

UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UISD Board Room, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo Texas 78045

MINUTES – Special Called Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: *Dianelle Martinez, Ramiro Veliz, Michelle Molina, and Gilbert Aguilar*

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Cruz, Rebecca Morales, and Laida Benavides

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

Board Parliamentarian calls roll. Quorum is established at 6:05 PM

AGENDA ITEM 2:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Dr. Cordy Sarabia: Dr. Sarabia speaks about the impact that United ISD has made by investing in Communities in Schools (CIS) and ask to consider the impact that cutting these services would have on students and campuses.

Karina Hernandez: Ms. Hernandez is the Mayor of City of El Cenizo and she is here to respectfully ask that the Board considers entering into a contract agreement with CIS.

Kaitlyn Yanes: Ms. Yanes is a Junior at LBJ High School, she is here today to speak about the impact that CIS has had in her life. She provides her testimony about struggling with depression and how Ms. Mata helped her overcome it. She adds that at times CIS was the only reason she would attend school. Ms. Yanes states that since then she has been Class President for two years and thanks CIS for changing her life for the better,

Yareth Chapa: Ms. Chapa speaks about why she believes that CIS is important to students and how it was a source of support for her. She states that her On-Site Coordinator helped her overcome her uncertainty about who to talk to or who to reach out to.

Victor Vazquez III: Mr. Vazquez is the Director for Webb County and states that the court works closely with CIS to ensure their success and asks that this program is strengthen and that the district continue their agreement.

Selica Flores: Ms. Flores is here to speak of how she grew up in UISD, how she was part of many clubs at LBJ High School and how thankful she is to the district. She proceeds to thank teachers and the people who manage the budget for working long hours. She also thanks Dr. Cruz for leading the district through tough times.

Alejandro Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez shares his story about how CIS has helped him see life in a different way and how it helped him reach goals he set for himself. He states that CIS is a program that is needed.

Aiden Alejandro: (not present)

Diamante Olvera Gomez: Ms. Olvera is a Junior at Alexander High School and she is here to speak on how CIS has helped her academically and has also helped put food on the table. She adds that since her family is of low economic status, CIS also helped with uniforms and school supplies.

Juan J. Avila: Mr. Avila is here to ask the board to reconsider the agreement with CIS.

AGENDA ITEM 4: The Board will adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:35 PM
No action will be taken during Closed Session

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting
TGC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion regarding the appointment of Dean for the Early College Program at United High School
2. Discussion regarding the appointment of Principal at Trautmann Middle School

AGENDA ITEM 5: Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:40 PM
For the record, no action was taken during Closed Session

A. Possible action regarding the appointment of Dean for the Early College Program at United High School

For the position of Dean for the Early College Program at United High School, Dr. Cruz recommends Jaime de Leon.

Motion to approve made by Michelle Molina and second by Gilbert Aguilar, with all four Board Members in favor, motion passes.

B. Possible action regarding the appointment of Principal at Trautmann Middle School

For the position of Principal at Trautmann Middle School, Dr. Cruz recommends Andrea Garza.

Motion to approve made by Michelle Molina and second by Ramiro Veliz, with all four Board Members in favor, motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Items for Individual Consideration

A. T-TESS 2.0 Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the T-TESS 2.0 Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year made by Michelle Molina and second by Gilbert Aguilar, with all four Board Members in favor, motion passes.

B. Resolution authorizing the Issuance of United Independent School District Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2026: Providing for the Security and Payment Thereof; Approving a Purchase and Investment Letter; and Enacting Other Provisions Related Thereto

Motion for discussion is made by Michelle Molina. After discussion a motion to approve is made by Michelle Molina and second by Gilbert Aguilar, with all four Board Members in favor, motion passes.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding potential agreement with Communities in Schools (CIS), including a review of CIS programs and the impact of CIS programs on UISD's budget, students, and campuses

Motion to approve Proposal 3 made by Michelle Molina and second by Gilbert Aguilar. Dianelle Martinez and Gilbert Aguilar want to fund this through Discretionary Funds. With all four Board Member in favor, motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of August 12,, 2026 was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Javier Montemayor, Jr., President

Michelle Molina, Secretary

Minutes presented for approval on 10.21.2026

Minutes submitted by: Maribel Villarreal, Secretary to Superintendent