

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 8, 2025

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Larry Cantu, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent
Diana L. Silvas, Assistant Superintendent

VISITORS: Rachel Ann Medrano

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 7

Absent – 0

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

6.0 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE PRINCIPAL AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR THE ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX NOTE, SERIES 2025

Dr. Marc Puig announced that Robert Tijerina would not be able to be present at this meeting; however, his representative, Thomas Lastrapes, would be making the presentation. Mr. Lastrapes reported that the note was still for \$3,500,000, plus \$65,000 for the cost of issuance, plus rounding amount for a total of \$3,565,000. The attorney general requires school districts to prove that they have the ability to pay the loan, which is why they had to redo the schedule on the note. By removing the principal from the first five years of the note to the back of the loan, it would reduce the payments and meet the requirements. There were no changes to the loan, they just wanted to inform the Board of the change that they made to the note. The change will now allow them to meet the deadline on July 17, 2025. Also, for the first five years, the payment will be less because they moved the principal from the first five years. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Resolution as presented.

Motion #7659 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes,
L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried
6:16 p.m.

Yes – 7

No - 0

Absent – 0

7.0

**DISCUSSION ITEM: TXDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
CALL FOR PROJECTS (GRANT)**

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that the mayor informed him that he would not be able to make the meeting this evening; however, he was available to answer any questions that they might have. President Lori Ann Garza presented the board members with a timeline of the project for their review. A discussion was held on several concerns that several of the board members had in referenced to why the ball was dropped on this item, who was responsible for following through with the grant, the reasons why it did not move forward, and how they can learn from it so that it does not happen again.

8.0

CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074

8A

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into closed session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Education Code on the approval of appointment, employment, evaluations, resignations, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees.

Motion #7660 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried
6:41 p.m.

Yes – 7

No - 0

Absent – 0

Motion #7661 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to reconvene from the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried
7:16 p.m.

Yes – 7

No - 0

Absent – 0

9.0

OPEN SESSION

9A

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in the executive session.

Motion #7662 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
7:16 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7663 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
7:17 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 07/08/25, except for the executive.)