

**Region One Education Service Center
Board of Directors Meeting**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO § October 16, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors met on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018** at Region One Education Service Center. **Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.** The invocation was given by Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Board Member, Ms. Sonia A. Falcon.

Members Present Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Chairperson; Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Secretary; Ms. Sonia A. Falcon, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Mr. Robert Moroles, Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Board Members.

Members Absent Ms. Laura A. McCoy

Others Present Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director; Dr. Eduardo Cancino, Deputy Director; Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Deputy Director; Ms. Connie Lopez, Deputy Director; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Chief Technology Officer; Ms. Annette S. Garcia, Mr. Todd Larson, and Ms. Angela I. Rocha, staff.

Public Comment No groups or individuals were present to address the board.

Executive Director's Report **Region One Education Service Center Special Education Department Update**
Mr. Todd Larson, Region One ESC Director of Special Education Programs, provided a program update the Board members. Mr. Larson assured the Board that the Region One ESC Special Education Department is committed to be the leaders in empowering LEAs in the provision of high-quality services to students with disabilities through collaboration and innovation. Mr. Larson shared that there are over 35,000 students identified with a disability in the Region One area. The Region One Special Education Department supports districts in conducting mock desk reviews, review local policies, procedures, and operating guidelines to verify alignment with federal and state laws, analyze and disaggregate data to make informed decisions toward enhancing student academic success for students with disabilities, develop a system to review previous and current sped referrals to ensure all eligible students receive FAPE, evaluate current instructional practices, with an emphasis on specific strategies and interventions to target individual learner needs, review staffing guidelines as well as provide technical assistance. Mr. Larson also announced new initiatives for the year including Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI), Connecting to the Future (C2F).

Region One Education Service Center Organizational Chart
Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Region One ESC Executive Director, shared the 2018-2019 Organizational Chart with the Board. The chart includes the Region One ESC department names and department leadership.

Review of the Region One Education Service Center Regional Improvement Plan

Dr. Gonzalez also shared the 2018-2019 Region One Education Service Center Regional Improvement Plan with the Board members. Dr. Gonzalez noted that only new programs and initiatives were included in the Improvement Plan.

Personnel Matters

Additions/New: Assignments

Angelica Arellano

Office of Human Resources
Specialist - COOP
Effective – October 3, 2018

Brenda De La Garza

Office of School Improvement, Accountability,
and Compliance
Coordinator – Special Education
Effective – October 8, 2018

Kimberly Farias

Office of Early Childhood Intervention
Speech Language Pathologist (Brownsville
Extension)
Effective – October 2, 2018

Cynthia Salazar

Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and
Assessment
Coordinator – HCMS/PBCS (Project Rise)
Effective – September 24, 2018

Carlos Vela

Office of Early Childhood Intervention
Speech Language Pathologist
Effective – September 28, 2018

Resignations:

Claudia Luna

Office of Early Childhood Intervention
Occupational Therapist
Reason: Personal
Effective – 10/16/2018

Mark Wallace

Office of Facilities and Operations
Director – Operations & Facilities
Reason: Personal
Effective – 1/31/2018

Check Register – Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Center's check register for the month of September, 2018 was included for their review.

On a motion made by Ms. Sonia A. Falcon and seconded by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the following items (Items 6-9):

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Board of Directors meeting as presented.
Budget Amendments for September, 2018	Approval of Budget Amendments for September, 2018 as presented.
Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2018	Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2018 as presented.
Region One Education Service Center Improvement Plan for 2018-2019	Approval of the Region One Education Service Center Improvement Plan for 2018-2019.
Join TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative for Access to “Security IQ” Awareness and Training Software	Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez moved and Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr. second the motion to approve the request to join the TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative for Access to “Security IQ” Awareness and Training Software. The motion carried unanimously.
Suggestions for Future Meetings	None
Announcements	<p>The following announcements were shared with the Board:</p> <p>A. Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez)</p> <p><u>November, 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Break – November 19-23, 2018, Region One ESC Offices Closed• Region One ESC Board of Directors Meeting – November 27, 2018 – Region One ESC, Laredo, Texas <p><u>December, 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESC Board of Directors Meeting – December 18, 2018, Region One ESC, Edinburg, Texas• Christmas Holiday Break – December 21, 2018-January 4, 2019, Region One ESC Offices Closed
Adjournment	Mr. Raul R. Chapa moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.