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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 12, 2026

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent
Diana L. Silvas, Assistant Superintendent
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:			
	Jaime Velasco	Ray Williams	Sandra Blanton
	Jacqueline Padilla	Anisa Chavera	Ruben Sanchez
	Richard Gonzalez	Joshua Garcia	Rachel Medrano
	Belinda Alaniz	Filiberto Tagle	Oscar Pruneda
	Melissa M. Perez	Maribel Trevino	Rachel Hinojosa
	Gianna Morales	Davis Powell	

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 – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 7 Absent – 0

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."

MISSION – 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

Trustee Mario Mesa 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 PROUD YOU'RE A PICKER

Katrina Alejandro presented Rachel Hinojosa, Roxanne Espinoza, and Melissa Mendez Perez, RISD Dropout Interventionist, with the Proud You're a Picker Award. Ruben Sanchez congratulated the ladies for recovering 225 out of 228 no-shows, for a total percentage of 98%. Their hard work and efforts are what recovered all 225 students.

7.0 **MADAM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

7A TASA/TASB txEDCON CONVENTION–OCTOBER 8-11, 2026–HOUSTON, TX

President Lori Ann Garza announced **t**hat she had attended the TASA/TASB txEdcon Convention in Houston, Texas, last week. She enjoyed attending all of the sessions because they were all very informative. She will be sharing the information on board meetings with the Board at a later time.

7B ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION RECORD NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2026

President Lori Ann Garza announced that under SBOE Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. The Board President is required to announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education training, has exceeded the required continuing education; and is deficient in meeting the required continuing education. The requirements for training are measured as of the first anniversary of the date of the

Trustee's election or appointment or two-year anniversary of his or her previous training, as applicable. The following are nine training areas for board members' continuing education: 1) Local District Orientation, 2) Orientation to the Texas Education Code, 3) Post-Legislation Update to the Texas Education Code, 4) Team Building, 5) Additional continuing education, 6) Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals, 7) Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children, 8) School Safety, and 9) Parental Rights. She announced the following board members' continuing education hours on the nine training areas for board members continuing education as follows: 1) Local District Orientation – No new board members were required to complete this training, 2) Orientation to the Texas Education Code - No new board members were required to complete this training, 3) Post-Legislative Update – Not required to announce this year, 4) Lori Ann Garza, Cezar Martinez, Bobby Marroquin, Erik Gallegos, Larry Cantu, Mario Mesa, and Yvette Villalobos have completed the Team Building training, 5) Additional Continuing Education – Lori Ann Garza, Erik Gallegos, Cezar Martinez, Bobby Marroquin, Larry Cantu, Mario Mesa, and Yvette Villalobos have completed this training, 6) Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals – Lori Ann Garza, Cezar Martinez, Bobby Marroquin, Larry Cantu, Mario Mesa, and Yvette Villalobos have completed this training. Erik Gallegos still has time to complete this training, 7) Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children – Lori Ann Garza, Erik Gallegos, Cezar Martinez, Bobby Marroquin, Larry Cantu, Mario Mesa, and Yvette Villalobos have completed this training, 8) School Safety – Cezar Martinez, Larry Cantu, and Yvette Villalobos have completed this training. Bobby Marroquin, Erik Gallegos, Mario Mesa, and Lori Ann Garza have time remaining to complete the School Safety training and have not yet scheduled it, 9) Parental Rights – Cezar Martinez, Erik Gallegos, Yvette Villalobos, and Larry Cantu have completed this training. Lori Ann Garza, Bobby Marroquin, and Mario Mesa have time to take this training and have not yet scheduled this training, and 10) Exceeding Required Continuing Education: Board Member Lori Ann Garza exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 30.5 additional hours, Board Member Erik Gallegos has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 10 additional hours, Board Member Cezar Martinez has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 17 additional hours, Board Member Bobby Marroquin has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 4.50, Board Member Larry Cantu has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 13.25, Board Member Mario Mesa has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 3.50, and Board Member Yvette Villalobos has exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 26 additional hours.

8.0 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

8A SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

The enrollment was at 2302 at this time, and last school year it was at 2486, so they are down 184 students this school year. He reviewed the enrollment by grade level at each one of the campuses. He reported that the LIFT Grant's (Leadership and Instructional Foundation for Texas) purpose is to ensure that the Board approves high-quality instructional curriculum that is delivered in a way that changes the experience for students in the classroom, and to improve the instructional leadership of the administration on campus. He reviewed the LIFT Action Plan and highlighted some of the priority areas. Also, he reviewed a proposal for the RISD Literacy Initiative with the Board that he submitted to

the RISD Education Foundation, asking them for $50,00 to support the school district's literacy situation. The proposal included five data points starting in 2003 until now on how the students need help in reading and writing. In 2003, more than half of fifth graders missed the reading standard, and in 2008, one in three fifth graders needed accelerated reading instruction. In 2008-2009, students in grades 3-8 reading remained below the national benchmark; in 2022-2025, Robstown ISD ranked 9,624th out of 10,076 districts with available reading data, and in 2025-2026, nearly half of all 3rd to 12th graders scored a zero on the writing portion of the STAAR test. The RECHS is beating the odds by earning consecutive B ratings over the last two years, showing proof that RISD students can succeed. The school district can do it.

9.0 **PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9A RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig announced that the following companies had donated to the school district: 1) Accelerated Contract Physical Therapy donated $150 to the Special Education Fear Fest, 2) Yvonne Garcia donated $100 for groceries for the Special Education Fear Fest, and 3) Joe and Irma Vera donated $200 for San Pedro Mariachi.

9D M & O UPDATE

Richard Gonzalez reported that for the last couple of weeks they have been working on improving accountability, addressing outstanding work orders, and strengthening their preventive maintenance efforts. Over the last couple of four weeks they have made a lot of progress, from reducing their work orders from 125 open work orders to approximately 50 work orders as of today. They will continue to address the HVAC and facilities needs across the school district. They are also working on improving custodial services and groundskeeping and ensuring that the facilities are well maintained. The high school, Seale Jr. High School, and San Pedro Fine Arts Academy air conditioners went down, and at this time, they are still working on San Pedro. The progress on the construction site is continuing. Davis Powell presented an update on the RECHS Athletic Facility. He reported that he had visited the site today and there were still electricians, mechanical techs, and drywall people on site. There are a lot of things still going on. The contractor is still trying to move the project forward and get it done. The power is on, and two AC units are working now, and the exterior doors are being installed. The painting will be starting this week, and the flooring for the locker rooms has been installed. Things are moving in a good direction. The contractor intends to complete everything by the end of this month. The tile installation is running a little bit behind in the showers. He will do the punch list sometime during the first week in November, and students can use the building when they get back after the Thanksgiving holidays.

9B ROBSTOWN ISD CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

Rey Thompson, Food Service Director, presented the RISD Child Nutrition Program Report to the Board. He reported that October 12-16 was National School Lunch Week, which is held every year and all of the campuses participate, and at the end of the week they vote on the campus that had the best presentation to get the students to eat. This school year, the lunch participation was up 6%, and unfortunately the breakfast was down compared to last school year. They are trying to find ways to get the students involved in the breakfast program. He presented a list of new items that were introduced

to the students, and some were very popular, and they will be incorporated into the menus. He reviewed the list of breakfast and lunch menus that were offered during the month of October. The traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the following campuses: Seale Jr. High on Monday, November 16th; RECHS on Tuesday, November 17, 2026; Robert Driscoll STEM Academy on Wednesday, November 18, 2026; Lotspeich Leadership Academy on Thursday, November 19, 2026, and San Pedro Fine Arts Academy on Friday, November 20, 2026. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served.

9C ACADEMIC UPDATE/TIA UPDATE

Anissa Chavera presented the beginning-of-the-year results for the Universal Screener/ MCLASS Early Literacy assessment. She reported that the MCLASS Lectura uses target, one-minute measures and screening tools to evaluate foundational early nonsense word literacy skills. She reviewed the results for the letter naming fluency, nonsense word fluency, phonemic awareness, word reading fluency, and oral reading fluency. Compared to the last two school years, the students are making progress at the three elementary campuses. For the students who are still struggling, they will have daily small groups with their teacher or academic tutor. She also shared the did not meet, approaches, meets, and master for the Math and Reading for Seale Jr. High School. Joshua Garcia reported that so far they had conducted 361 district learning walks and 99 district coaching conversations. He shared with the Board the learning walks and coaching data dashboard. The dashboard included learning walks and coaching conversations by subject and grade level. During the learning walks, they check to see if the teacher checks for understanding through questioning, student work tasks, and formative assessments throughout the lesson and if the teacher actively monitors students' work by circulating the classroom, checking for understanding, and analyzing both verbal and written responses. Also, he reviewed a list of instructional support that was being provided to the junior high school. A Red Day has been scheduled for October 16, 2026, and the professional development topics will focus on driving academic growth districtwide. Diana Silvas reported that they had attended an ESC 2 TEA Lead Meeting to discuss updates on TIA; they met with the rural cohort to discuss the value-added measure results, and they submitted an application for an amendment to include Cosmetology I using a different assessment. They have started meeting with the new set of teachers for the school year. On October 6, they met with the new eligible teachers at the junior high school. The amendment was approved. The data is due for submission by October 22, 2026. The handbook has been updated and is on the website. By February 2027, teachers will know if they were designated.

Dr. Puig announced that it was Principal's National Month and the principals were presented with a basket of goodies in appreciation for a job well done.

9E SAFETY REPORT

Chief Filiberto Tagle reported that he had submitted the school district's three year safety audit report to the Texas State. On October 1st, he submitted the EOP basic plan and recertification before the deadlines. They are in the process of completing all of

the lockdown drills at all of the campuses. They still have one more campus to do tomorrow. At the last SHAC meeting, he presented the safe gun storage presentation.

9E LIST OF BILLS
9G 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.

10.0 <u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u>:

10A APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
10B APPROVAL OF THE ROBSTOWN ISD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
10C APPROVAL OF 2026 CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVY FOR THE ROBSTOWN ISD

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

Motion #7199 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
8:21 p.m.

11.0 <u>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE ROBSTOWN ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR PLACES 5, 6, & 7</u>

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the adoption of an amended Order of Election for the Robstown ISD Trustee Election for the Robstown ISD Trustee Election on November 3, 2026, for Places 5, 6, & 7. He informed the Board that the previous Order had been amended to include all of early voting and election day voting sites. The previous order did not include them because they were not available at the time.

Motion #7200 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 - Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
8:23 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 #7201 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez 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 - Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
8:23 p.m.

Motion #7202 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 - Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
9:03 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 as discussed in the executive session.

Motion #7203 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa 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 - Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa - Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
9:03 p.m.

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7204 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0
9:03 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 10/14/2026, except for the executive session.)