

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on August 25, 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 6:23 pm.

Members present: JJ Suarez, Jaclyn Gonzales, Robert Quinones, Jesse Rizo, Erika Munoz

Members absent: Laura Perez and Javier Flores

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Anne Marie Espinoza, Zeke De La Fuente, Mario Rangel, David Zamora, Mikka Sanchez, Jorge Cerna, Margaret Tarski, Pat Merlos, Isidro Escamilla, Sandra Gonzales, Bryan Perez, Monica Deleon, Edward Puente, Jorge Johnson, Christy Perez, Lorretta Dalrymple, Susan Bineham, Katie Hughes, Gina Vilches

Guests present: Michael Robinson, Hali Mecklin, Juanita Rizo, Manuel Rizo, Julissa Rizo, Amy Franco, Denise Feldtman, Priscilla Moreno, Anson Bills, Jennifer Gilleland, Selena Vasquez, Rosenberg Risa, Cody Smith, Kasey Schlessier, Kathleen Rambie, Paula Hale, Jennifer Bills, Savanna Martinez, Nancy Garza, April Rahaman, Hector Gonzales, Simon Ortiz, Zaniatha Leyva, Maricela Leyva, Adranner Feely, Roxanne Hernandez, Patricia Guajardo, Juliana Botello, Sonny Velasquez

B. Moment of Silence

There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls. The heavenly birthday of Layla Salazar was recognized.

C. The invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie.

D. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Justus McKeon and Cadet Lieutenant Joaquin Schlessiger .

2. Open Forum

The following spoke in Open Forum:

- Jenifer Gilleland - State of the district
- Anson Bills - Bullying and fighting in our schools
- Amy Franco - 3A- Media release footage
- Priscilla Moreno - 3A - Discussion in closed session regarding release of records
- Denise Feldtman - Altercation at school
- Selena Vasquez - Bullying accountability

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

The board met in closed session at 6:50 pm

The board reconvened at 9:06 pm

The board met in closed session at 9:35 pm

The board reconvened at 10:27 pm.

A. Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to the potential release of information related to the Robb Elementary tragedy.

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

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

A. Consider and take possible action to authorize attorneys to release information related to the Robb Elementary tragedy.

Robb Decker of Walsh Gallegos addressed the Board regarding the release of records related to the PIA lawsuit.

- Counsel explained that an error occurred when only a sample of documents (previously submitted to the Attorney General) was released instead of the full set of responsive records.
- Additional records are being reviewed, redacted for confidential information, and will be released on a rolling basis no later than next Wednesday.
- Counsel clarified that certain items are not in the district's possession: hallway video (in custody of state law enforcement), 911 calls (held by the City), and body camera footage (UCISD officers did not have body cameras at the time).
- Counsel emphasized the error was on the firm's part, apologized to the Board, and affirmed that the district is not attempting to withhold information.

Trustee Suarez stated to be clear the board nor the Superintendent were aware of the missing information.

Robb Decker stated that is correct, neither did legal counsel

Trustee Gonzales expressed disappointment that, despite earlier assurances, over 26,000 pages and 8,600 emails remain under review for redaction, delaying release. Trustee emphasized the importance of transparency, student safety, and accountability, encouraged seeking additional legal assistance, and acknowledged the public's role in identifying errors. Trustee apologized for the delay, expressed personal concern, and reaffirmed commitment to ensuring timely release of information.

Trustee Quinones expressed a desire to return focus to education, stating the priority is for families to receive needed information and for students to continue their learning. Trustee added that while some challenges are beyond control, the district is working on solutions and will continue pushing forward.

Trustee Rizo expressed concern regarding the handling of the appeal, noting that detailed information was not provided by legal counsel and that the Board's request for written correspondence was not fulfilled. The member stated the Board acted in good faith based on assurances that all information would be released and emphasized the importance of accountability from legal counsel.

Trustee Suarez stated that on July 21 the Board voted unanimously to release records, believing this action to be a positive step for families and survivors. The member noted that neither the Board nor the Superintendent was aware the records were not released following the vote. The member expressed regret, emphasized that the Board acted honestly and in unity, and affirmed the Board's continued commitment to serving the community and doing what is right

Trustee Munoz expressed that the situation is disheartening, emphasized the Board's commitment to transparency and to doing what is best for students, survivors, and the community, and expressed regret for the hurt and any misinformation caused.

Superintendent Chohlis stated she came to the district with the intent to serve the community and children with love and commitment. The Superintendent expressed deep regret for the situation and the pain it has caused the community and affirmed her dedication to working diligently each day on behalf of students.

A motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to authorize the superintendent and council to release all documents related to the shooting at Robb Elementary with the exception of any safety plans. This includes the release of all attorney client privilege information. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

Trustee Suarez stated that as the presiding officer he only votes if there is a tie.

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

5. Superintendent's Report

A. DOMAIN 1: High quality curriculum and effective instruction

a. Enrollment and attendance update

Enrollment was a 3845 as of August 22nd

b. Bluebonnet curriculum

TEA awarded UCISD a \$1 million dollar non-competitive grant to implement High Quality Instruction Materials. The Bluebonnet Curriculum is TEA's state owned instructional resource to align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). While some materials include references to religion, they are strictly academic and aligned with TEKS. Our teachers will present all content in a neutral factual way, as we always have. The Bluebonnet Curriculum helps us ensure students are meeting state standards without compromising on instructional quality or neutrality.

Trustee Gonzales asked if there is a section that teaches religion.

Superintendent Chohlis replied there is not

Trustee Gonzales asked if parents can opt out

Superintendent Chohlis replied the parents have received a QR code to review materials. There is a process if they choose to appeal

Trustee Rizo requested that administration provide prior notice to the board if anything may involve potentially controversial matters.

School Based Clinic

189 visits

35% uninsured

B. DOMAIN 2: Effective, well supported staff

a. Payroll update

Apologies for repeated errors

Target training for payroll

Review of Systems & Processes

New leader Chief Communications and Human Capital Officer- Anne Marie Espinoza will be responsible for the Human Resources and Communications department.

C. DOMAIN 3: Positive school culture; safety and security

Administration reported that safety vestibules at Dalton, Batesville, UDLA, MJH, and Uvalde High School are expected to be operational by the second week of September following final inspections.

a. Centegix update regarding Morales Junior High incident

Superintendent Chohlis shared that administration provided a strategic update following a student altercation at Morales Jr. High in which an employee sustained minor injuries. The incident revealed that the employee's Centegix badge had been disabled during a campus transfer due to misapplied exit protocols. Steps are being taken to correct the process, including retraining staff on transfer protocols, ensuring active badges remain enabled during transitions, updating badge management procedures, and conducting a district-wide badge audit with continuous monitoring. Additional training for campus administrators, office staff, and safety teams is being scheduled. It was also noted that during the incident the coach's radio was inadvertently switched to the high school channel, causing confusion in response efforts. Corrective measures will include further training and reinforcement of layered safety and security protocols.

Trustee Gonzales asked Who is in charge of the campuses? Can you send a ding to test the badge?, Who will make sure the training is being done? Trustee Gonzales would like for this to be documented on file for whomever is responsible for not activating the Centegix badge for the staff member.

Trustee Rizo asked if anyone has been held accountable.

Trustee Gonzales would like to know who is responsible for this

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Item of information on District and Campus Improvement Plans.

Amy Graeber went over the presentation provided to the board. This will be brought back in September for board approval.

B. Consider approval of the Legacy Elementary School design plan and the performance agreement.

Trustee Quionones asked how long this grant was.
Ms. Bendele responded with two years.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve the Legacy Elementary School design plan and performance agreement. Robert Quinones, J Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Consider approval of the adoption of the 2025-2026 district budgets.

Trustee Quinones asked if anything has changed from the budget workshop.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the 2025-2026 General Operating, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service budgets as presented. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

B. No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025 for the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District.

Trustee Quinones asked if this is the same as last year
Ms. Bendele responded yes

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6983 which is effectively a 10.91 percent increase in the tax rate. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

C. Item of information regarding the Certified Appraisal Roll and the Supplemental Appraisal Roll for the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District.

This was an information item only. There were no questions.

D. Consider approval of the resolution naming the District's Truth in Taxation Officer.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the resolution to appoint the District's Chief Financial Officer as the designated officer responsible for calculating and reporting the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate as determined by state law. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

E. Consider approval of a resolution of the Board to commit general fund balance for specific purposes.

Trustee Gonzales asked when is this supposed to be done
Ms. Bendele responded one year

Trustee Munoz asked why is that
Ms. Bendele responded that We do not pay upfront

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 to Commit \$4,000,000 from Unrestricted Fund Balance to Committed Fund Balance to complete the

projects approved as part of the sale of the Maintenance Tax Notes. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

F. Consider approval of RFP's

a. Consider approval awarding RFP #2508-915 for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and School Psychology Services.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the following vendors as the approved vendors to provide special education services for the school year 2025-2026. The approved vendors are Assessment Intervention Management LLC, R.L Rendon Psychological Services, S.A. Therapy, Cognitive Insight Solutions, Elite Learning Solutions, and Speech Specialists. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

b. Consider approval of awarding RFP 2508-925 for the purchase of hardware supplies and building materials.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve both vendors, Mark's Plumbing and UOCL -DBA as Uvalco. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

c. Consider a one-year extension for RFP #2024-199 district/campus shirts, apparel and other customized items.

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the extension to award the proposals from the District/Campus Shirts, Apparel and Other Customized items for the 2025-26 school year. This includes 3D Impressions DBA: Jae Thompson, AHI Enterprises, LLC Mark A. Nolan, Apex Limited Inc David Bermea DBA: Apex Embroidery, BSN Sports Gabriel Sanchez, Custom Sportswear, Inc. Ron Duzenski 8 Enterprise, Empire Printing LLC Joshua Marler, Gandy Ink Emma Eschberger, Print Haus Robert Gutierrez, SW Uniforms & Embroidery Alice Thompson Liarakos. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

d. Consider approval of an RFP to award a Depository contract.

Trustee Quinones asked to move this item up due to the time being very late.

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Robert Quinones to table this item. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

G. Consider approval of Child Nutrition meal prices.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve \$5.25 as the adult lunch price and \$3.50 to remain for the breakfast meal price. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

H. Consider approval to fund PK-3 wrap-around services for the fall 2025 semester, in the amount of \$200K, to defer cost from parents who are on the waiting list for Texas Workforce Commission funding, until January 1, 2026.

Trustee Quinones suggests parents fill out applications early next year.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo that the board approves funding through the district for the fall semester for the parents on the waiting list for the funding through the Texas Workforce Commission. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

8. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Consider approval of TASB Policies CQ(LOCAL), EFB(LOCAL), and FNCE(LOCAL).

Trustee Suarez noted that due to legislative updates EFB(LOCAL) will require the board to approve all library books.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to approve CQ (LOCAL), EFB (LOCAL), FNCE (LOCAL) as presented. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

B. Consider approval of TASB policy update 125.

The motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Erika Munoz Administration recommends that the board approve Policy Manual Update 125 as presented including BDAA (LOCAL), BDB (LOCAL), BDF (LOCAL), EI (LOCAL), FDE (LOCAL), and FEC (LOCAL). Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

C. Consider nominating and approving a TASB Delegate for the TASB Delegate Assembly on September 13, 2025.

The motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Robert Quinones to nominate JJ Suarez to serve as the TASB Delegate to the delegate assembly being held on September 13, 2025 at the txEDCON Conference. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

D. Discuss and consider the possibility of acquiring additional legal counsel.

Trustee Rizo asked if we can still obtain records if they are no longer our legal counsel.

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jaclyn Gonzales to move forward with discussing having superintendent, discussed with Thompson Horton of putting on a retainer. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

9. Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of the Board Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 10, 2025
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 17, 2025
- C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 21, 2025
- D. Minutes of the Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees Held on July 31, 2025
- E. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- F. Item of information regarding transportation
- G. Item of Information regarding SFE
- H. Item of information on the district's investment activity for July 2025

- I. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for July 2025
- J. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of June 2025
- K. Item of information on the tax collection activity for July 2025
- L. Item of information for the district's federal program activity for June 2025
- M. Item of information on student attendance
- N. Item of information on student discipline
- O. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for July 2025
- P. Consider approval of budget amendments
- Q. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) members
- R. Consider approval of the MOU with the Boys and Girls Club
- S. Consider approval of the MOU with the After-School All-Stars Program Services
- T. Consider approval of the MOU with Big Brothers Big Sisters
- U. Consider approval of the MOU with Camino Real
- V. Consider approval of the MOU District Operated Childcare Center for the 2025-2026 school year
- W. Consider approval of amended T-TESS Appraisers for the 2025-2026 school year
- X. Consider approval of vendors
 - a. Consider approval of vendors over \$50,000
 - b. Consider approval of instructional contracts over \$50,000
 - c. Consider approval of 2025-2026 Property and Casualty Insurance

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor and JJ Suarez abstaining. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda:

- M. Trustee Quinones - How can we keep the attendance up?
- N. Trustee Quinones - Too many fights
- R. Trustee Gonzales - How are we connecting students with these programs?
- S. Trustee Gonzales - How do they get their list?
- T. Trustee Gonzales

10. Adjournment

The motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Robert Quinones to adjourn the meeting. Robert Quinones, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez and Javier Flores absent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 am on August 26, 2025.

Board President

Date