AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

☐ Workshop	☒ Regular	☐ Special

(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 OCTOBER 13, 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 October 13, 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 6:42**
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary - **Absent**
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee
Mr. Claudio Heredia, 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 **6:03 P.M.**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Cub Scouts Pack #2543 led the pledge of allegiance.

III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at **6:03 P.M.** (see attendance above).

IV. **Public Hearing "School First" Rating and Reporting Requirement on "School First" Rating** Opened at **6:04 PM.** No one signed up. Closed at **6:05 PM.**

V. **Citizen's Communication/ Recognitions–** No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

1. **Recognition of Dorothy McFall and Cub Scouts Pack #2543 for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board Meeting.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Dorothy McFall and Cub Scouts Pack #2543 for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board Meeting. A group picture was taken.

2. **Recognition of Ms. Montoya's 1st Grade Class, from Glass Elementary, for maintaining 100% perfect attendance for eight consecutive weeks.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Ms. Montoya's 1st Grade Class, from Glass Elementary, for maintaining 100% perfect attendance for eight consecutive weeks. A group picture was taken.

3. **Recognition of eleven (11) C.C. Winn High School students for being awarded the School Recognition Award, National First-Generation Recognition Award, or the AP Scholar with Distinction by the College Board.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized eleven (11) C.C. Winn High

School students for being awarded the School Recognition Award, National First-Generation Recognition Award, or the AP Scholar with Distinction by the College Board. A group picture was taken.

4. **Recognition of twelve (12) Eagle Pass High School students who earned the 2026 AP Scholar with Honors Award for their outstanding scores on the AP Exams.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized twelve (12) Eagle Pass High School students who earned the 2026 AP Scholar with Honors Award for their outstanding scores on the AP Exams. A group picture was taken.

5. **Recognition of five (5) Eagle Pass High School students who earned the 2026 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards for their outstanding scores on their AP Exams.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized five (5) Eagle Pass High School students who earned the 2026 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards for their outstanding scores on their AP Exams. A group picture was taken.

6. **Recognition of Eagle Pass ISD Principals in celebration of National Principals Month as proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbott.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass ISD Principals in celebration of National Principals Month as proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbott. A group picture was taken.

7. **Recognition of the 2026 Accountability Ratings and Distinctions.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the 2026 Accountability Ratings and Distinctions A group picture was taken.

VI. District Reports/Presentations

1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
4. **Review Investment Officer's Annual Report of Investment Transactions for all funds for the quarter ended August 31, 2026.** No questions from the Board.
5. **Delinquent collection activities for September 2025 – August 2026.** No questions from the Board.

VII. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to elect two (2) School Board Members one member as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and the other member as an Alternate. **Motion to approve by Trustee C Heredia, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to keep Trustee Perry as Delegate and Trustee JC Barrera as Alternate. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

2. Consideration of and possible action for approval to select a firm to provide Geotechnical and Material Testing Services for the 2026 Bond program Package 1 and 2 as a result of the

RFQ#B26-02-26 procurement method. **Motion to approve Millennium Engineer Group, Inc. by Trustee Heredia, seconded by Trustee Perry. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

3. Consideration of and possible action for approval to select the recommended firm for multiple Design Build Services as a result of the RFQ#B26-03-26 procurement process regarding the Package No. 3 of the 2026 Bond program. **Motion to approve E3 (E3 Entegral Solutions) by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Martinez subject to legal approval. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

   (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).

4. Consideration of and possible action to approve a firm as Owner's Representative for the 2026 Bond program Package 3 – District Wide improvements and Execute a Master Services Agreement with EPISD subject to contract negotiations with District's legal counsel. **Motion to approve ERO (ERO Architects) by Trustee T Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

5. Consideration of and possible action for approval to select the highest ranked firm as the selected firm for Land Surveying Services for the 2026 Bond program Package 1 and 2 as a result of the RFQ#B26-04-26 procurement methods. **Motion to approve Dirksen Engineering by Trustee C Heredia, seconded by Trustee H Martinez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

6. Consideration of and possible action to approve the AIA B101-2017 Agreement between ERO Architects and Eagle Pass ISD to provide Professional Services for the 2026 Bond program for Package 1 and Package 2 and extend the Superintendent or designee the authority to sign the necessary documentation related to this contract subject to legal approval. **Motion to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee H Martinez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

VIII. **Consent Items**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026 (Regular) Board Meeting.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt a Resolution 2026/2027-03 to approve the Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies in accordance with Board Policy CDA (Legal).

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Kids Are First (KAF) and the Eagle Pass ISD.

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to purchase credit by exam tests for EPISD secondary campuses from Texas Tech University and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy.

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the purchase and/or acquisition of school library materials in accordance with Senate Bill 13 (SB13).

(All Concerns from the Board were addressed)

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It was the consensus of the Board to consider Consent item(s) 1 - 5 in One Motion with the exception that consent item #3 MOU would be approved subject to legal approval. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

IX. **Closed Session**: The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **6:56 PM** pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters. **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Perry. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-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 personnel to fill EPHS Head Tennis Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074.

3. The Board will hear the request to hire professional employee to serve as Principal for Sam Houston Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.

X. **Open Session**: The meeting reconvened at **7:09 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 Heredia, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill EPHS Head Tennis Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Gonzalez seconded by Trustee Perry to hire a professional employee, Jesus Juarez, to fill the EPHS Head Tennis Coach vacancy as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Sam Houston Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee JC Barrera to approve the request to hire a professional employee Gloria Guerrero Rodriguez,**

to serve as Principal for Sam Houston Elementary subject to the possible future reassignment by the Superintendent as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, V. Perry – Yes, C. Heredia – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes

XI. **Correspondence and Information:**

1. School Board Members Continuing Education Credit Hours – President Barrera stated the following – Under SBOE rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member.
   As Board President, I am required to announce the name of each member who:
   - Has completed the required continuing education;
   - Has exceeded the required continuing education; and
   - Is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.

The requirement 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. There are nine training areas for board member continuing education:

Local District Orientation – Claudio Heredia has completed.

Orientation to the Texas Education Code – Claudio Heredia has completed.

Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code – No board members were required to complete Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement – Not applicable

Team Building – The entire board and the Superintendent must participate in the annual team-building session. This training should be completed by the time of the annual announcement. The following board members have completed the annual team-building training: Jorge Barrera, Hilda P. Martinez, Christopher Hiller, Victor E. Perry, Claudio Heredia, Tom Gonzalez and Jaime C. Barrera.

Additional Continuing Education – The following board members have completed the additional continuing education requirements: Jorge Barrera, Hilda P. Martinez, Victor E. Perry, Claudio Heredia, Tom Gonzalez and Jaime C. Barrera. The following board members are deficient in meeting the additional continuing education requirements: Christopher Hiller.

Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals – The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals: Jorge Barrera, Hilda P. Martinez, Christopher Hiller, Victor E. Perry, Claudio Heredia, Tom Gonzalez, and Jaime C. Barrera.

Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children – Not applicable

School Safety – the following board members have completed the biennial training on school safety: Jorge Barrera, Hilda P. Martinez, Christopher Hiller, Victor E. Perry, Tom Gonzalez and Jaime C. Barrera. The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on school safety: Claudio Heredia, however, because Trustee Heredia was appointed in May 2026, he has up to one year to complete the 1st year training requirements.

Parental Rights – This training must be completed annually. 5 hours for first year members, 3 hours for subsequent years. The following board members have completed the annual training on parental rights: Jorge Barrera, Hilda P. Martinez, Christopher Hiller, Claudio Heredia, Tom Gonzalez and Jaime C. Barrera. The following board members are deficient in meeting the required annual training on parental rights: Victor E. Perry. The parental training is a new legal requirement; and - the law required completion by September 1st ; however, TEA did not roll out

the training until August – and is therefore, allowing boards additional time to complete it this year. Mr. Perry is registered to take the training this month.

Exceeding Required Continuing Education: Board Member Jorge Barrera exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 3 hours. Board Member Hilda P. Martinez exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 3 hours. Board Member Victor E. Perry exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 10 hours. Board Member Tom Gonzalez exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 4 hours. Board Member Jaime C. Barrera exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 5 hours.

Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – EPHS Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally – 6:15 PM – Plaza San Juan.

2. Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – CCWHS Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally – 6:30 PM – Plaza San Juan.

3. Friday, October 30, 2026 – DSC Halloween Luncheon – 11:30 AM – Board Room

XII. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **7:16 PM**. **Motion to adjourn by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Heredia. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-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: _____