

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

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

Members present: Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Robert Quinones, Erika Munoz

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Anne Marie Espinoza, Pam Bendele, Mikka Sanchez, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Noe Truan, Jorge Johnson, Edward Puente

Guests present: David Beinke, Alexandria Wegerzyn, Emma Trimble, Priscilla Moreno, Mariah Zamarippa, Troy Winslow, P Deleon, Hector Gonzales, Diana Olvedo-Karau, Richard , Vicente Salazar, Ramon Castro, Buddy Niggli, Tane McGehee, Simon Ortiz, Jennifer Williams, Anson Bills, Jennifer Bills, Jennifer Gilleland, Trey Lopez, Anthony Lopez, Adam Bills, Amber King

B. Moment of Silence

Please bow your head for a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls. The heavenly birthday of Jailah Nicole Silguero.

C. The invocation was led by Emma Trimble.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Laura Perez.

2. Open Forum

The following spoke in open forum:

- David Beinke -
- Selena Vasquez - Accountability
- David Puente- 504 Accomodations
- Laura Downing- Take item 4 E off agenda
- Amy Franco- 4E
- Anson Bills- Cyber security; turned in 2of his childrens Ipads to board.
- Priscilla Moreno-4D Mireles consent decree
- Diana Olvedo-Karau - Mireles consent decree/Slate Creek
- Vicente Salazar - Threats

3. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.076.

The board met in closed session at 6:34 pm

The board reconvened at 8:10 pm

The board met in closed session at 8:24 pm

The board reconvened at 11:42 pm.

A. Consultation with attorneys and representative of Insurica Risk & Claims Management regarding May 24, 2022 coverage and claims.

B. Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney regarding *Texas Department of Public Safety, et al. v. Texas Tribune, et al.*, Case No. 15-24-00010-CV.

C. Deliberation on the Board of Trustees recommended district legal counsel.

D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Mireles Consent Decree, term limits to address the noncompliance to this decree, and legal direction on how to come into compliance.

E. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the superintendent's conduct, a formal evaluation of performance, and discussion of board governance, communication protocols, and legal obligations.

F. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

G. Discussion regarding safety and security.

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

A. Consider and take possible action concerning Insurica Risk & Claims Management.

No action taken.

B. Discussion and potential action regarding *Texas Department of Public Safety, et al. v. Texas Tribune, et al.*, Case No. 15-24-00010-CV.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Javier Flores to authorize legal counsel to file a brief in *Texas Department of Public Safety, et al. v. Texas Tribune, et al.* to urge the release of records and recordings sought in that case

Attorney stated the district is not at party to this litigation. This is the litigation involving the request for records from the Texas Department of Safety that include some records and recordings that belong to the district. The district has requested those but have not been provided. The firm will make a request of the court to file a brief urging the court to release all records and recordings that were taken from the district and are in DPS possession.

Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, Laura Perez, and Erika Munoz voted in favor. JJ Suarez abstained. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Consider and take possible action on the Board of Trustees recommended legal counsel.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Javier Flores to continue to use Thompson and Horton legal services as assigned by the district and to authorize the superintendent to retain an independent ethics attorney to review any actual or potential conflict of interest related to the Robb Elementary School litigation

Trustee Rizo stated we are only as good as our legal counsel.

Robert Quinones, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, and Erika Munoz voted in favor. Jesse Rizo voted against and JJ Suarez abstained. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Gonzales suggested an ethics review

Board President Perez entertained a second motion

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded Jaclyn Gonzales to waive attorney client privileges to produce Thompson and Hortons conflict of interest ethics analyst to whomever we choose. Robert Quinones, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, and Erika Munoz voted in favor. Jesse Rizo voted against and JJ Suarez abstained. The motion was carried unanimously.

D. Consider and take possible action regarding the Mireles Consent Decree, term limits to address the noncompliance to this decree, and legal direction on how to come into compliance.

No action was taken. The attorneys will bring this back at the next meeting.

E. Consider and take possible action regarding the superintendent's conduct, a formal evaluation of performance, and discussion of board governance, communication protocols, and legal obligations.

No action - put policy in place

Trustee Rizo stated the term conduct was not in his statement to the newspaper

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

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve personnel as presented. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

G. Item of information regarding safety and security

This will be added to the October meeting.

5. Superintendent's Report

- A. DOMAIN 1: High quality curriculum and effective instruction
- B. DOMAIN 2: Effective, well supported staff
- C. DOMAIN 3: Positive school culture; safety and security
- D. DOMAIN 4: Alignment of financial well being with student achievement

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Item of information on STAAR Accountability Report

Amy Graeber presented.

Trustee Suarez Thanked Amy for the presentation and asked if we can appeal due to our circumstances

- B. Consider approval of District and Campus Annual Performance Objectives.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the District Campus Annual Performance Objectives as presented. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Quinones asked if we are going to get our scores up
Trustee Gonzales asked what system is failing and how do we make it work?
Trustee Munoz stated that UDLA is tracking and keeping parents informed
Trustee Quinones asked Do we have clear data checks

C. Item of information on the UCISD Gifted and Talented Program & Advanced Academics

This item was pulled and will be presented in October.

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Consider approval of a Resolution for Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2025-2026.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve the Resolution for Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2025-2026. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Consider approval of sharing the retire rehire 16.5% surcharge cost with employees who started September 1, 2025, or later, providing for the employee to pay 8.25% and the district to pay 8.25% of the surcharge and for the employee to pay medical insurance.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Javier Flores to approve sharing of the surcharge cost with employees and employees covering the state medical insurance contribution as discussed. The cost is 16.5% of the employees gross salary and the medical insurance is \$535 per month. We would like the sharing of the surcharge to start with any new retired rehire staff joining the district after September 1, 2025. The recommendation is the district will pay 8.25% and the employee will pay 8.25% and the monthly state medical insurance contribution. Robert Quinones, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz voted in favor. Jaclyn Gonzales voted against. The motion carried 5/1.

C. Consider approval of budget amendment.

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the budget amendment as presented. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

D. Consider approval of Cybersecurity Pilot RFP.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the awarding of the RFP to StackLynk as presented. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Consider approval of a donation from T-Mobile.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to accept the donation from T-Mobile in the amount of \$5,000 to support ongoing efforts and football initiatives. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on August 25, 2025
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on August 25, 2025
- C. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- D. Item of information regarding transportation
- E. Item of information regarding SFE
- F. Item of information on the district's investment activity for August 2025

- G. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for August 2025
- H. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of June 2025
- I. Item of information on the tax collection activity for August 2025
- J. Item of information on student attendance
- K. Item of information on student discipline
- L. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for August.
- M. Consider approval of the Vendor List for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the consent agenda as presented. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Quinones (J) stated attendance is looking good
Trustee Suarez (J) stated great attendance
Trustee Suarez mentioned the Watchdogs program in Georgetown.
Trustee Rizo highlighted the Batesville and UDLA campuses

9. Adjournment

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by JJ Suarez to adjourn the meeting. All board members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 am on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Board President

Date