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(Minutes conducted via electronic voting)

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the **13th day of November, 2025**, the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District met in a **Special Called Board Meeting** at the Administration Building, 1900 Price Road, Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that came before the Board and with the following to wit:

PRESENT:

Daniella Lopez Valdez	President
Frank Ortiz	Vice-President
Minerva Pena	Secretary
Denise Garza	Member
Jessica Gonzalez	Member
Neida Ruth Grantland	Member

ABSENT:

Carlos Elizondo	Board Member
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ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez	Superintendent of Schools
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ALSO ABSENT:

None

WHEREUPON, a quorum being present and it appearing before the Board, it is hereby so found that notice of this **Special Called Board Meeting** has been duly given in the manner and for the length of time as prescribed by law. The meeting was called to order and declared ready for the transaction of business with the following to wit:

- I. Meeting called to order by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Moment of Silence led by Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Daniella Lopez Valdez.**
- IV. Roll Call.** **Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board Member** announced that all Trustees for the exception of Carlos Elizondo are present.
- V. Recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2025, with any corrections/deletions.**

Motion made by Denise Garza, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2025, with no corrections/deletions as stated by administration (6-0-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Beltran, TVEA, VII. A. 1. Good evening, Madam President, Daniela Lopez Valdez, Superintendent Dr. Jesus Chavez, Members of the Board. The audience present and those

watching through KBSD live streaming. My name is Nancy Beltran, and I am president of Texas Valley Educators Association. I'm here tonight to thank the Board for standing up for all of the BISD students, teachers, and staff in the bond. I am so proud that you did everything to allow the voters to decide on the bond. I am saddened to know that the water leaks, mason bricks, holes in ceilings, mold, AC units, going on out, rusting ceilings, poles in the walkways, cracked sidewalks, the roach infestations, the ant infestations will all continue at BISD schools due to the bond not passing. I truly believe it is due to negativity that has surrounded BISD. I am here to invite those who do not understand how bad some of our aging buildings are to walk in and sit in our classroom at 85 degrees to fill filled with 20 plus students with no AC, and then go out to an un-air-conditioned gym for a 45-minute workout. Next, I would like to invite you to enjoy a 30-minute lunch with your meal filled with ants, and then invite you to pull a 30-minute duty outside in the hot, bronizable weather, or in the rain, or in a cold day. These are the things that people do not see. These are the things that actually people don't care to hear. But I wish that everyone would understand that BISD students and teachers and staff go through every single day. Maybe BISD should start sending all the students that have poor attendance to court and collect all the monies owed to BISD for them not attending classes. Maybe BISD would have the monies to fix our aging buildings. Maybe BISD parents would love to donate money for their children's school. Maybe we can get one building at a time fixed. We need to band together as a community and give our students, teachers, and staff a safe building to study and work at. No one from Washington, D.C. or Austin is coming to BISD's aid. So, we need to come together to help Brownsville BISD do just like our grandparents, our parents, that went to the same schools that we are going to now. TVEA thanks the Board, Administration, Superintendent for creating the Citizens Facility Committee. This committee has already done the work. All the renovations needed are there for you to know that are needed here at BISD. Thank you for allowing me to speak and have a successful rest of your evening. God bless you. And as we say at TVEA, Get to know us before you need us.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Robert's Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for two minutes on the first speaking opportunity and one minute on the second opportunity.

VII. Action Item(s):

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Item(s):

1. Consideration and approval of Resolution #022/25-26 Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a Bond Election held November 4, 2025; and other matters in connection therewith.

The Board President officially read aloud and canvassed the election returns for the Special Election conducted on November 4, 2025

Description	Proposition A		Proposition B		Total Votes Cast
	For	Against	For	Against	
Early Voting	1,942	2,813	1,766	2,987	4,819
Mail-Ins	60	66	56	70	127
Election Day	2,016	2,973	1,836	3,146	5,083
Total	4,018	5,852	3,658	6,203	10,029

Handout 1 added to official minutes

Motion was made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Denise Garza, and unanimously carried to recommend approval of Resolution #022/25-26 Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a Bond Election held November 4, 2025; and other matters in connection therewith. (6-0-0)

2. Recommend approval of Resolution #023/25-26 to authorize the casting of 310 votes for Daniella Lopez Valdez for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, Motion to approve. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Second. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, I don't know how this works. Maybe Dr. Chavez who would be able to explain this to me because I'm looking at the backup here and I see the official ballot and I see the entity BISD and then I see quite a few candidates there are nominees. And then when I see the allocation of votes, there's none for anyone except for Ms. Valdez. So can just somebody explain how that takes place? Because I want to understand it. **Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent stated, yes, sir, I've been in a number of districts, and so I'm going to just repeat or go over what I've seen happen in other districts. Generally speaking, when one of our Board Members is selected and then is proposed, by the Board, that is the name that comes forward. And so tonight, that's what you have before you, right. The name of our board member, and again, a vote for each of you on that.** Mr. Ortiz stated, but I see, yeah, I didn't get my question answered. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member interjected, that didn't answer the question, sir. Mr. Ortiz stated, because I do see that Ms. Gonzalez is also in here. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, not me. Mr. Ortiz stated, it's not her? Okay. It's a different Gonzalez, okay my apologies. But I still don't understand this. And if I'm going to vote for it, I want to make sure that I understand how it works. Ms. Pena stated, I guess, if I may, he's asking for details. The details of how it, because on the page it does so, Alejandra Aldrete, Julio Cavazos, Gustavo de Leon, David Garza, Jessica Gonzales, not our Jessica Gonzales, Daniella Lopez Valdez, Carlos, yeah, it was another Jessica, Munoz, and then Barry Patel and it says authorize votes. Yes allocation of votes on the allocation of votes. The only votes they show is 310 for Daniella does that mean that nobody voted for any of the others and are they allowed to vote for themselves? Like what's the process? That's all we're asking. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, so I will be happy to explain the process of the Appraisal District ultimately what happens is that the taxing entities are allowed to be appointed and there's also, subject to SB2, which is the newest law, there's three elected. But in terms of appointing, there's five. And so, what the Appraisal, the head appraiser, Mr. Molina does, is he divides the total votes by the taxing entities, and that's how BISD is determined to have 310 votes and in typically the Appraisal District should have a appointee that would best represent the district's interests because school districts receive a lot of their money from taxing entities. So, ultimately, that is the process. In the past, there has always been, before SB2, a school district represented at the appraisal district. I know before me, Mr. Eddie Garcia had a seat, and before that, Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton had a seat, so it's always been customary for a large taxing entity in school districts to have an appointed person on the Appraisal Board. Ms. Neida Ruth Grantland stated, Madam President? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes, Ms. Grantland. Ms. Grantland continued I'm assuming that the people nominating these, the entity nominating these persons is outside of this group. It is the taxing entity. And so, I'm assuming that perhaps they automatically do the president of the School Board as the appointee. Is that the way that works? I think the underlying question

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is how did you get nominated? Ms. Lopez Valdez replied, so ultimately, I'm on the Board right now. And the taxing entities are allowed to cast their votes on who they are. And as of last year, I was the one who was appointed by our Board as well and had received votes from other school districts as well and other entities. And this year, they nominated me again. And that is why my name is on the list again. Ms. Pena stated, question? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena? Ms. Pena continued, yes, can you give us a process of how everything you just said, because I don't want to assume I want facts, that's how we work. So where can you get us just so we have the knowledge because some of the questions are still not being answered because they're a little bit vague and I can understand that but where can we have find the process written down how the Appraisal District does this? Can you get all that information to us in a later date? Is that possible? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, and just to be clear, this actually was put on the agenda. Anyone is welcome and able to call the Chief Appraiser, Richard Molina, to ask questions. This is state statute. It's actually tax code 6.03. And all of that information is available to the public. It's available on the Appraisal District. And it's also information on the backup. So just to be clear, information has been provided. Anyone can call the appraisal district to ask questions as well. We have a first and a second. Ms. Pena stated, at this time, nothing personal, but I don't get any answers to the questions, so I'm just going to abstain for this position because I don't have any clarity on it.

Motion was made by Denise Garza, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, to recommend approval of Resolution #023/25-26 to authorize the casting of 310 votes for Daniella Lopez Valdez for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The following vote was recorded

Yea: Ms. Lopez, Ms. Garza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Grantland
Nay: Mr. Ortiz
Abstain: Ms. Pena

Motion Carried: 4-1-1

VIII. Announcement(s):

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent stated, there are no announcements.

IX. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Neida Ruth Grantland, and unanimously carried to approve to adjourn the Special Called Board Meeting at 5:29 p.m. (6-0-0)

➤ There being no further business appearing before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

(HANDOUTS ADDED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES)

(AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OF THE OPEN MEETING AND THE WRITTEN CERTIFIED AGENDA

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OF THE CLOSED MEETING ARE ON FILE)

Approved by:

Daniella Lopez Valdez, President of the Board

Date

Attested by:

Minerva Pena, Secretary of the Board

Date

Notes: Font style designation

Board of Trustees

Administration

Board Attorney

Staff Attorney

Speaker/Presenter

(Minutes presented at Regular Board Meeting held on February 3, 2026)