Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
7965 Artcraft
El Paso, TX 79932

1. **GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER**

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM**

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

The Elementary School students in the audience led pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Barnes, Maldonado, Martinez, Ortega, Rodriguez, Zuniga
Trustee Absent: Borrego, who called ahead to mention she would not be able to attend the meeting.
Student Advisors Present: Moises Aguirre, Mason Gossett

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

The Vision Statement was led by trustee Maldonado, and the Mission Statement was led by trustee Martinez.

2. **BOARD HONORS**

2.A. Recognition of Canutillo Elementary School, Bill Childress Elementary School, Jose Damian Elementary School, Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes Elementary School and Northwest Early College High School for Having Achieved Designation as "2025 Best Schools" from the U.S. News & World Report Magazine Annual Rating of Campuses in the United States.

Ms. Christina Rodriguez introduced the schools named 2025 Best Schools from the U.S. News & World Report Magazine. Students and school staff accepted the awards and took photos with the trustees.

3. **OPEN FORUM-OTHER**

Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):
Each participant will be limited to THREE MINUTES to make comments to the Board.
The Board is NOT permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for tonight's meeting.
For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

No Community members signed up to be heard.

4. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

4.A. Discussion and action to allocate votes for one or more candidates for a position on the Central Appraisal Board of Directors for term of office beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

Dr. Arellano addressed the board regarding the allocation of 79 votes for the upcoming EPCAD elections. She explained that none of the candidates reached out to CISD seeking support. The candidates are Tanny Berg – current EPCAD Member, Jackie York – EPCAD member and local realtor, Marlene Bullard – Current Tornillo ISD board member and works at Fabens ISD, and David Duran – Councilmember of the Village of Vinton. After deliberation, the board decided to give 34 votes to David Duran since he is familiar with the Canutillo area and 15 to each of the other candidates.

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

4.B. Discussion and Possible Action to Elect Board Officers Under Policy BDAA.

Board President Rodriguez open the floor for board elections.
Trustee Ortega added remarks stating that the CISD board of trustees works as a team and how each contributes with unique perspectives.
Trustee Zuniga nominated Trustee Martinez as board president. Seconded by trustee Barnes,
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

Trustee Martinez asked to start the following board meeting, taking over the role of president. Trustee Martinez also added that the board needs to work together as a team of 8. Trustee Maldonado mentioned that trustees should be able to express their votes as individuals and that it is ok to agree to disagree while being role models to staff, students and community.

Trustee Martinez motioned to nominate Trustee Lily Maldonado as a Vice President, Trustee Barnes seconded the motion.
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

Trustee Martinez motioned to nominate Trustee Zuniga as Board Secretary. Ms. Maldonado seconded the motion.
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING**

Trustee Maldonado mentioned that she has 1 question which applies to items 5.C. and 5.D, and would like to pull either item. Trustee Barnes mentioned that she would like to pull item 5.B.1
Trustee Maldonado motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, except 5.B.1, 5. C and 5. D.
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

5.A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

5.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

5.A.1.a. Approval of the August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5.A.1.b. Approval of the September 3, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

5.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Donations

5.B. *HUMAN RESOURCES*

5.B.1. Approval of TASB Policy Update 126

Ms. Barnes asked if regulations associated with the policy update would be brought to the board later. Ms. Carrasco mentioned that the regulations will be brought to the board once the administration completes them. Ms. Barnes also asked if the policies that will require a board vote within a certain amount of time will be brought up to the board as well? Ms. Carrasco mentioned that the administration team will meet with Dr. Arellano to get those brought before the board.
Ms. Barnes motioned to approve consent agenda 5.B.1. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

5.C. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Construction Manager-At-Risk

(CMAR) Services for New Build at Alderete Middle School (AMS), RFQ 2025-02B, from Banes General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $57,941,027.03.

5.D. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Construction Manager-At-Risk
(CMAR) Services for New Build at Canutillo Middle School (CMS), RFQ 2025-02B, from Banes General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $ 58,300,944.37
Mr. Ernesto Ortiz, PROCEDEO, presented himself to address any questions the board might have.
Trustee Maldonado mentioned that she noted that the Rood leak detection was not included in the contract and is asking if it is needed. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that in the El Paso–Chihuahuan Desert area, that system is not needed.
Trustee Martinez asked if there have been any cost savings realized for the bond projects. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that after GMP's are approved, the district could see more potential savings.
Trustee Maldonado asked questions regarding the foundations for AMS and CMS. Mr. Ortiz explained that each site had unique needs; for example, at CMS, dewatering of the site was necessary.
Trustee Maldonado motioned to approve item 5.C. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion.
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.
Trustee Maldonado motioned to approve item 5.D. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion.
Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes.

Dr. Arellano expressed her gratitude to Armando Rodriguez for his tenure as board president. She also congratulated Ms. Lily Maldonado and Cindy Zuniga for their Board Officer positions.

Trustee Martinez also thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his years of service as a board members and mentioned that he would like to call on him for guidance due to his many years of experience as a board member.

Trustee Maldonado thanked Mr. Rodriguez and emphasized to Mr. Martinez that knowledge comes with experience and learning from one's mistakes.
Board Advisor Moises Aguirre also thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his service. And congratulated Mr. Martinez for his appointment as Board President

Mr. Rodriguez said that he is looking forward to his continued support of the Canutillo Community. He thanked PROCEDEO for helping the district run a successful bond program, and he is looking forward to seeing the fruit of the district's labor in a few years.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **6:44 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **February 24, 2026**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.