

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees Fabens ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, September 16, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Luis C. Estrada
Orlando Flores
Benjamin Morales
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

Members Absent: Crystal Ramirez
Greg Spence

Administrators Present:	Dr. Rogelio Segovia	Mr. Manuel Aldaco
	Ms. Silvia Nunez	Ms. Veronica Brashear
	Mr. Gualberto Castruita	Dr. April Galaviz
	Mr. Justin Kleist	Ms. Marcela Licerio
	Ms. Sofia Maciel	Mr. Michael Perez
	Ms. Corina Ruiz	Ms. Maria Serrano

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call , Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. All members were in attendance except for Ms. Crystal Ramirez and Mr. Greg Spence. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2. Superintendent Update and Recognitions

2.A. Superintendent Monthly Video

The monthly video highlighted students / events and staff.

2.B. Texas State Trooper Mr. Jorge Morales

Trooper Morales is a proud Fabens alumnus who continues to give back to the community that saw him grow. He is always willing to support our district, particularly when it comes to the safety and security of our students and staff. Whether he is at Fabens High School supporting our games and events or simply stepping in wherever

he can help, Trooper Morales has consistently shown we can count on him. Trooper Morales was thanked by all present.

2.C. Fabens Elementary School Teacher Ms. Laura Rios

For the past three years, Ms. Rios has personally donated backpacks and school supplies to Fabens Elementary students. But her generosity goes far beyond school supplies. Each Christmas, Ms. Rios and her family purchase gifts for her special education students. She has donated toys to the Special Education Department and has personally supported families going through difficult circumstances. Her service extends into the community as well. She has helped with Thanksgiving food distributions for elderly and low-income families, supported Fabens Elementary Special Education fundraisers through local restaurant Pop's, contributed to school festivals, and helped prepare and distribute Thanksgiving meals to Fabens families. Ms. Rios demonstrates that being an educator is about much more than what happens in the classroom. It is also about caring for the children and families we serve.

Ms. Rios was thanked by the board and community present.

2.D. Laura Sariñana and David Meza with El Paso Electric Company - FES Fieldtrip to Chihuahua's Game

What began as an offer to sponsor a field trip to an El Paso Chihuahuas baseball game quickly became something much bigger. When Fabens Elementary asked whether the opportunity could be extended beyond one grade level, Ms. Sariana and Mr. Meza, El Paso Electric, and our FES team worked together to make it possible for the entire campus to attend. Students, teachers, aides, custodians, cafeteria and office staff, our deputy, and our Special Education units were all able to share the experience. For some of our students, this was their first professional baseball game and their first visit to the ballpark. It was even a new experience for some of our staff.

Ms. Sariana and Mr. Meza were thanked for remembering their roots and for giving our students an experience they will remember for years to come.

3. Communication and Visitors

No one signed up to address the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

4.A. Minutes of the Athletic Committee Workshop, 8/11/2026

4.B. Minutes of the Finance Committee Workshop, 8/18/2026

4.C. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, 8/19/2026

4.D. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, 8/26/2026

4.E. Fabens ISD Monthly Financial Reports / Budget Amendments / Federal Expenditures / August 2026 Purchase Orders / August 2026 District Attendance

4.F. Fabens ISD Campus Improvement Plans

4.G. Fabens ISD District Improvement Plans

4.H. Fabens ISD Parent and Family Engagement Policies

4.I. TASB Risk Management Fund Renewal

Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to pull Item E for discussion.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

Each principal was given an opportunity to highlight campus incentives and goals they have in place to help with attendance. Questions were asked from the Board regarding average attendance and enrollment.

After the principals' presentation, Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

5. Student Outcomes

5.A. Fabens ISD Bilingual / ESL and Gifted and Talented Program Evaluations

Ms. Veronica Flores, District Program Coordinator, presented the item and reviewed the information the board members received in their packets. Information provided ranged from: percentages of students served in each program, who and how the students are served and the budget each program has.

5.B. Fabens Middle School (FMS) Local Improvement Plan

Mr. Justin Kleist, FMS Principal, presented the item and displayed a Power Point presentation to the board and community present. Mr. Kleist did inform the board and community, with the FMS under State Accountability UA! (Unacceptable Level 1) the campus is required to create a Targeted Improvement Plan along with Local Monitoring. He reviewed the detailed plan in his Power Point and answered questions from the Board. After the presentation, Mr. Luis Estrada motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve the FMS Local Improvement Plan as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

6. Board of Trustees Business

6.A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fabens High School and Sul Ross University Agreement

Ms. Yadira Perales, Sul Ross Dual Credit Coordinator, presented the item and reviewed the Dual Credit Academic Agreement between Fabens ISD and Sul Ross State University. She highlighted the benefit to the students in having another choice to receive college credits, the district in not paying tuition and how Sul Ross is helping those students should they wish to attend Sul Ross (a one-time \$1,000 scholarship). She answered questions from the Board and after her presentation, Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the agreement as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

6.B. Discussion and Possible Action on Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Rogelio Sanchez Community Service Squad Presentation

Senior Warden, Mr. Daniel Munoz, was present to highlight a possible service agreement between Fabens ISD and the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice - Rogelio Sanchez State Jail inmates. Mr. Munoz informed the Board and community present regarding the safety standards in place for the students and staff when the inmates are in the district. Questions from the Board were answered by Mr. Munoz regarding schedules, # of inmates, proximity to students and staff and workloads. After the presentation, Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the agreement as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

6.C. Region 19 TEKS Resource Purchase in Excess of \$15,000

Mr. Manuel Aldaco, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the item/ he answered questions of the need and use of the invoice. After questions were answered, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the Region 19 TEKS purchase in excess of \$15,000.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

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

Ms. Silvia Nunez, Director of Finance, presented the item and explained that the EPCAD is requesting the Board pass a resolution to allow EPCAD to act if the State Comptroller's Property Value Study places the district outside the confidence level. EPCAD will act only if necessary to defend EPCAD's values in our district. After her presentation and answering a few questions from the Board, Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas Jr. seconded to approve the resolution to have the EPCAD represent the district if necessary.

Motion Carried: 4 – 1

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	

6.E. Executive Session per Texas Government Codes 551.074 and 551.076 for Human Resource Director Vacancy and Safety Audit Report

Board President, Mr. Luis Estrada, announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session per Texas Government Code: 551.074 and 551.076 at 7:54 PM.

6.F. Reconvene to Open Session for any Possible Action(s) or Announcement(s) on Human Resource Director and / or Safety Audit Report

The meeting reconvened at 8:28 PM.

The following announcements were made:

Mr. Luis Estrada motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve Ms. Sandra Garcia as the new Human Resource Director.

Motion Carried: 4 – 1

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	

Mr. Luis Estrada motioned to approve the Safety Audit Report as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas		Sepulveda Ramirez	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	