Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 6:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
7965 Artcraft
El Paso, TX 79932

1. **GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER**

1.A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at **<u>6:03</u> PM**

1.B. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Borrego, Mrs. Maldonado, Mr. Martinez, Mrs. Ortega, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Zuniga

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited by everyone in the boardroom.

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

The CISD Vision was led by trustee Maldonado

2. **BOARD HONORS**

2.A. Swearing in of Mia Valle from Canutillo High School and Ines Andrade from Northwest Early College High School as the 2026-27 Student Advisors to the CISD Board of Trustees.

Mr. Gustavo Reveles introduced the students who will be serving as student advisors for the 2026-27 school year. Mr. Martinez, Board President, swore them into their respective roles. Photo ops followed.

3.

OPEN FORUM-OTHER

Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):

Each participant will be limited to <u>THREE MINUTES</u> to make comments to the Board.

The Board is <u>NOT</u> permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

Dr. Pedro Galaviz addressed the board of trustees regarding the board's duties as the elected governing body for the district. He reminded the board that as elected officers their job is to govern the district but not manage. Dr. Galaviz stated that data trends show a decrease in governance and poor organizational performance. Dr. Galaviz stated that the community will hold the board accountable for the lack of governance that has been done.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION-OTHER**

4.A. Quarterly Update from PROCEDEO

Mr. Ernesto Ortiz Presented a report that summarized the progress on the new builds as well as completion dates and progress of renovations at the various campuses. Mr. Andrew De La Rosa from LDCM showed aerial footage to demonstrate the percentage of completion at the new Deanna Davenport Elementary. He also emphasized on how that footage was a couple of weeks old and that the project looks even more completed by the time of the meeting.
Trustee Barnes asked questions regarding discrepancies on the Bond Interest reports received. However it was clarified by the administration that the PROCEDEO information was a little outdated as finance had provided more up to date information via Thursday packet. Trustee Barnes also raised questions about items that have been paid through bond interest found. Dr. Rico mentioned that those items were not anticipated at the time the bond passed but they had to be made as part of the security updates. Student Advisor Mia Valles asked why the North West Early College progressed less than the rest of the project. Mr. Ortiz explained that due to land lease agreements there were delays to the project start time.
Trustee Maldonado asked clarifying questions about the project's warranties and insurance and how they would work in the long term in case there were any possible issues that could happen. Trustee Rodriguez asked if more of the alternate projects could be completed before the contractors finish all the work at each site. It was explained by Mr. Ortiz said that it was an administrative decision to wait until all projects were completed to see funds availability and see how many more projects could be allocated with the remainder of the money at the time. Board president Martinez also brought up to PROCEDEO some issues that he observed and stated that he wanted to make sure that all punchlist items are taken care of as the projects and renovations get completed. Mr. Martinez also suggested having student tours of the constructions to demonstrate how the new build looks and works. Dr. Borrego thanked Mr. Ortiz for his job as well the architect who presented alongside him.

4.B. 2026 A-F District and Campus Accountability Ratings Report

Mrs. Jessica Harrison presented the accountability report to the board of trustees. She presented historical comparisons of district ratings through the past 5 years as well as comparison of area districts. Dr. Kerney provided information about system changes and supports being made to improve scores moving forward.

Trustee Borrego emphasised the importance of TEKS and how the important part moving forward will be increasing student scores. Trustee Rodriguez added remarks concerning how data shows that TEA changed the scoring rules in the middle of the process and how it affected the district across Texas. Trustee Maldonado asked for more information about what is being done to increase CCMR points moving forward as well as how the corrective action plans will work for the targeted campuses. Dr. Kerney mentioned that as scores were received recently, action plans under development at this time. Mrs. Maldonado also asked regarding the "coaching in the moment" approach and how it works. Dr. Kerney and Dr. Borrego explained that the administration team works together to identify key success criteria and that feedback is given to teachers as needed and without interruptions. Trustee Borrego explained that the district is doing "excellence by design" which will bring CISD to par with other districts who already do that. Dr. Borrego mentioned that the structure being created is to create college ready students starting at the elementary level and moving up. Mr. Rodriguez expressed appreciation towards student's advisors input as well as concerns over how staff and community members are perceiving the changes at this time. He stated he has heard of students and teachers who have complained about the changes. Mr Rodriguez would like to request a climate survey to receive student/staff feedback.

5. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

5.A. Discussion and Possible Action to Award Request for Proposal (RFP) 2027-046 Self-Funded Medical, Pharmacy Benefit Management, Specific Stop Loss Insurance, Near Site Clinic, HSA and COBRA Administration Or Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA)
The item was pulled from the agenda. No Action to be taken.

5.B. Discussion and Possible Action for Approval on School Health Advisory Council (**SHAC**) Annual Report and Presentation
The item was pulled from the agenda. No Action to be taken.

5.C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Change Order No. 1 . Providing an Eighty-four (84) Days Contract Time Extension to Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Canutillo Elementary School, RFQ #2025-02B, Project No. 101-001 to Banes General Contractors.
Mrs. Maldonado made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Mrs. Borrego seconded the motion.
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

All in favor, motion passes.

5.D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Canutillo ISD Police Department Reserve Program

Mrs. Borrego made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Ortega seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

All in favor, motion passes.

5.E. Discussion and Possible Action for Approval for the 2026-2027 School Year, to Delegate Authority to the Superintendent to Obligate the School District to Pay Recapture Under Chapter 49 of the Texas Education Code

Mrs. Barnes made the following motion "For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding."

Ms. Borrego seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

All in favor, motion passes.

5.F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Contract for November 3, 2026 General Election With the El Paso County Elections Office.

Mrs. Borrego made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

All in favor, motion passes.

5.G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve, Ratify Commitment, and Authorize Payment for 2024 Bond Program Professional Services provided to Canutillo Independent School District

Mrs. Veronica Campbell and Mr. Gustavo Reveles addressed the board regarding the need to bring the item to the board as an invoice received brought the total

amount to be paid over the 100 thousand dollar threshold (104 thousand). Mrs. Campbell mentioned that the vendor has a signed agreement/award which stipulates travel surcharges as part of the total amount to be paid. Mrs. Barnes suggested tabling the item until the next board meeting to hear from the vendor and parties involved as there are some miscommunications about the process and some possible questionable practices. Mrs. Barnes also explained that she has concerns over final deliverables as we have not seen much updates from the vendor. Mrs. Campbell explained that requiring the vendor to make a presence at the next board meeting might incur additional fees. Mrs. Campbell also explained that the vendor has a strong argument as per the Texas prompt payment act and that he might pursue legal means. Mrs. Borrego and Maldonado agreed the item has to be tabled as they have not been able to read the documentation provided by trustee Barnes. Mrs. Maldonado would like further discussion however she cautioned against having vendor travel and incurred more possible charges for traveling and meals.
Mrs. Barnes motioned to table the item for further discussion at a future board meeting. Trustee Maldonado second the motion.
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

5.H. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve, Ratify Commitment, and Authorize Payment for Movable Signage Provided to Canutillo ISD at Jose Damian Elementary Campus

Mrs. Campbell explained the process of why this item is being brought up to the board. She explained that it was unclear on who requested the item, however, she also stated that the item was created, delivered, received by the district and now is currently in use. The district has an obligation to ratify the payment for services provided. Mrs. Barnes raised questions regarding who authorized or made the request for the sign that has to be paid. Ms. Borrego asked if there was any breach of protocol since the vendor is under ESC19 coop. Steve Blanco explained that since standard purchasing procedures were not followed, the district did receive the goods and services. The district needs to pay for the value of the sign and the value of the services received are owed to the vendor. Trustee Borrego shared feelings that vendors need to be paid, however whoever did not follow the purchasing procedures might need to be reprimanded as long as the district did not break any laws on the procurement process. Mrs. Maldonado clarified that she feels like not paying would be detrimental to the district's reputation. Trustee Martinez asked if this purchase exceeds the 100 thousand dollar threshold. It was explained that this was a separate invoice however if it had been purchased with the other signs ordered, it would have brought it over the threshold. Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that this was approved under Dr. Galaviz' tenure and if he was responsible is still unclear. Dr. Rico also expressed to the board that this process was under a different purchasing agent as well and that as Mrs. Campbell has come on board, processes are being followed more thoroughly in order to prevent future issues such as this one. Mrs. Campbell stated the following for the record "it's all about transparency and also being respectful to the process. And so at the end of the day, we have vendors that are working under this bond. And so I want to make sure that they are held to a certain level that they are not to do any kind of work, any kind of change orders, any kind of PO change request without proper documentation."

Mrs. Maldonado made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Borrego seconded the motion.
Mrs. Barnes-No, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-No, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion passes.

Mrs. Ortega added for the record she voted no "not because i dont want for the vendor to not to get paid. I want for the vendor to get paid, but in a fair world, Dr. Galaviz should be the one paying for this sign, not the school district."

5.I. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Agreement with GeoComm School Safety Indoor Mapping Solutions
Mrs. Maldonado requested clarification regarding how this item was going to be funded and since it was to be paid with bond interest funds on whether it was allowable by bond language.
Chief Martinez clarified that the item was vetted through bond counsel and that it would be considered safety and security upgrades.
Mrs. Campbell explained that this is part of the Uvlade initiative and that it is mandatory through TEA.
It was also explained by Dr. Rico Canutillo as a pilot for the program as we are one of the first ones to have the panic buttons in classroom phones.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Borrego seconded the motion.
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion passes.

5.J. Discussion and Possible Action for Approval of Agreement of Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) Two-Year Demographic Review and Enrollment Planning Services

Mrs. Maldonado asked if the item can be discussed at a later date. Dr. Rico explained that there is a timeline of implementation that needs to happen to help with student registration in December and that delaying it would create further delays.

Mrs. Borrego motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Borrego seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-No, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

Motion passes.

Mrs. Maldonado expressed concerns for the record “boundary changes, existing schools. I go here but now my little brother is going to…”

Mr Rodriguez mentioned that he was concerned with the boundary process.

5.K. Discussion and Possible Action for Approval of Singlewire Visitor Aware Visitor Manager and Safety Manager for District Locations

Mrs. Maldonado made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Borrego seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

Motion passes.

Mrs. Barnes asked clarifying questions on whether this was coming from bond interest and requested to have an updated report to see balance after all these changes.

5.L. Discussion and Possible Action of the Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Application for the 2026-2027 School Year and Program Presentation of The Opportunity Academy (TOA)

Dr. Reyes and TOA Teacher presented to the board. They also provided updates regarding summer graduation and students being able to complete the programs.

Dr. Reyes also added information about students completing the program and why some students choose to enroll on TOA over traditional High School

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mrs. Maldonado seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion passes.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING**
Motion by Mrs. Barnes to approve consent agenda as presented with exception of items 6.C.1 and 6.C.2. Trustee Ortega seconded the motion
All in favor, motion passes.

6.A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

6.A.1. Approval for the renewal of Interlocal Agreement/ Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage through USI

6.A.2. Approval of Ratification of the After-the-fact Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between EDWELL, Inc., a Federal Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program, and Canutillo ISD to Serve as Administrator and Sponsor of the K-12 Teacher Appreciation Program.

6.A.3. Approval of the Policy CFB (Local) Update

6.A.4. Approval of Self-Certification to Increase Micro-Purchase Threshold for Federal Grant Programs

6.A.5. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between El Paso MHMR D/B/A Emergence Health Network and Canutillo ISD

6.A.6. Approval of Resolution Authorizing El Paso Central Appraisal District Representation in the Property Value Study Process

6.A.7. Approval of the Designation of Finance Accountant as an Additional Authorized Representative with Lone Star Investment Pool for Investment Responsibilities on Behalf of Canutillo ISD

6.A.8. Approval of the Investment Report for the Year and Quarter Ended June 30, 2026.

6.B. *CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*

6.B.1. Approval of the 2026-2027 Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (**JJAEP**) Interlocal Agreement with the El Paso County Juvenile Board and Canutillo ISD

6.B.2. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between Canutillo ISD and Aliviane Inc

6.B.3. Approval of Administration's Submission and Application for Waiver to TEA for School Systems Actively Working With Pre-K Partners to Meet the 85% Pass-Through Rate.

6.B.4. Approval of Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Rio Grande Chapter, Good News Club-Jose Damian Elementary School

6.B.5. Approval of Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Rio Gr:ande Chapter, Good News Club-Bill Childress Elementary School

6.B.6. Approval of Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Rio Grande Chapter, Good News Club-Garcia Elementary School

6.B.7. Approval of Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Rio Grande Chapter, Good News Club-Canutillo Elementary School

6.B.8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding: Texas Reading Academies ESC 19 Implementation

6.C.*HUMAN RESOURCES*

6.C.1. Approval of Student Support Stipends Lead PE Teacher and Lead Health Ed Teacher

Mrs Maldonado asked questions regarding who would be taking the role of Lead PE Teacher as well as how many stipends would be given. Mrs. Maldonado also asked if these were changes that came out as a result to the reductions in force.

Motion by Mrs. Barnes to approve item 6.C.1 as presented. Trustee Ortega seconded the motion

All in favor, motion passes.

6.C.2. Approval of Revisions to Local Policy CQD —Technology Resources Artificial Intelligence

Mrs. Barnes asked to be informed about updated regulations once they are implemented via Thursday packet. Mrs. Carrasco mentioned that policy will be sent as approved to TASB and that regulations

Motion by Mrs. Barnes to approve 6.C.2 as presented. Trustee Ortega seconded the motion.

All in favor, motion passes.

6.C.3. Approval of Academic Services Division Stipend for Gifted & Talented Teachers

7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **<u>Closed at 9:19 PM</u>**

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Trustees Borrego and Maldonado left the meeting at 9:19 PM

7.A. Discussion Regarding 3-Year Safety and Security Audit

8. **NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER** **Open at 9:33 PM**

8.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 3-Year Safety and Security Audit

Motion to Approve as presented on executive session made by trustee Barnes and second by trustee Ortega.
Barnes-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All In favor, motion passes.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **9:34 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **September 22, 2026** . The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.