

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
The Board of Trustees  
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

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The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on May 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order

A. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz

Members absent: Javier Flores, Robert Quinones

Staff present: Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa, Anne Marie Espinoza, Mikka Sanchez, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Norma De La Fuente, Jorge Johnson, Margaret Tarski, Bryan Perez, Jorge Cerna, Isidro Escamilla, Patricia Merlos, Sandra Gonzales, Mario Ferron, Rodney Harrison, Yvette Gomez

Guests present: Roland Sanchez, Amber King, Patricia Ramos, EJ McNamara, Andrea Williams, Grant Williams, Roxanne Ramos, John Garza, Abel Ortiz, Richard Diaz, Ezra Dominguez, Robert Sanchez, Juanita Sanchez, Natalie Arias, Sergio R. Ortiz, Jason Cortez, Fernando Fernandez, Kathy Cortez, Maria Ortega, Selena Vasquez, David Puente, Simon Ortiz, Robert Lara, Martha Lara, Laura Billings, Eric Billings, Hillary Shoemake, Valerie Torres, Josh Torres, Angela Diaz, Leanne Perez, Andy Perez, Gage Perez, Justin T, Olivia Alvarado, Yoli Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez, Carl Mirelez, Deyanira Salazar, William Klein, Xavier Martinez, Araceli Ortiz, Roland Ortiz, Norma Carranza, Rolando Arizmendi, Rogelio Munoz

B. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held and birthdays for Amerie Jo Garza, Eliahna Garcia, and Jackie Cazares were recognized

C. Invocation

The invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Atticus Villescaz and Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Lucas Teague

2. Board Recognition

**UHS Powerlifting State Qualifiers**

Girls

Olivia Alvarado	Jocelynn Rodriguez
Aubrianna Diaz	Kyla Sanchez
McKenzie Munoz	Gabriella Torres

Boys

Isael Arizmendi  
 Gage Perez  
 Jeremiah Trevino

**Head Coach: Frank Gonzales**

UHS Illusions Team State Qualifiers

Michael Arreola	Kaylin Hill	Paxton Rodriguez
Aiden Billings	John Garza	Mackenzie Wood
Abel Ortiz	Jose Ybarra	
Abraham Javier Gonzales	Sarah Martinez	

**Head Band Director: Marcos Molina**

Cadet Lieutenant Commander Justus McKeon's Naval Academy Preparatory School

**Student:** Justus McKeon

**Teacher:** MSgt Ken Childs USMC (retired)

THSCA Academic All-State TeamSwim

Xavier Martinez: All-State Honorable Mention

**Head Swim Coach: Hillary Shoemake**

Football

Cord Williamson: All-State Honorable Mention Linebacker

**Head Football Coach: Wade Miller**

Softball

Sienna Mirelez - All-State 1st Team  
 Angel Rodriguez - All-State 2nd Team

**Head Softball Coach: Everett McNamara**

UIL Academic State Meet

UIL Academic State: Alicia Teague

**Sponsor: Andrea Williams**

**Board Member Appreciation of Service**

Laura Perez - April 2018 to May 2026  
 JJSuarez - May 2022 to May 2026  
 Javier Flores - May 2010 to May 2026  
 Robert Quinones - July 2024 to May 2026

3. Receive and canvass election returns for the May 2, 2026 General Election

Laura Perez certified that the figures on the tally sheet are correct. Board President Perez signed the Summary of Returns and Canvass of the General Election forms

4. Declare candidates elected to trustee positions, issue certificate of election for each elected candidate, complete Statement of Elected Officers for each elected candidate, and swear-in of the new trustees.

Laura Perez declared candidates Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, Fernando Fernandez, Erika Ayala Munoz and Sergio R. Ortiz to trustee positions. The candidates were issued certificates of election, completed Statements of Election Officer, and were each sworn in as new trustees by the Honorable Judge Roland Sanchez.

5. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

A closed session was held at 6:45 pm.

- A. Deliberation concerning reorganization of board officers
- B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

6. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed.

The board reconvened at 8:03 pm.

Board policy BDAA legal and local require the election of a president vice president secretary at the first meeting following the board meeting. The board's current operating procedure provided a board member must have served on the board for at least one year to be eligible for board officer position under the current circumstances however, they're not sufficient number of board members eligible to fill the required roles Officer rules to comply with legal and local requirements of filling the officer positions. The board must first decide what eligibility requirements if any it will apply for the election of officers.

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded Jaclyn Gonzales to suspend the one year eligibility requirement for the position of board secretary. Sergio R. Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

7. Reorganization of Board of Trustees

8. Election of President

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to nominate Jesse Rizo for President. Sergio R. Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. Jaclyn Gonzales and Jason Cortez voted against. The motion was carried 5/2.

9. Election of Vice President

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Sergio Ortiz to nominate Jaclyn Gonzales for Vice President. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez, and Jason Cortez

all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 10. Election of Secretary

The motion was made by Jason Cortez and seconded by Sergio Ortiz to nominate Erika Munoz for Secretary. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 11. Election of TASB Delegate

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Natalie Arias to nominate Sergio R. Ortiz for TASB Delegate. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 12. Election of Alternate TASB Delegate

The motion was made by Sergio R. Ortiz and seconded by Natalie Arias to nominate Fernando Fernandez for Alternate TASB Delegate. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 13. Appointment of board member to approve monthly bills

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Jason Cortez to nominate Natalie Arias to approve monthly bills. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 14. Appointment of alternate board member to approve monthly bills

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to nominate Jason Cortez as the alternate to approve monthly bills. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 15. Approval of Board President and Secretary for Bank Depository Cards

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Sergio R.Ortiz to approve the Board President and Secretary for Bank Depository Cards. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 16. Open Forum

Selena Vasquez spoke in open forum regarding Special Education

#### 17. Announcements

Ms. Anne Marie Espinoza shared the following announcements:

Daily attendance:

Total enrollment for Thursday, May 7, 2026 was 3,753 students

#### Important dates

May 14, 2026 - Morales Jr. High Science Night

May 27, 2026 - Senior Elementary walk through

May 29, 2026 - Graduation

18. Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 20, 2026
- B. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- C. Item of information regarding transportation
- D. Item of information regarding SFE
- E. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of March 2026
- F. Item of information for the district's Federal program activity for March 2026
- G. Item of information on student attendance
- H. Item of information on student discipline

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve the consent agenda as presented. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

19. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Discussion and approval of local alternative graduation criteria under TAC §74.1027. Information was shared with the board by Andi Guerrero.

20. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

- A. Discussion and approval of water filtration systems donation.

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded Natalie Arias to approve the water filtration system donation from Zurn Elkay. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion and approval of the contract for Emergent Tree Education Inc. for Designing Sustainable Behavior Systems in School.

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Sergio R. Ortiz to approve the contract to pay incurred expenditures from federal funds to support the described programs, products, initiatives, and professional development intended to improve teacher quality, instructional practices, and student performance as presented with the estimated amount of \$129,800. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion and approval of the instructional contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET).

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve the NIET contract to pay the estimated \$53,750 of incurred expenditures from federal funds to support the described programs, products, initiatives, and professional development intended to improve teacher quality, instructional practices, and student performance as presented. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

21. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Discussion and approval of the Texas School Action Fund to Incentivize Educators Support the P-20 Rural Model.

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded Sergio R. Ortiz to approve that the remaining \$36,000 in SAF grant funds for Batesville be approved for allocation among the five specified tiers as outlined. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Executive Director of Bilingual & MTSS, Mario A. Ferron Solis, Ph. D., contracting with Leander Independent School District.

The motion was made by Sergio R. Ortiz and seconded by Erika Munoz to allow Mario A. Ferron Solis, Ph.D., To finish out his contract on the allowed days of June 1, 2026 and June 2, 2026. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

22. Adjournment

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Natalie Arias to adjourn the meeting. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Fernando Fernandez and Jason Cortez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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Board President

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Date