



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On June 2, 1997, U.S. Army veteran Timothy McVeigh was convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role two years earlier in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. He was executed by lethal injection on June 11, 2001.

• On June 3, 1956, authorities in Santa Cruz, California, put the city in the national spotlight by declaring a complete ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, labeling the music “detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth and community” after a policeman at a dance party the night before described the teen crowd as “engaged in suggestive, stimulating and tantalizing motions induced by the provocative rhythms of an all-negro band.”

• On June 4, 1940, 22-year-old Carson McCullers’ debut novel, “The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter,” about misfits in a Georgia mill town, was published to widespread acclaim.

• On June 5, 1888, President Grover Cleveland vetoed a bill that would have given a widow’s pension to Johanna Loewinger, whose husband had passed away 14 years after being discharged from

the army. Because he died by suicide and not from a disability caused by his military service, her request was denied.

• On June 6, 2002, a high-energy upper atmosphere explosion now known as the Eastern Mediterranean Event, similar in power to a small atomic bomb, occurred over the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Crete when a small, undetected asteroid disintegrated while approaching Earth. There were concerns that if the explosion had occurred closer to Pakistan or India, it could have sparked a nuclear war between the countries, as they were engaged in a standoff at the time.

• On June 7, 1968, just two days after the assassination of Democratic presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy, Fred Rogers, the popular host of the children’s public television show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” dedicated an episode to explaining the tragedy to his young audience.

• On June 8, 1191, King Richard I of England arrived in Acre, Israel, beginning the Third Crusade, an attempt co-led by France’s King Philip II and Emperor Frederick Barbarossa to reconquer the Holy Land following Jerusalem’s capture by the Ayyubid sultan Saladin in 1187.

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Rodriguez

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a challenge, but my passion for teaching kept me motivated,” she shared.

Her teaching excellence has not gone unnoticed. EPCC Rio Grande campus Dean of Arts, Communication, CTE, and Social Science Brian Kirby, praised Rodriguez’s accomplishments. “I’m incredibly impressed with Minerva navigating ECHS to receiving her Ph.D. Maintaining momentum in higher education is a component often overlooked. The fact that she did a lot of her college-level work during a global pandemic is also remarkable. Dr. Rodriguez’s CV brims with accomplishments, and her teaching background stands out. She demonstrates the high levels of autonomy and responsibility it takes to be a leader in higher education.”

EPCC Psychology Professor Shanan Valles echoed those sentiments. “Minerva is so smart and kind, and to already have so many publications at such a young age is truly remarkable. Her work on stress makes a valuable contribution to the urgently needed research on mental health. She’s relatable and an amazing role model for our students.”

Though her family may not fully grasp the nuances of her research, Rodriguez says their pride and support have fueled her drive:

“My family is extremely proud of me. Even though they may not fully understand the specifics of my research, they recognize the significance of this achievement and have supported me every step of the way.”

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 2025 in the SEISD Administrative Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.715600/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.169700/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	3.85%	Decrease
Debt Service	6.38%	Increase
Total Expenditures	3.50%	Decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 699,131,065	\$ 723,757,389
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 8,749,519	\$ 9,200,329
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 328,620,870	\$ 364,995,814
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 8,353,707	\$ 8,553,066

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$22,845,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 0.715600	\$ 0.169700*	\$ 0.885300	\$ 1,070	\$ 11,089
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.707000	\$ 0.169700*	\$ 0.876700	\$ 1,129	\$ 11,408
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.715600	\$ 0.169700*	\$ 0.885300	\$ 1,141	\$ 11,461

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 155,435	\$ 160,191
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 23,724	\$ 38,295
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.885300	\$ 0.885300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 210.00	\$ 339.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 129.00

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.885300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.885300.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 12,377,152
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 425,919

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the State.