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Cooperative Working Agreement between the Eagle Pass ISD and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN), Inc. for the purpose of coordinating comprehensive social services for students during the 2026-27 school year.
13. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an Interlocal Agreement for services and equipment with Maverick County.

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

It was the consensus of the Board to consider Consent item(s) 1 - 13 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee JC Barrera second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

- X. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **7:18 PM** pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters, §551.071 Attorney Consultation, and §551.076 Security Audits, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Heredia. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to be assigned by Superintendent as Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC Section 551.074.
3. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to be assigned as Network Administrator subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC Section 551.074.
4. The Board will hear the Level III Grievance appeal of Veronica Chavez pursuant to TGC Sections 551.071; 551.074; 551.082; and 551.0821.
5. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to donations to the District pursuant to TGC Section 551.071.

- XI. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:47 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies. **Motion to approve by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to be assigned by the Superintendent as Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Heredia to hire a professional employee, David Camarillo, to be assigned by the Superintendent as Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to be assigned as Network Administrator subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion to approve by Trustee Heredia, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the request to hire a professional employee Misael Portillo to be as Network Administrator subject to the possible future reassignment by the Superintendent as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
4. Consideration and possible action on the Level III Grievance appeal of Veronica Chavez. **No action taken. Ms. Veronica Chavez was not present.**

XII. Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM
2. TEA Required School Safety Training – Must be completed by August 31st – Email with link has been sent to you

XIII. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. **Motion to adjourn by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Hiller. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Board Meeting on August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President – **Entered 6:07 PM**
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee
Mr. Claudio Heredia, Board Trustee
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Ms. Valerie Carrillo for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at **6:03 P.M.**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.

III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at **6:04 P.M.** (see attendance above).

IV. **Citizen's Communication** – No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

V. **Action Items**

1. Consideration of and possible action for approval to select the firm(s) for Professional Services required for the 2026 Bond program Package 1 and Execution of a Standard Form of Agreement (AIA Document B101-2017) between EPISD and the selected firm(s) subject to legal approval.

The following RFQ responders presented to the Board:

ERO Architects

Brian A. Godinez, CEO
Octavio Cantu Jr., CSI, CDT, AIA, NCARB
Caleb Goins, AIA, NCARB
Gabriel Herrera, AA
Dave Vieira, ASTC/Passerelle Design Group Partner/Principal

Alvarado Architects

Erasmus "Ed" Alvarado Jr., AIA President & Architect
Erasmus Eli Alvarado, III, Vice President
Luis Ahumada, Associate Principal, Director of K-12 San Antonio

Emilee Keith RID, NCIDQ, IIDA Corporate Head of Interiors, Senior Principal
Jorge Tiscareno, Chief Design Officer, Senior Principal

WRA

Jeremy Melton, M. Ed.
Kelly Trompler, Associate Education Planner
Diego Barrera, AIA, NCARB Principal Director of Design
Alberto Alvarez, Associate Architectural Designer
Benny Soileau, Ed. D. Education Planner

Gignac Architects

Raymond Gignac, AIA, RID Principal – In – Charge
Isaac Lozano, Associate AIA Project Manager

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

(Motion was made during Open Session)

Motion to approve ERO Architects by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera

2. Consideration of and possible action for approval to select the firm(s) for Professional Services required for the 2026 Bond program Package 2 and Execution of a Standard Form of Agreement (AIA Document B101-2017) between EPISD and the selected firm(s) subject to legal approval.

The following RFQ responders presented to the Board:

ERO Architects

Brian A. Godinez, CEO
Octavio Cantu Jr., CSI, CDT, AIA, NCARB
Caleb Goins, AIA, NCARB
Gabriel Herrera, AA
Dave Vieira, ASTC/Passerelle Design Group Partner/Principal

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Erasmus Eli Alvarado, III, Vice President
Luis Ahumada, Associate Principal, Director of K-12 San Antonio
Emilee Keith RID, NCIDQ, IIDA Corporate Head of Interiors, Senior Principal
Jorge Tiscareno, Chief Design Officer, Senior Principal

WRA

Jeremy Melton, M. Ed.

Kelly Trompler, Associate Education Planner

Diego Barrera, AIA, NCARB Principal Director of Design

Alberto Alvarez, Associate Architectural Designer

Benny Soileau, Ed. D. Education Planner

Gignac Architects

Raymond Gignac, AIA, RID Principal – In – Charge

Isaac Lozano, Associate AIA Project Manager

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

(Motion was made during Open Session)

Motion to approve ERO Architects by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera

- VI. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **7:30 PM** pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters, §551.071 Attorney Consultation, and §551.076 Security Audits, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn Head Boys Soccer Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074
3. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal update on litigation matter EPISD v Leyendecker (SAC) #19-09-37846-MCV pursuant to TGC 551.071.
4. The Board will discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract pursuant to TGC 551.071 and 551.074.

The following item was added during the meeting by Board request.

5. The Board will consult with its Attorney pursuant to TGC 551.071 for Action Items #1 and #2.

- VII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **9:37 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies. **Motion to approve by Trustee Heredia, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H.**

Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn Head Boys Soccer Coach vacancy as discussed in closed session. **Motion by Trustee JC Barrera seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the hiring of Jose Hernandez as Head Boys Soccer Coach for CC Winn High School as discussed in close session. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
3. Consider and possible approval of the settlement proposal in EPISD v Leyendecker (SAC) #19-09-37846-MCV as discussed in closed session. **Motion by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Heredia to deny the mediators settlement proposal in EPISD v Leyendecker (SAC) #19-09-37846-MCV as presented and discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
4. Consideration and take appropriate action on the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract as discussed in closed session. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Perry to approve and execute the Superintendent's evaluation and contract amendment as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Action Items #1 and #2, **See Agenda Item V, items #1 and #2 above.**

VIII. **Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:**

1. Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – Chamber of Commerce Back to School Luncheon – ICT – 11:30 AM – See Marisela for tickets.
2. TEA Required School Safety Training – Must be completed by August 31, 2026 – Email with link has been sent to you
3. Required Annual Cybersecurity Training – Must be completed by August 31, 2026 – Email was sent to you.
4. New Required TEA Parental Rights Training – Must be completed by August 31, 2026 – Email was sent to you

IX. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM. **Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

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