

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Larry Cantu, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS:	Sandra Blanton	Candace Rodriguez	Jaime Velasco
	Gianna Morales	Jacqueline Padilla	Anisa Chavera
	Richard Gonzalez	Joshua Garcia	Rachel Medrano
	Belinda Alaniz	Filiberto Tagle	Oscar Pruneda

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Absent, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been called, and that the notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 **VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

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Trustee Erik Gallegos read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN FORUM) AS PER POLICY BED (LOCAL)**

There was no public participation.

6.0 **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

6A **HEART OF GOLD**

Filiberto Tagle recognized Noemi Ortiz, Assistant Principal at Robert Driscoll STEM Academy, as the recipient of the Heart of Gold award. He reported that Melissa Chavez had nominated Noemi Ortiz for her outstanding assistance during a medical emergency with a student on June 2, 2026.

7.0 **MADAM PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

7A **TASA/TASB TXEDCON CONVENTION – OCTOBER 8-11, 2026 – HOUSTON, TEXAS**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the TASA/TASB TXEDCON Convention was going to be held on October 8-11, 2026, in Houston, Texas. The rooms have been booked, and if you are not able to attend, please let Ms. Padilla know so that she can cancel them.

7B **TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – OCTOBER 8-11, 2026 – DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the TASB Delegate Assembly will also be held during the TASA/TASB TxEdcon Convention. Discussion was held, and Trustee Yvette Villalobos will be the Delegate and Lori Ann Garza will be the Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly on October 8-11, 2026.

8.0 **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

8A **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

The enrollment was at 2311, and the attendance was at 93.8%. Last school year, they were at 2481, and they are down 170 students this school year. He read a letter from the Deputy Commissioner giving the school district notice of escalating intervention requirements. The purpose of the letter was to provide information to the school district regarding the turnaround plan requirements due to multiple years of unacceptable performance at Seale Jr. High School, Lotspiech Leadership Academy, and Robert Driscoll STEM Academy.

The campuses that were listed must continue implementing the turnaround plans previously approved by the Commissioner and Board of Trustees. Under Texas law, any campus in the school district that earns five consecutive years of unacceptable academic accountability ratings will automatically trigger the TEC Texas Code 39A requiring either a campus closure or the installation of a board of managers that will include a new superintendent. The goal was for the turnaround plan to be successful, and it could be done.

9.0

PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9A

RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig announced that they did not have any donations to report this evening.

Trustee Mario Mesa and Trustee Larry Cantu arrived for the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

9B

ACADEMIC UPDATE/TIA UPDATE

Joshua Garcia gave an update report on the Lift Grant, which was in partnership with Great Minds, Math and RLA support. Anisa Chavera, Literacy Coordinator, presented an update report on the RLA through the Lift Grant. She reported that last week they met with Tanisha Hall from Great Minds. Ms. Hall met with Robert Driscoll STEM Academy on Wednesday; on Thursday she was at San Pedro Fine Arts Academy, and on Friday she was at Lotspeich Leadership Academy. The visit was aligned to the goals that were created with Great Minds and the school district. The first one was to make sure that, as a school district, they developed a definition and a shared language on what high-quality instruction looked like. For math, they are using Ample, and for reading they are using Blue Bonnet. During the learning walks, they check to make sure that everything required is aligned. Every visit is to lift and improve the teachers. Mr. Garcia reported that they have completed 187 learning walks and, because of the initiative with Lift, they have tracked forty-nine coaching conversations. They are using the Ignostic Tool while conducting their learning walks to look at the lead measures of depth of practice questioning, academic discourse, and academic vocabulary. He presented a breakdown of learning walks by subjects and grade levels, and math and reading are going to be priorities during the learning walks. The learning walks help drive the professional development on Red Days. He reviewed the sessions that were going to be available on Red Day this Friday for the teaching staff. Rachel Medrano reported that they would be submitting the data on October 15, 2026, and they will find out whether they are validated. They have met with the rural cohort twice; Diana Silvas has attended a meeting at the ESC II. She and the rest of the team have met with specific vendors to learn about what other testing platforms are out there for the elective teachers. On September 4th, they went to Victoria and met with the rural cohort and reviewed the data. They need one more data point to finish it, and they should receive it by October 15th, and then it will be ready to submit.

9C

M & O UPDATE

Dr. Marc Puig presented the M & O Update to the Board. He reviewed the RECHS Field House Project Executive Summary with the Board. The report included the substantially completed items, active work, critical path, and management watch items. Richard Gonzalez reported that today they got started on the cabling. Everything has been ordered, and they are six weeks out. This week they will start taking down equipment from Ortiz Intermediate as a temporary solution, and for the most

part everything was going down as planned. Dr. Puig announced that the transformer should be coming in anytime this week. By the end of October, the field house should be ready, and the furniture should be finalized this week. Also, he reviewed the priority items on HVAC and the potential investment. Seventy-five percent of the HVAC has been completed; however, there is still 25% to complete.

9D SAFETY REPORT

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that the Safety Report would be presented in the executive session.

9E LIST OF BILLS

9F FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

President Lori Ann Garza informed the Board that the List of Bills and Financial Statement Reports were in their board packet for their review. If they had any questions, please contact Dr. Marc Puig. Dr. Puig reported that a total of \$632,899 would be deposited into the Fund Balance. The school district has collected 103% of the school district's revenue estimate, and they have already spent 98.49%.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

10A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10B APPROVAL OF REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION WAIVER

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #7182 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:35 p.m.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD CHILD NUTRITION ADULT MEAL RATES

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that occasionally the school districts, as per TDA, need to raise the cost of the meals provided to adults to cover the cost of the meal, the labor of food, and the value of any of the commodities. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended an increase of twenty-five cents. The lunch would now be \$5.50, and the breakfast would be \$3.75.

Motion #7183 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:36 p.m.

11B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS
Dr. Marc Puig reported that every five years, the school district has to solicit proposals and then renew them every year. He recommended approving the Special Education Contracts as presented.

Motion #7184 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:40 p.m.

11C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTS FOR EARLY GRADUATION FROM ROBSTOWN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Belinda Alaniz informed the Board that they have three students who are requesting to graduate early. The administration has reviewed their coursework, the reason why, and whether they are on target to graduate early. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the request as presented.

Motion #7185 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:44 p.m.

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE UNDER TEXAS EDUCATION CODE 39.008 (SENATE BILL 12)
Dr. Marc Puig recommended tabling this item because they needed to meet a time component to be completed by September 30, 2026. Senate Bill 12 is certification that the school district is following DEI policies. Everything was fine; the only thing they needed to correct was the timing of the posting.

Motion #7186 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:46 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REAL ESTATE BROKER FOR THE SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPERTIES
Dr. Marc Puig reported that the school district presently has Coldwell Banker as the school district's real estate broker, and he recommended going with Coldwell Banker for one more year. Thus far, they have sold one property.

Motion #7187 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:48 p.m.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into the executive session.

Motion #7188 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to go into the executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
6:49 p.m.

Motion #7189 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene from the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
7:44 p.m.

13.0 OPEN SESSION

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS,

EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS,
DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List and stipends as discussed in the executive session.

Motion #7190 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos -Yes, C. Martinez -Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
7:45 p.m.

13B Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Safety Audit as presented in the executive session.

Motion #7191 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos -Yes, C. Martinez -Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
7:45 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7192 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Yes, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Absent, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1
7:46 p.m.

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ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Mario Mesa, Trustee
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Erik Gallegos, Vice-President
Larry Cantu, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:07 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Erik Gallegos – Absent, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Absent, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 2

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2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

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3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

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4.0

VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

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Trustee C. Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN FORUM) AS PER POLICY BED (LOCAL)

There was no public participation.

6.0

ACTION ITEM(S)

6A

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT’S ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE UNDER TEXAS EDUCATION CODE 39.008 (SENATE BILL 12)

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that the school district has to approve an annual certification of compliance under the Texas Education Code 39.008 (Senate Bill 12) every year. The certification requires that school districts identify local board policies or procedures as per the Texas Education Code. If the school district has adopted Policy Updates 119, 122, 126, and 127, the policies that need to be reviewed are in the updates previously approved. In addition to the policies already included, they have to also review local board policies AE or AEA, CH, CV, and DEA. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the District’s Annual Certification of Compliance under Texas Education Code 39.008 (Senate Bill 12) as presented.

Motion #7193 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin -Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried
6:13 p.m.

Yes - 5

No - 0

Absent - 2

6B

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Dr. Marc Puig presented the following five superintendent goals for the Board’s review and approval: 1) District Accountability Rating – 80 or higher/B Rating, 2) Campus Accountability Ratings – every campus C or higher, 3) Academic Growth – No one is left behind, 4) Attendance – five-point reduction in chronic absenteeism, and 5)

School Improvement – Exit school improvement by August 27, 2026. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7194 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the superintendent's goals as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin -Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 5 No - 0 Absent - 2
6:16 p.m.

7.0 **CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074**

7A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

7B DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT SUPPORT PLAN

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into the executive session to discuss item numbers 7A and 7B.

Motion #7195 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin -Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 5 No - 0 Absent - 2
6:17 p.m.

Motion #7196 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene from the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Yes, L. Cantu - Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 5 No - 0 Absent - 2
6:54 p.m.

8.0 **OPEN SESSION**

8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig announced that there was no Personnel List to approve at this time.

8B ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A SUPPORT PLAN FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ADDRESS IMPROVEMENT OF DISTRICT'S ACCOUNTABILITY RATING
President L. Garza asked for a motion on this item.

Motion #7197 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the support plan for the superintendent to address improvement of district's accountability ratings as presented in the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Yes, L. Cantu - Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 5 No - Absent - 2
6:55 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7198 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza - Yes, E. Gallegos - Absent, C. Martinez - Yes, B. Marroquin - Yes, L. Cantu - Absent, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 5 No - 0 Absent - 2
6:55 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 09/28/2026, except for the executive session.)