Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

A. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, Fernando Fernandez, Sergio Ortiz

Staff present: Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa, Jon Orozco, Anne Marie Espinoza, Dr. Norma Carranza, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Jennifer Torres, Dr. Andi Guerrero, Dr. Bryan Perez, Norma De La Fuente, Dr. Susan Bineham, Katie Hughes, Rodney Harrison, Mikka Sanchez, Yvette Gomez, Elsa Ayala, Margaret Tarski

Guests present: Elisa Hinojosa, Mia Hinojosa, Amber King, Hali Mecklin, Deyanira Salazar, Simon Ortiz, Rogelio Munoz, Ernest Santos, Don McLaughlin, Joe Cardenas, Mike Davis, Laura Perez, Roland Perez, Roland Sanchez, Cody Smith, Hector Luevano, Amy Oullett, Jeff Oullett, JJ Suarez,Vincent Salazar, Jill Stoy, Bernadina Arias, Annabel Cortez, Chad Stary, Betty Padilla, Mr. Stoy, Jackie Rendon, Prizella Bueno

B. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.
The heavenly birthdays of Uziyah Garcia, Layla Marie Salazar, and Jailah Nicole Silguero were recognized.

C. The invocation was led by Arabella Munoz, Rogelio Munoz and Ezra Arias.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Cristian Gonzalez and Cadet Ensign Charlize Gonzalez.

2. Open Forum

JJ Suarez spoke in open forum regarding Juan M. Hinojosa.

3. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074, 551.076, and 551.0821.

A. Pursuant to Section 551.074 and 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, deliberations involving proposed Superintendent Contract and related legal consultation with attorney.

The board met in closed session at 6:12 pm

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, discussion regarding Intruder Detection Security Audit.

The board met in closed session at 7:42 pm.

C. Pursuant to Section 551.0821 and 551.071, deliberations regarding communication from the Superintendent concerning school district matters and related legal consultation with attorney.
D. Pursuant to Section 551.071, legal consultation with attorney regarding open record request.
E. Pursuant to Section 551.074, deliberations concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

4. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed.

The board reconvened at 6:44 pm.

A. Consider and take possible action involving the proposed Superintendent Employment Contract with Juan M. Hinojosa.

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve the selection of Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa as Superintendent of Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District and authorize the School Board President to execute an employment contract. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

The board paused for recess at 6:51 pm.
The board reconvened at 7:28 pm.

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

The board reconvened at 8:42 pm.

The motion was made by Sergio Ortiz and seconded by Natalie Arias to approve the personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations as presented in closed session. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

5. Announcements
Anne Marie Espinoza shared the following:

Attendance:
Current enrollment is 3,576 students with an increase of 196 students from day one. We are still short 167 students as of May 28th. We are at 90.56 as a district for the first grading period.

Hybrid Calendar
We have used two of the 15 days. We hope that our parents use the remaining 13 days to schedule any type of medical appointments if needed. We continue to share this calendar hoping the remaining days will be utilized.

School Based Clinic:
229 Visits for the month of August 2026

- 189 student visits
- 40 staff members

Increased use were Dalton, UDLA, Morales Junior High, and Central Office

T-Mobile Sweepstates:
$5,000 winners for week six to support our football program

6. Information Reports

A. Information regarding Robb Campus

President Rizo shared a statement regarding the next steps for the Robb campus.

B. Information regarding the 2025-2026 Accountability Rating for Uvalde CISD

Dr. Norma Carranza presented information regarding the 2025-2026 Accountability Rating for Uvalde CISD.

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, Discussion regarding Intruder Detection Security Audit

Dr. Hinojosa reported that the district has not had a safety audit by the state at this point. There is nothing to report other than we are still adhering to all the safety measures and the protocols that we are required to at this time.

7. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Discuss to Approve the Uvalde High School Mariachi's out of state performance at Carnegie Hall on June 8 - 12 that will be at no cost to the school district.

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Sergio Ortiz to approve the Uvalde High School Mariachi's out of state performance at Carnegie Hall on June 8 through June 12, 2026 that will be at no cost to the school district. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

B. Discuss to Approve the new course: Personal Financial Literacy and Economics (PFLECO) as approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE) for the 2026-2027 school year

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve the Personal Financial Literacy and Economics (PFLECO) as approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE) for the 2026-2027 school year. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

C. Discuss to Approve the purchase of Emergent Tree at the approximate cost of $132,900 that will be funded through a combination of Tier I, II, and III funds

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded Sergio Ortiz to approve the purchase of Emergent Tree at the approximate cost of $132,900 that will be funded through a combination of Tier I, II, and III funds. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

D. Information regarding the framework for establishing the examination and assessment sources for Credit by Examination

Dr. Hinojosa shared the framework we are going to follow to provide the guidance for students to do credit by examination. This was not in place but will do this as an addendum or addition to the Advanced Academic Handbook.

8. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. A. Discuss to approve proposed stipends for LSSP and Diagnosticians for the 2026-2027 school year to be funded from the Special Education Department budget

The motion was made by Fernando Fernandez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve the proposed stipends for LSSP and Diagnosticians for the 2026-2027 school year to be funded from the Special Education Department budget. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted against. The motion was not carried 7/0.

The motion was made by Fernando Fernandez and seconded by Jason Cortez to approve the proposed stipends for LSSP and Diagnosticians for the 2026-2027 school year as presented contingent upon meeting all applicable eligibility requirements to be funded from the Special Education Department budget. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

B. A. Discuss to Approve a resolution to increase the monthly employer contribution for insurance by $31 for all staff at an approximate cost of approximately $150,000 to be funded from the General Fund

The motion was made by Sergio Ortiz and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve a resolution to increase the monthly employer contribution for insurance by $31 for all staff at an approximate cost of approximately $150,000 to be funded from the General Fund. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

C. A. Discuss to Approve general fund budget amendment #1

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded Jason Cortez to approve the general fund budget amendment #1. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

9. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. A. Discuss to Approve Trustees to nominate candidates to be placed on the ballot for the directorship at the Uvalde County Appraisal District

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Natalie Arias to nominate Trustee Erika Munoz and Simon Ortiz to be placed on the ballot for the directorship at the Uvalde County Appraisal District. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. Erika Munoz abstained. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

10. Consent Agenda:
A. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 17, 2026
B. Minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees held on August 24, 2026
C. Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 24, 2026
D. Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 27, 2026
E. Information regarding maintenance and operations
F. Information regarding transportation
G. Information regarding SFE
H. Information regarding cash and investment activity for August 2026
I. Information regarding the district's credit card activity for August 2026
J. Information regarding revenues and expenditures as of July 2026
K. Information regarding tax collection activity for August 2026
L. Information regarding the district's federal program activity for July 2026
M. Discuss to Approve vendor list for purchases over $50,000 for the 2026-2027 school year
N. Discuss to Approve accounts payable checks for August 2026
O. Discuss to Approve the donation of $8,500 from the Kate Marmion Charitable Foundation to fund the licensing and royalty fees to produce *Grease*
P. Information regarding student attendance
Q. Information regarding student discipline
R. Discuss to Approve the 2026-2027 School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) members
S. Discuss to Approve the MOU between UCISD and
    a. Uvalde Together Resiliency Center for the 2026-2027 school year (New - no cost)

b. South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation (STFPHC) (New - no cost)

T. Discuss to Approve the TTESS and T-PESS calendar and appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year

U. Discuss to Approve a one year extension for RFP #2024-199 district/campus shirts, apparel & other customized items

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Natalie Arias to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustees Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm on September 21, 2026.

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Board President Date