

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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 (REGULAR), BOARD MEETING.

- (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 September 08, 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 6:05 PM**
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee
Mr. Morris Libson Jr., 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 6:00 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. **Citizen's Communication –** No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of Luis Gael Prieto Banda, CC Winn High School Senior, for being awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction by the College Board for his scores on his Advanced Placement Exams.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Luis Gael Prieto Banda, CC Winn High School Senior, for being awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction by the College Board for his scores on his Advanced Placement Exams. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of Alann Hernandez, CC Winn High School 9th Grader for being selected to participate in the 2026 Youth Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. held in conjunction with the NCCEP/GEAR UP annual conference on July 19-22, 2026** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Alann Hernandez, CC Winn High School 9th Grader for being selected to participate in the 2026 Youth Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. held in conjunction with the NCCEP/GEAR UP annual conference on July 19-22, 2026. A group picture was taken.

3. **Recognition of Amadi Cortes, Eagle Pass High School 9th Grader for being selected to participate in the 2026 NCEEP/GEAR UP annual conference in Washington, D.C.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Amadi Cortes, Eagle Pass High School 9th Grader for being selected to participate in the 2026 NCEEP/GEAR UP annual conference in Washington, D.C. A group picture was taken.
4. **Recognition of six students from Eagle Pass High School that proudly represented Eagle Pass Junior High and Eagle Pass High School at the prestigious Tapia Camps hosted by Daniella Byrne,** Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Armando Cerna Elementary Girls Basketball team for winning the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation Division III Championship. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of the Athletic Department for being selected as a District of Distinction for the 2025-2026 by the University Interscholastic League (UIL).** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Athletic Department for being selected as a District of Distinction for the 2025-2026 by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of the Food Service Department for being recognized as a USDA Foods Challenge Awardee by the Texas Department of Agriculture.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Food Service Department for being recognized as a USDA Foods Challenge Awardee by the Texas Department of Agriculture. A group picture was taken.

V. District Reports/Presentations

1. Financial Report
2. Utility Report
3. Tax Collection Report
4. Tax Collector's Annual Report for Collections and Transfers
5. **Report of the 2025-2026 State Assessment Scores.** Mr. David Camarillo, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave a short review of the Assessment Scores.

(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).

VI. Consent Items

1. 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.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2026-27-02 to levy the 2026 tax roll for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2027.
3. Consideration and possible approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Eagle Pass Independent School District for the 2026-2027 Eagle Pass ISD Dual Credit Program serving grades 11 and 12.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt a resolution between Eagle Pass ISD and The University of Texas at Austin (UT) Gear Up Program and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related amendments as per Board Policy.
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a donation of \$1,060 of 125 backpacks filled with essential school supplies from Jonah Energy for HB Gonzalez Elementary students.
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a donation of \$5,000 from winning the T-Mobile \$5K Fridays in support of the Eagle Pass High School Football program.

It was the consensus of the Board to consider Consent item(s) 1, 2, 4,5 and 6 in One Motion. Motion by Trustee Hiller second 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 – Yes

Consent Item #3

It was the consensus of the Board to consider Consent item #3 by itself. Motion by Trustee Martinez for consideration of possible approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Eagle Pass ISD regional security operation center agreement subject to legal approval second by Trustee Heredia. 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

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

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- VII. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **6:27 PM** pursuant to Sections §551.071; 551.074; and 551.082 and 551.0821 (Attorney Consultation, - Personnel Matters, and Student Discipline Matter) Texas Government Code: Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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 a professional employee to be assigned by Superintendent as Executive Director for Instruction subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.

3. 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.

VIII. Open Session: The meeting reconvened at 7:10 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 Hiller, seconded by Trustee Heredia 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 a professional employee to be assigned by Superintendent as Executive Director for Instruction subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion to approve by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera to approve the request to hire Veronica Chacon, a professional employee to be assigned by the Superintendent as Executive Director for Instruction subject to the possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. 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 take appropriate action on the Level III grievance of Veronica Chavez in accordance with state law. **Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Heredia to move that after a Board review of the local record made pursuant to Board Policy FNG Local, the Board affirm the decision of the Administration and deny the grievance appeal and the relief requested by Veronica Chavez and uphold the decision of level two. 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**

IX. Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Friday, September 11, 2026 – DSC 16 de Septiembre Luncheon – 11:30 AM
2. Friday, September 18, 2026 – STAAR Teacher Luncheon – 11:45 AM – Board Room
3. Monday, September 21, 2026 – TEA A-Rated Campus EPHS Luncheon – 11:30 AM – EPHS
4. Tuesday, September 29, 2026 – Glass Elem Most Improved Luncheon – 11:00 AM – Glass Elem
5. Wednesday, September 30, 2026 – CC Winn Most Improved Campus Luncheon – 11:30 AM - CCWHS
6. Thursday, October 1, 2026 – Team of 8 and EISO Board Workshop – 6:00 PM – Board Room

X. **Adjournment:**

4. There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Perry. **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: _____