

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

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

December 4, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors met on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018** at the Embassy Suites Hilton-Laredo, Board of Governors Board Room, 110 Calle Del Norte, Laredo, Texas. **Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:07 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, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr.

Members Present Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Chairperson; Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Secretary; Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Mrs. Laura A. McCoy, Ms. Sonia A. Falcon, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Board Members.

Members Absent Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Roberto Moroles

Others Present Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director; Dr. Eduardo Cancino, Deputy Director; Ms. Connie Lopez, Deputy Director; Mr. Heriberto Villarreal, Deputy Director; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Darlene Rogers, Laredo Satellite Office Director, Ms. Angela I. Rocha, staff; Hector Guevara, Gignac Architects representative.

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

Executive Director's Report **Region One ESC Laredo Satellite Update**
Dr. Darlene Rogers, provided a power point presentation to the Board with information regarding the services provided by the Laredo staff to school districts and charter schools in the Laredo area. Dr. Rogers also shared information on each of the members of the Laredo ESC staff and provided a background of each member's area of expertise. Dr. Rogers also shared that each specialist of the Laredo staff is required to be certified in ESL and/or Bilingual in order to be able to use Title III funds.

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Board Chairperson, commended Dr. Rogers and the Laredo staff for the great services they provide to the districts and charters in the Laredo and surrounding areas.

Architectural Update on Construction Projects.

Dr. Gonzalez invited Mr. Hector Guevara with Gignac Architects to provide an update on the ESC Construction Projects.

Mr. Guevara reported that the bid for the Region One ESC Laredo Extension Office had been awarded to Summit Design and Construction. Upon submitting plans to the City of Laredo for the permits required for construction, the City required an asbestos report to be done on the property. Gignac received the asbestos report and was informed that abatement was required before permit would be issued for construction to begin.

Mr. Guevara shared different site plans for the Region One ESC Edinburg project. Also shared were estimated costs and estimated timeline of project.

Personnel Matters

**Additions/New:
Assignments**

Maria Cristela Gonzalez
Office of Adult Education
Administrator
Effective – November 5, 2018

Melissa Lopez
Office of College, Career, and Life Readiness
Administrator
Effective – October 29, 2018

Norma McCormick
Office of College, Career, and Life Readiness
Director
Effective – October 29, 2018

Magdalena Reyna Guzman
Office of Project RISE
Coordinator-Data Management Systems
Effective – October 29, 2018

Veronica Ann Simental
Office of Early Childhood Intervention Program
Case Manager (Brownsville Extension)
Effective – October 29, 2018

Heriberto Eddie Villarreal
Division of Administrative Leadership, School,
and Community Support
Deputy Director
Effective – November 26, 2018

Resignations:

Marco A. Lara
Division of Administrative Leadership, School,
and Community Support
Deputy Director
Reason: Personal
Effective – October 31, 2018

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez and a second by Mr. Raul R. Chapa, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the following items under consent agenda (Items 6-8):

**Minutes of October 16,
2018 Board of Directors
Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the October 16, 2018 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Budget Amendments for October, 2018	Approval of the Budget Amendments for October, 2018 as presented.
Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2018	Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2018 as presented.
Consider Purchase of Right-of-Way	Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., moved and Mr. Raul R. Chapa seconded the motion to approve to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate purchase of Right of Way from the Hidalgo County Irrigation District pending Board of Directors and Commissioner of Education approval. The motion carried unanimously.
Ratify and approve filing of lawsuit in Cause No. D-1-GN-18-006919, Region One Education Service Center v. Attorney General of Texas	Ms. Sonia A. Falcon moved and Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. seconded the motion to approve ratification and approval of filing of lawsuit in Cause No. D-1-GN-18-006919, Region One Education Service Center v. Attorney General of Texas. The motion carried unanimously.
Adjournment to Closed or Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071(1)(A) of the Open Meetings Act	The Board of Directors did not close into Executive Session.
Reconvene into Open Session for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session	The Board of Directors did not close into Executive Session.
Suggestions for Future Meetings	Dr. Gonzalez reminded the Board that the next Board of Directors meeting would be on December 18, 2018 at the Region One Education Service Center, Edinburg, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.
Announcements	The following announcements were shared with the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>December, 2018</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESC Board of Directors Meeting – December 18, 2018, Region One ESC, Edinburg, Texas • Winter Holiday Break – December 21, 2018 – January 4, 2019, Region One ESC Offices Closed <u>January, 2019</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESC Board of Directors Meeting – January 22, 2019, Region One ESC, Edinburg, Texas
Adjournment	Mr. Raul R. Chapa moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

