



## LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT

Laredo, Texas

The regular monthly meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, beginning at 5:34 p.m. in the Adolfo C. and Maria de Jesus De La Garza Building Room 101, at the Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rangel called the meeting to order.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Liendo called roll.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Esteban Rangel, President  
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, Vice President  
Cindy Liendo, Parliamentarian  
Erica Benavides Garcia  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Adriana Alexander  
Lizzy Newsome (*arrived at 5:37 p.m.*)  
Karina "Kari" Elizondo (*arrived at 6:00 p.m.; did not return after executive session*)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary

#### OTHERS

Minita Ramírez, Ph.D.  
Rusty Meurer  
Ruben Villarreal  
Lindsey Ballesteros  
Cesar E. Vela, Jr.  
Jose Ceballos  
Alyssa Cigarroa  
Diana Y. Ortiz, Ph.D.  
Joana Santillana  
Rene Gonzalez  
Heriberto Hernandez, Ed.D.  
Pedro Rivera  
Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Ed.D.

### 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ms. Liendo provided information from Laredo College Board Policy BDB(LOCAL) to clarify the topics presented under public testimony.

Mariajose Loera, Edgar Villasenor, Tom Vaughan, Albeza Garcia, Gael Jacobo, Tricia Cortez, Martin Castro, and Daniel Nicholson provided comments on Agenda Item 9.C. - *Resolution Requesting that the Laredo College Board of Trustees Approve the Submission of a Grant Application for a Total of \$783,833 in Grant Funding by the Laredo College Grants Office For The 2026-2028 Laredo College Police Department Border Crisis Equipment Enhancement Project to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Homeland Security and Public Safety Office/border wall.*

Ms. Liendo acknowledged the presence of Ms. Newsome.

### 4. RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS – MR. RUBEN VILLARREAL

#### 4.A. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) - TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM

The Continuing Education Department submitted a grant application to the Texas Workforce Commission for the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant and received notification of an award in the amount of \$109,083.00.

#### 4.B. INTRODUCTION OF PERSONNEL/PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The new hires/personnel actions for the month were introduced – Yaritza Cadena, Café Manager; Samantha N. Flores, Administrative Assistant I-Workforce Education; Anna M. Ochoa, Staff Accountant-Development; Edna V. Sandoval, Teacher Assistant (South); Ociel

Vazquez, Director of Enrollment Systems; Veronica A. Garcia, Assistant Director of Student Discipline/Title IX-Deputy Coordinator; and Stephanie R. Moreno, Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator.

**6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.A. STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MS. ERICA BENAVIDES GARCIA**

Ms. Benavides Garcia summarized the Program/Policy Committee meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**5. LAREDO COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT – MS. LINDSEY BALLESTEROS**

Ms. Lindsey Ballesteros, Student Government Association President, provided Student Body Updates including events related to student engagement, campus life, wellness, culture and awareness, academic exploration, innovation, community engagement and service, community and donor support, community partnerships, college traditions, academic innovation and new opportunities, student support and basic needs, contributions, and first-ever first-generation student ceremony. She also reported on SGA leadership and advocacy activities.

Ms. Ballesteros introduced the 2025-2026 SGA officers.

**6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

**6.B. BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MS. CINDY LIENDO**

Ms. Liendo summarized the Building Committee meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**6.C. FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MS. ERNESTINA “TITA” CANTU VELA**

Ms. Vela summarized the Finance & Audit Committee meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Liendo made a motion to bring up Agenda Item 9.A. - *Approval of the 2026-2036 Laredo College Facilities Master Plan and 9.J. - Approve Laredo College’s Participation In and Contribution to the City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 (In Downtown Laredo), and Develop an Agreement Establishing a Funding Level and Term, and any Other Pertinent Matters, Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 311 - Tax Increment Financing Act, to Become Effective During the 2026 Tax Year Utilizing the 2025 Tax Year as an Initial Baseline.* Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**9.A. APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2036 LAREDO COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN – MR. CESAR VELA**

Mr. Cesar Vela, Vice President of Finance & Administration, requested Board approval of the 2026-2036 LC Facilities Master Plan as presented by O’Connell Robertson.

Ms. Liendo moved to approve the 2026-2036 LC Facilities Master Plan. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion passed.

**9.J. APPROVE LAREDO COLLEGE’S PARTICIPATION IN AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF LAREDO TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) NO. 1 (IN DOWNTOWN LAREDO), AND DEVELOP AN AGREEMENT**

Mr. Jose Ceballos of Fasken Oil & Ranch and Councilmember Alyssa Cigarroa presented information regarding Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1.

Ms. Liendo moved to approve Laredo College’s participation and contribution to the City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1, located in downtown Laredo, Texas, contingent upon the City of Laredo and Laredo College entering into a mutually acceptable

**ESTABLISHING A  
FUNDING LEVEL AND  
TERM, AND ANY OTHER  
PERTINENT MATTERS,  
PURSUANT TO TEXAS  
TAX CODE, CHAPTER 311  
- TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCING ACT, TO  
BECOME EFFECTIVE  
DURING THE 2026 TAX  
YEAR UTILIZING THE  
2025 TAX YEAR AS AN  
INITIAL BASELINE.  
POSSIBLE CLOSED  
SESSION PURSUANT TO  
TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
CODE §551.071. - MR.  
ESTEBAN RANGEL/MR.  
JOSE CEBALLOS/MR.  
RUSTY MEURER**

agreement establishing the funding level, term, and other relevant matters pertaining to the TIRZ and Laredo College's participation. Judge Martinez seconded the motion.

Mr. Rangel called for the question. Judge Martinez seconded.

At 6:59 p.m., Ms. Newsome moved to discuss the item in executive session. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Rusty Meurer, College Attorney, cited Section 551.071 for the purpose of receiving legal advice in executive session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Rangel noted that no action was taken during executive session.

A record vote was taken.

**APPROVED**

Lizzy Newsome  
Adriana Alexander  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Erica Benavides Garcia

Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela  
Cindy Liendo  
Esteban Rangel

**NOT APPROVED**

—  
**PRESENT** and not voting

—  
**ABSENT**

Jackie Leven-Ramos  
Karina Elizondo

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.A. REPORT ON THE  
2025 ASSOCIATION OF  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TRUSTEES LEADERSHIP  
CONGRESS - MR. ESTEBAN  
RANGEL/MS. JACKIE  
LEVEN-RAMOS/MS. CINDY  
LIENDO/MS. ERICA  
BENAVIDES GARCIA/MS.  
ADRIANA ALEXANDER**

Ms. Liendo, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Benavides Garcia, and Mr. Rangel provided an overview of the ACCT Leadership Congress and the sessions they attended.

**7.B. FOREIGN TRADE  
ZONE DESIGNATION  
REQUESTS - DR. MINITA  
RAMÍREZ**

Dr. Minita Ramírez, President, informed the Board that letters of concurrence were issued for foreign trade zone designations for:

DisCom International, Inc. located at 1119 Juarez Ave., Laredo, TX 78040  
Salinas Warehouse & Distribution, Inc. located at 5300 Santa Maria, Laredo, TX 78041  
Tramitaciones Group Forwarding, Inc. located at 13493 Port Drive, Laredo, TX 78045

**7.C. NOTIFICATION OF  
THE SERVING OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
BY AN OUTSIDE ENTITY  
IN LAREDO COLLEGE  
FACILITIES, AS PER  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
BOARD POLICY  
GDA(LOCAL):  
COMMUNITY  
EXPRESSION AND USE OF  
COLLEGE FACILITIES-**

Dr. Ramírez informed the Board that the Laredo Theater Guild International submitted requests to serve alcohol at two upcoming events held at Laredo College facilities.

**CONDUCT ON COLLEGE  
DISTRICT PREMISES – DR.  
MINITA RAMÍREZ**

**7.D. STATUS OF LAREDO  
COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEMBERS'  
REQUIRED TRAININGS AS  
PER TEXAS EDUCATION  
CODE SECTION 61.084,  
TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
CODE 551.005 AND  
2054.5191, AND LEGAL  
POLICIES BBD(LEGAL)-  
BOARD MEMBERS  
ORIENTATION AND  
TRAINING AND BI(LEGAL)-  
REPORTS – DR. MINITA  
RAMÍREZ**

Dr. Ramírez provided an update on the status of Board members' training requirements in accordance with Texas Education Code §61.084, Texas Government Code §§551.005 and 2054.5191, and Laredo College Board policies BBD(LEGAL) and BI(LEGAL).

**7.E. LAREDO COLLEGE  
MARKETING PLAN  
UPDATE – DR. DIANA Y.  
ORTIZ/MS. JOANA  
SANTILLANA**

Dr. Diana Ortiz, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, and Ms. Joana Santillana, Community and Media Relations Director, presented an update on the College's marketing campaign.

**7.F. LAREDO COLLEGE  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SPONSORED BY FALCON  
BANK UPDATE – DR.  
DIANA Y. ORTIZ/MS. DIANA  
ESPINOZA**

Dr. Ortiz provided an update on LC's golf tournament.

**7.G. LAREDO COLLEGE  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
BRUSHES ON THE  
BORDER ART GALA  
UPDATE – MR. RENE  
GONZALEZ/MS. LUCY  
HASTINGS**

Mr. Rene Gonzalez, Director of Development, provided an update on LC's Education Foundation *Brushes on the Border* Art Gala.

**7.H. FALL FEST  
SPONSORED BY FALCON  
BANK UPDATE – DR.  
HERIBERTO  
HERNANDEZ/MR. PEDRO  
RIVERA**

Dr. Heriberto Hernandez, Associate Provost, and Mr. Pedro Rivera, Director of Student Life, provided an update on LC's Fall Fest.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Vela moved to approve all items under the Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 8.A. – Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of September 25, 2025
- Agenda Item 8.B. – October 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 8.C. – Approval of Annual Investment Report and August 2025 Quarterly Investment Report
- Agenda Item 8.D. – Approval of Site Marketing Agreement with Diamond Towers LLC. for TASB ConnectED Texas Program
- Agenda Item 8.E. – Approval for Campus Wireless Access Point Refresh
- Agenda Item 8.F. – Approval for Network Switch Refresh for South Campus
- Agenda Item 8.G. – Approval for Purchase of Computers for Labs and Employee Offices
- Agenda Item 8.H. – Ratification of Texas DIR Telecom Services Annual Renewal
- Agenda Item 8.I. – Approval for Purchase of Diagnostic Trainers for the Diesel Mechanics Program
- Agenda Item 8.J. – Approval for Purchase of Truck Driving Simulator for Truck Driving Program
- Agenda Item 8.K. – Approval for Purchase of Multiplex Network Diagnostic Trainers for the Automotive Technology Program
- Agenda Item 8.L. – Approval for the Purchase of Furniture for the Yeary and Zaffirini Libraries

- Agenda Item 8.M. – Ratification of Online Subscription Services for the Yearly and Zaffirini Libraries
- Agenda Item 8.N. – Approval of Donor Requested Matching Funds for the Raymond & Melba Gutierrez Endowment
- Agenda Item 8.O. – Approval of Laird Hall Building Roof Restoration
- Agenda Item 8.P. – Approval of Building Plaques for Arechiga Hall Building and Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Science Center
- Agenda Item 8.Q. – Approval for the Purchase of HVAC Controls for Memorial Hall Building
- Agenda Item 8.R. – Approval of the 2026–2027, 2027–2028, and 2028–2029 Laredo College Academic Calendars
- Agenda Item 8.S. – Approval of Contract with Mage4 Group, LTD dba C4 Construction for Replacement of Sewer Line

Ms. Liendo seconded the motion.

Mr. Vela noted that the correct amount for Item 8.O. is \$855,670.

Motion passed.

## 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### 9.B. ANNEXATION OF NEW PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO – MR. CESAR VELA

Ms. Liendo moved to adopt the resolution to annex new property, previously annexed by the City of Laredo, into the College's taxing district. Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo then read the resolution.

#### *RESOLUTION ANNEXING NEW PROPERTY HERTOFORE ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to H. B. 1182 passed by the 67th Legislature an election was called and had on April 2, 1983, for the purpose of annexing that portion of the City of Laredo not within the boundaries of the Laredo Municipal Junior College District, at which election, a majority of the voters residing within the District as changed by the proposed election, voted in favor of such annexation and such new property were thereby annexed; and,*

*WHEREAS, subsequent to said election, the name of the Laredo Municipal Junior College was changed to the Laredo College District; and,*

*WHEREAS, on or about March 3, 2025 and June 2, 2025 the City of Laredo annexed new property, described by metes and bounds in four (4) attached ordinances and being generally described as follows, to wit:*

#### *TRACT 5 – ALL CARRIERS TRACT*

*Being an 8.55 acre tract of land conveyed by deed to All Carriers, Inc. recorded in Volume 5176, Page 110 and Volume 5598, Page 637, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

#### *TRACT 6 – ZUNIGA TRACT*

*Being a 13.49 acre tract, property of Alicia S. Zuniga, recorded in volume 1094, pages 711-714 and volume 1094, pages 715-718, real property records of Webb County, Texas. Herein described parcel situated in porcion 13, abstract 51, original grantee J.M. Garcia, Webb County, Texas, being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

#### *TRACT 7 – Bastrop RM Investments Tract*

*A tract of land containing 120.32 acres of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 10, Abstract 280, Thomas Sanchez original grantee and out of Porcion 9, Abstract 41, Blas Maria Diaz original grantee same being out of the Bastrop RM Investments, L.L.C. Tract as recorded in Volume 5630, Pages 308-320, Webb County Official Public Records and being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

#### *TRACT 1 – Saldana Tract*

*Being all of that certain Lot 2, Block 3, Pinto Valle Industrial Park, Phase 1, recorded in Volume 10, Pages 19-22, Plat Records, Webb County, Texas, and being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

*Being all of that certain Lot 3, Pinto Valle Industrial Park, Phase 1, recorded in Volume 10, Pages 19-22, Plat records, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

*Being all of that certain Lot 4, Block 3, Pinto Valle Industrial Park, Phase 1, recorded in Volume 10, Pages 19-22, Plat Records, Webb County, Texas, and being more particularly described by the attached metes and bounds.*

*WHEREAS, it is found to be in the best interest of the Laredo College District and its residents to extend and annex for college purposes all those new properties within the city limits of the City of Laredo not now within the boundaries of the Laredo College District, as is provided by TEX EDUC. CODE § 130.066.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that those areas annexed by the City of Laredo, set forth and described by metes and bounds in the four (4) attached ordinances, be incorporated and annexed to the boundaries of the Laredo College District for college purposes.*

PASSED at Laredo, Texas on this 19th day of November 2025.

Motion passed.

**9.C. RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING THAT THE  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVE THE  
SUBMISSION OF A GRANT  
APPLICATION FOR A  
TOTAL OF \$783,833 IN  
GRANT FUNDING BY THE  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
GRANTS OFFICE FOR  
THE 2026-2028 LAREDO  
COLLEGE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT BORDER  
CRISIS EQUIPMENT  
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
TO THE STATE OF  
TEXAS, OFFICE OF THE  
GOVERNOR, HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE – MR.  
GABRIEL LOZANO**

Ms. Liendo moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo read the resolution aloud.

*RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS, Laredo College finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo and South Texas that the Laredo College Police Department Border Crisis Equipment Enhancement Project be implemented and operated from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028; and*

*WHEREAS, The Laredo College Board of Trustees approves the submission of a grant application by the Laredo College Grants Office in the amount of \$783,883 to the State of Texas – Office of the Governor – Public Safety Office for the 2026-2028 Laredo College Police Department - Border Crisis Equipment Enhancement Project under the following State of Texas Homeland Security Program:*

*Border Crisis Response NPA Program - State of Texas  
FY 2025-2026 State of Texas Homeland Security Grant - \$783,883  
E-Grants Application #5626001*

*WHEREAS, Laredo College agrees to provide applicable matching funds when required for the said project but no matching funds are required for this grant application as noted in Texas Administrative Code guidelines.*

*WHEREAS, Laredo College agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the State of Texas, Office of the Governor funds, Laredo College assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.*

*WHEREAS, Laredo College designates Dr. Minita Ramirez - President as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grants on behalf of the applicant agency.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laredo College Board of Trustees approves the submission of a two-year grant application by the Laredo College Grants Office for a total of \$783,883 in grant funding for the 2026-2028 Laredo College Police Department - Border Crisis Equipment Enhancement Project to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor – Department of Homeland Security Office.*

*DULY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Laredo College on the 19th day of November, 2025.*

Motion passed.

**9.D. RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING THAT THE  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVE THE  
SUBMISSION OF A GRANT**

Ms. Liendo moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo read the resolution aloud.

*RESOLUTION*

**APPLICATION FOR A  
TOTAL OF \$113,099 IN  
GRANT FUNDING BY THE  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
GRANTS OFFICE FOR  
THE 2026-2027 LAREDO  
COLLEGE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT BULLET-  
RESISTANT  
COMPONENTS FOR LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
VEHICLES PROJECT TO  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
OFFICE OF THE  
GOVERNOR, HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE – MR.  
GABRIEL LOZANO**

WHEREAS, Laredo College finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo and South Texas that the Laredo College Police Department Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles Project be implemented and operated from March 1, 2026 – February 29, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The Laredo College Board of Trustees approves the submission of a grant application by the Laredo College Grants Office in the amount of \$113,099 to the State of Texas – Office of the Governor – Public Safety Office for the 2026-2027 Laredo College Police Department – Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles Project under the following State of Texas Homeland Security Program:

*Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles Program  
FY 2026-2027 State of Texas Public Safety Grant - \$113,099  
E-Grants Application #5655101*

WHEREAS, Laredo College agrees to provide applicable matching funds when required for the said project but no matching funds are required for this grant application as noted in Texas Administrative Code guidelines.

WHEREAS, Laredo College agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the State of Texas, Office of the Governor funds, Laredo College assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, Laredo College designates Dr. Minita Ramirez - President as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grants on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laredo College Board of Trustees approves the submission of a one-year grant application by the Laredo College Grants Office for a total of \$113,099 in grant funding for the 2026-2027 Laredo College Police Department Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles Project to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor – Public Safety Office.

DULY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Laredo College on the 19th day of November, 2025.

Motion passed.

**9.E. APPROVAL OF  
UPDATES ON LAB FEES  
AND LIABILITY FEES –  
DR. MARISELA RODRIGUEZ  
TIJERINA**

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented updates to the lab and liability fees. Ms. Benavides Garcia moved to approve the updates on the lab and liability fees as presented. Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion passed.

**9.F. RENEWAL OF  
RESOLUTION TO  
SUPPORT AND ENDORSE  
THE CONTINUED  
OPERATIONS OF LC'S  
REGIONAL POLICE  
ACADEMY – DR. MARISELA  
RODRIGUEZ TIJERINA**

Ms. Liendo moved to approve the renewal of resolution and endorse the continued operation of LC's Regional Police Academy. Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo then read the resolution.

*Resolution*

WHEREAS the Vision Statement of Laredo College affirms its commitment to cultivating a dynamic learning, teaching, and working environment that empowers students to succeed, foster institutional excellence, and inspire graduates to drive positive changes and make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District recognizes that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) serves as the state's regulatory authority responsible for establishing, implementing, and upholding professional standards for peace officers, county corrections officers, and emergency communications personnel, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District recognizes that, under Texas law, no individual may be appointed to serve as a peace officer, county corrections officer, or any other law enforcement position without holding a current and valid license issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE); and WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District recognizes that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) maintains strong and effective partnerships with educational institutions, governmental agencies, and public entities across Texas and the nation to advance its mission and uphold professional standards in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District has entered into a cooperative agreement with the South Texas Council of Governments, which receives state grant funding to operate a licensed law enforcement training academy, hereinafter referred to as the Laredo College District Regional Police Academy, providing accredited instruction for peace officers within the four-county South Texas region; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo College District Regional Police Academy is currently reapplying for its training license, as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), to continue operating as an authorized regional training center for law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2005, the Board of Trustees of Laredo Community College District, now known as Laredo College District, adopted a Resolution supporting and endorsing the continued operation of the Laredo Community College District's Regional Police Academy;

WHEREAS the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requires the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District to adopt a new formal resolution of support as part of the application process to renew the training license for the Regional Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District has consistently supported the operation of the Laredo College District Regional Police Academy for more than fifty (50) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District hereby expresses its full support and endorsement of the continued operation of the Laredo College District Regional Police Academy, and affirms its commitment to maintaining the Academy's role as a vital provider of accredited law enforcement training in the South Texas region.

The foregoing Resolution was duly offered by Cindy Liendo seconded by Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Laredo College District at a meeting duly called and held in Laredo, Texas on November 19, 2025, at which six members were present, by the following vote:

The motion passed with six members in favor and none opposed.

**9.G. APPROVAL OF  
GENERAL EDUCATION  
(CORE CURRICULUM) -  
DR. MARISELA RODRIGUEZ  
TIJERINA**

**9.H. APPROVAL OF  
PROPOSED LOCAL  
POLICY REVISIONS  
REQUIRED BY SENATE  
BILL 2972:**

- **DGC(LOCAL) -  
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND  
PRIVILEGES: EMPLOYEE  
EXPRESSION AND USE OF  
COLLEGE FACILITIES**
- **FLA(LOCAL) -  
STUDENT RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES:  
STUDENT EXPRESSION  
AND USE OF COLLEGE  
FACILITIES**
- **GD(LOCAL) -  
COMMUNITY  
EXPRESSION AND USE OF  
COLLEGE FACILITIES**

- DR. DAVID V. ARREAZOLA

**9.I. APPROVAL OF  
DESIGNATED PUBLIC-  
FORUM AREAS FOR  
LAREDO COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES AND  
ADOPTION OF**

Ms. Liendo moved to approve the following agenda items:

- Agenda Item 9.G. - Approval of General Education (Core Curriculum)
- Agenda Item 9.H. - Approval of Proposed Local Policy Revisions Required by Senate Bill 2972: DGC(LOCAL) - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES: EMPLOYEE EXPRESSION AND USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, FLA(LOCAL) - STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT EXPRESSION AND USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, GD(LOCAL) - COMMUNITY EXPRESSION AND USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES
- Agenda Item 9.I. - Approval of Designated Public-Forum Areas for Laredo College Campuses and Adoption of Resolution to Comply with Senate Bill 2972

Ms. Vela seconded the motion. Ms. Liendo then read the resolution for Agenda Item 9.I.

**LAREDO COLLEGE**

*Designation of Public-Forum Areas for Expressive Activities  
(Texas Education Code § 51.9315 / Senate Bill 2972 Compliance)*

WHEREAS, the 89th Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 2972, amending Texas Education Code § 51.9315 to require the governing board of each public institution of higher education to designate one or more campus locations as public forums for expressive activities by students, employees, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2972 further requires that such designations be approved by formal Board action through resolution and that the approved areas be identified in institutional administrative procedures and published on the College's website; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Laredo College has approved revisions to local policies DGC(LOCAL), FLA(LOCAL), and GD(LOCAL) to align institutional procedures with these statutory requirements and ensure viewpoint-neutral regulation of expressive activities; and

**RESOLUTION TO COMPLY  
WITH SENATE BILL 2972**  
- DR. DAVID V. ARREAZOLA

WHEREAS, Laredo College has identified and mapped specific public-forum areas on the Ft. McIntosh Campus and South Campus that meet the criteria established by law for expressive activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Laredo College hereby formally designates the campus public-forum areas for expressive activities as shown on the attached maps labeled "Laredo College Public-Forum Areas - Ft. McIntosh Campus" and "Laredo College Public-Forum Areas - South Campus." BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or designee is authorized to:

1. Publish the approved maps on the Laredo College website;
2. Incorporate the maps and related administrative procedures into institutional documentation; and
3. Take all necessary steps to ensure continued compliance with Texas Education Code § 51.9315 and Senate Bill 2972.

*Adopted this 19th day of November 2025, by the Board of Trustees of Laredo College.*

Motion passed.

**10. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORTS**

**10.A. CAMPUS POLICE,  
PERSONNEL, AND  
TRAVEL REPORTS - DR.  
MINITA RAMÍREZ**

Reports were provided to the Board as part of the meeting materials.

**10.B. PRESIDENT'S  
REMARKS - DR. MINITA  
RAMÍREZ**

Dr. Ramírez provided remarks on the following items:

- THECB-Building a Talent Strong Texas
- Texas Association of Community College Quarterly Meeting
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner of Higher Education Meeting
- 2025-2026 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Review

**11. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 24 – 28, 2025, Laredo College Thanksgiving Holidays

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Laredo College Tree Lighting at LC Fort McIntosh Campus

Friday, December 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Laredo College Employee Winter Dance at 1848 Event Center

Friday, December 12, 2025, Laredo College Graduation

December 18, 2025 – January 2, 2026, Laredo College Winter Break

Monday, January 5, 2026, 8:00 a.m., Laredo College In-Service at LC Fort McIntosh

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:51 p.m., Ms. Vela made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Mr. Esteban Rangel  
President

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Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos  
Secretary