

STATE OF TEXAS

(Minutes conducted via electronic voting)

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the **14th day of March, 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
Minerva Pena	Secretary
Carlos Elizondo	Board Member
Denise Garza	Member
Jessica Gonzalez	Member
Frank Ortiz	Member

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez	Superintendent of Schools
Eden Ramirez	Attorney for the Board

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 of Schools.

III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President.

IV. Roll Call.

Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Almanza, for the record, everybody is present. I want to start by thanking everyone for being here on the Friday before spring break at 5:30. Really appreciate you all's dedication to the community. And I also wanted to welcome Dr. Chavez back. We're really grateful that you're here with us. **Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools stated, let me let me say that I'm very very happy to be back in Brownsville. As most of you know I was born and raised here. Actually, I was born at a home close by the courthouse and I should say the old courthouse, not the new one. But I had a great, great education beginning with Cromack School. Some of you may not know, but I actually came to school only knowing Spanish. And so, I had some great teachers that worked with me, not only at the elementary level, but great teachers at middle school, great teachers**

at high school. And so, I had always wanted to come back and serve Brownsville ISD. You know it didn't work out that you're doing my first years with public education and as some of you may know I actually retired, but I got the opportunity from Board Members that are here to take on the responsibility of becoming superintendent here in Brownsville. And so I'm very fortunate to have received that opportunity. I'll tell you that my focus here is to do what is best for our students, not only in their education but in their life. And so, we as an organization working with the Board Members, working with the community, we're going to continue to do that and have great success. I know that here in a few months we're going to have some great graduations. And so I'm already looking forward to those. But thank you so much to the Board, to the community, to our educators for the opportunity they've given me to assist a little bit in making this school district a great school district. Thank you so much. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you so much, Dr. Chavez. And just to begin here, I wanted to take a moment to thank the over 20 applicants who submitted and answered the call to serve your community. It does not go unnoticed and we're very grateful for each and every one of you for taking the time to really step up. It's our duty as our Board to really work together and try to find consensus, so I ask that you think of us as we step into this process and we proceed. I'll go ahead and hand it over to legal. First of all, we got public comment. *Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Attorney stated, actually you do have section 5 approving the agenda for Special Called Meeting.* Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, I'll make a motion to approve. Mr. Lopez Valdez stated, second.

V. Recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Friday, March 14, 2025, with any corrections/deletions.

Motion made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Daniella Lopez Valdez, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Friday, March 14, 2025 with no corrections/deletions, as stated by administration. (6-0-0)

Handout 1 – Board Operating Procedures (Added to official minutes)

Handout 2 – Board Policy BE Local (Added to official minutes)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Attorney stated, we do have public comments, Madam President. I do want to inform the board, one of the public comments is not for an item listed on the agenda pursuant to board policy BED, local public comments and special meetings are only to be on agenda items on the agenda. This is however two students who wish to speak on the graduation matter and so if the Board is inclined to allow the public comment then we need a motion. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, I'd like to make a motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated second. *Mr. Ramirez stated, and just for the record, this is a motion to suspend the rules to allow public comment outside agenda items.*

Motion made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to suspend the rules to allow public comment outside agenda items. (6-0-0).

Christian Martinez/Mihanny Arredondo (Graduation Venue). Ms. Arredondo stated, good evening, Superintendent, Board members, and fellow community members here. My name is Mihanny Arredondo, and I'm here today alongside my fellow senior, Christian Martinez. To represent the BISD Class of 2025. Mr. Martinez stated, we stand before you today to advocate for a decision that has directly impacted our Class of 2025. For generations, BISD Seniors have

walked the stage at Sam's Stadium, a tradition that holds deep sentimental value for our families, our alumni, and our community. So the decision to relocate our graduation presents a significant issue, which is limited seating. As a predominantly Hispanic community, family is everything to us. Graduation is not just about the student. It is a shared accomplishment for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings who may not have had the same opportunity but have supported us every step of the way. Unfortunately, my father isn't alive to see me walk that stage, but the rest of my family is there to see me and I would love to have each and every one of them who have supported me every step of the way to be there. By moving the venue to Sports Park, you are forcing students to make the impossible choice of limiting which family members and close friends can attend one of the most important days of our lives. Ms. Arredondo stated, BISD has expressed concerns that the renovations won't be finished in time for football season. However, this could be easily resolved by moving the games to the sports park in the meantime that the stadium is fully ready. Additionally, the Veterans Memorial High School Stadium could serve as an alternative, just as Lopez High School was scheduled to play many of its home games their last school year. If these adjustments were made for football, they can certainly be made for our high school graduation, which happens once in a lifetime. Mr. Martinez stated, so to further support our point today, on the October 24th board meeting, Mr. Cespedes stated verbatim, remember we do have an MOU with the city to use it, so it would not cost the district any money to use it. Additionally, Board Member Gonzalez also stated verbatim, we are not paying any money to use the sports park, so it wouldn't cost money to have football games there. Furthermore, the Veterans coach at that meeting stated that the renovations were set to start in January. We're in March and renovations have yet to begin and events are still being held, such as the ACE St. Patrick's Day Run and Charro Days Fiesta Folklorica. If this were such a liability for the people, we question why the public was allowed to run on the track in the first place on March 8th. Ms. Arredondo stated, we understand the renovations for Sam Stadium are planned. Yet we question why the decision to move forward with this project was taken in October and not started immediately to have not caused any conflict with our graduation ceremonies when these dates have been known since last school year. Now we also know that the renovations are being scheduled with priority given to a UTRGV home game. And while we respect the growth of our local university, we still believe that the priority should remain with the BISD students who are the heart of this district and this community. Delaying the construction by just a few weeks would allow us to uphold this tradition while still making necessary improvements afterward. BISD should not, BISD students should not have to sacrifice a tradition that means so much just for a college football game. Mr. Martinez stated, we have taken action because this matters to us. Our petition that we started has gained over 2,800 signatures, demonstrating overwhelming support from students, parents, and community members. Our cause has even been covered by KRGV Channel 5 News and Noticias RGV, further proving how important this issue is. Over 2,800 people have signed our petition because they believe in the importance of this tradition. They believe that BISD should put its students first. The Board has the power to uphold our district's values by making the right decisions to allow us to graduate at Sam Stadium where we belong. And yes, in 2016 the ceremonies were held at the sports park and as Board Member Gonzales said on October 24th, it wasn't the end of the world. But it's also not the end of the world to schedule football games at the Sports Park, but it's the start of the world for us, the class of 2025, as we begin a new journey in our lives. So we respectfully ask you to listen to our voices, to the voices of our families, and to the voices of the thousands who have supported this cause. Ms. Arredondo stated, let us continue this tradition that means so much to us and give the class of 2025 the graduation we have worked for and earned. Thank you.

Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, thank you. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, May I? Mr. Elizondo continued, I just want to thank you for coming up. It takes a lot of gall to come up here and voice your concerns and I did sign your petition so I'm 100% for you and for every kid and family to come out here and have a graduation at Sams Stadium. I think the Superintendent is going to be tasked with a very heavy toll and figure out how we are able going to be able to do that for you guys. Thank you for coming. *Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel stated, so I do want to just make sure that we try to limit comment as much as possible. It's not for a discussion matter.* Ms. Minerva Pena stated, yes sir, thank you. But I just want to congratulate them. You're looking at two very important future people in our community. For them to come out here and speak like that, my hat's off to them. And this is the kind of people we need in this community because you're right, graduation is a rite of passage and some of us have 20 family members that want to come. So we need to do whatever we need to do to grow Brownsville and I know that Dr. Chavez is going to do everything in his power to grant that wish and have you be able to bring the whole neighborhood to see you walk down here. God bless you. *Mr. Ramirez stated, all right. So we do have five more public comments.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, let's go ahead and finish those five public comments. *Mr. Ramirez continued, the next five public comments are all going to be for purposes of the record, are all on agenda item VII. A3 of the recommendation for the approval of the official notice and order of the Brownsville Independent School District Trustee Special Election scheduled for May 3, 2025.*

John Shergold. And I also, I'm just so amazed by those two young folks. That's the future we're looking at. You know, I made it, everybody makes mistakes, including myself. And I made a mistake. And I'll tell you what the mistake was. Mistake was is that some folks had asked me to file an application to be selected by the Board for an opening with one of my friends that passed away recently, Mr. Castro. Whether you liked him or you didn't, he always did what he thought he was right and may God look over his soul. But after thinking about the application I submitted, the adage that a fool learns from their own mistakes and a wise man learns from someone else's, this is a democracy. And I thought about it, prayed on it, talked to a priest about it, talked to my wife, talked to a lot of folks that have supported me through the years politically, and I basically have come to the conclusion that it was a mistake for me to submit for the Board opening. My ambitions are not what's important. My personal, professional ambitions are not what's important. What's more important is the democracy that my children are growing up in. And that the Superintendent said he grew up and he basically grew up not far from here. Well, I chose to move here almost 30 years ago and now I have two beautiful children and a wife and I'm very fortunate. And I don't want to let them grow up and say, daddy, why did you let someone, why did you apply to be considered for an appointment when there's people voting for positions? So I changed my mind. I'm going to take the high road. I'm going to ask that the Board do the same and let the taxpayers and the parents and the teachers and the people who live within the BISD district vote who they want to sit on that seat up there. That's what a democracy is. That's what should happen. Whether it happens today or not, I'm not sure, but at least I spoke out as one person who lives in the BISD school district with two children and a wife and a lot of friends that are expecting the vote to be taken, not by this board, but by the people on candidates that actually put their names out and can be researched by the news media, by the people themselves, fettered out through debates. That's America. That's what we're having this big debate about right now up in Washington is that we've got someone there that thinks they're an emperor. We're not Kings. We're not emperors. The best thing that we've ever done in this country was to allow people to vote for their elected officials. Whether you like it or you don't, you're respect it. I've been involved in a few elections and I've lost every one of them. And then when I lost, I have congratulated my opponent and reached out to heal the divisions. And I think

that that's what America is about and what the school district should be striving for. I believe that if the Board appoints someone without an election, that will cause more division, more hostility, and more individuals who are basically going to be mad at each other. Why not let the citizens of this community, the people who live in this school district, let them make the decision? Then you've got it easy. I let the folks, the people, make the decision. They voted. And then you did the right thing by doing it. I don't understand why this is going on today. Why there is an effort to appoint a person when you have an individual who can vote. And I know Remi Garza well enough to know that he's not going to charge you an arm and a leg to do the election. It's going to be probably under cost. So therefore, I shall not seek, no, well I accept a nomination or appointment to your Board. Please remove my name. Thank you.

Bea Maldonado. Good evening Board President Valdez-Lopez, or Lopez-Valdez, Dr. Chavez and members of the Board. My name is Bea Maldonado and I am the Vice President of BEST/AFT. I also teach social studies at Homer Hanna Early College High School. I'm speaking on agenda items VIIA1 and VIIA3. BEST/AFT warmly welcomes Dr. Chavez back to BISD. We hope he is feeling much better. His presence has been missed these past couple of months. We look forward to his leadership and working with him and his administrative team in the months to come. Item VII A 1, BEST/AFT wants to thank everyone who has applied to be appointed to the School Board. Your desire to serve our children and the employees of BISD is much appreciated. We can only hope that all Board Members also have the children and employees and our community's best interest at heart as motivation for their positions. BEST/AFT hopes that all of you agree that all employees should be treated with respect and dignity, and that all employees should be paid a living wage. We request that this Board set aside their differences and come together in the best interest of our children and our community. We pray that you can unite to hold the election for the vacant position on the recommended date of May 3rd. We need all of you on the same page to fight the voucher scam at the state level that takes money away from our children. The voucher scam will only lead to the loss of more students, the potential increase of school consolidations and closings, and in the reduction of in force of labor of layoffs to the employees of this District. As the Beatles once sang, come together right now. Thank you for listening and have a best evening.

Tess Cortinas. Good evening Board Member, Board President Valdez-Lopez and Dr. Chavez and other Board members. My name is Tess Cortinas and I am a BEST representative for the classified employees. I am also a special ed paraprofessional at Pena Elementary. I am speaking on agenda items VIIA1 and VIIA3. We at BEST are excited to have Dr. Chavez back. Under his leadership, we have seen an improvement in how we are treated at the campus and district level. We are seeing improvement in being treated respectfully, and we believe that is because Dr. Chavez models that behavior in all settings in the district. It does not cost the district anything to be respectful and kind, and we thank you for your work in changing the workplace climate for a better place. Item VII. 1, BEST/AFT wants to thank everyone who has applied to be appointed to the school board. We hope that you have an open mind and are willing to meet with all unions and associations and all other member concerns. We want this Board to treat others with respect. By modeling respect to each other, our district and community can see that we have leaders that can work together but disagree without being rude or offensive. These things, these are things we teach and model to our students and our own children. BEST/AFT wishes that whoever is appointed or elected to this position will be able to demonstrate respect to each other with dignity while doing the job of a school board member. My wish is that we can unite and hold the election for the vacant position on the recommended date, May 3rd. I went to an educational

rally last weekend and I do not understand how the state can say that a student who goes to a private school is worth 10,000 while a student that comes to a public district like ours at BISD is only worth 6,000. That is what the voucher scam at the state level is going to provide for funding. Even worse, there is no accountability. As a paraprofessional who has worked for the BISD for 12 years and makes \$18 an hour, I sure wouldn't mind the state giving me \$10,000, and I don't have to be accounted for. I don't have to qualify for it and I don't have to pay the same, I don't have to play the same rules to get the money. This is definitely a scam, a voucher scam. I am worried about losing my job as a fellow, as well as my fellow classified employees losing theirs too. On May 3rd, 2023, I became a widow and I am barely making money to live off and I am worried about losing my TRS retirement, becoming in jeopardy if I don't make it for another 12 years to my retirement. This is a greater fight than you arguing about appointing someone to the board or agreeing to an election. Please put your differences aside and do what is best for the BISD students, teachers, and our district. Thank you for listening and have the best evening.

Orlando Lopez – I am so honored and excited to be given this opportunity to speak to you all. Thank you so much, it is nice to see you all, nice to see our leader. Good evening Board President Valdez-Lopez, Dr. Chavez, and members of the board. My name is Orlando Lopez, and I am a BEST/AFT officer, as well as a Special Education Itinerant teacher for the Regional School for the Deaf. I am speaking on agenda items VIIA1 and VIIA3. First of all, before I get started, I just wanted to be sure to say BEST/ AFT would like to welcome Dr. Chavez back from his FMLA leave. We look forward to his leadership and steady presence as we move forward in what has been a tumultuous year for this Board. The leadership he has shown in unifying the Brownsville community and community leadership has been incredible. Thank you, sir. The BEST/AFT wants to thank everyone who has applied for consideration to, appointed to the School Board. Your willingness to serve our community and the children and employees of BISD is highly commendable. We hope that all of you are supporters of public education and the educational employees. We hope that all of you defend and support the resolution passed by the Board in February for an educator's bill of rights for all educational employees. In the State of Texas, not just members of our organization. We hope and pray that this Board can unify around one candidate, but if not, to please agree to hold the election for the vacant position on the recommended date of May 3rd. Now, I'm not sure if everybody was paying attention at the time when I started my speech. I started with a social gesture I employed at the beginning. I raised my hand and waved it, if you all recall or not. If you are not acquainted with the history of this simple gesture, let me bore you with a little bit of history. The act of you raising your hand, okay, or along the lines of shaking hands, all is related to someone showing you do not have a weapon in your hand, or so you can be trusted at that point. And continuing to pull on that theme of trust, I feel like we all have to come together and trust each other. A unified trusting Board is needed as we face the possible passing of a voucher scam at the state level that would deprive our children of desperately needed public education funding and a significant loss of revenue to BISD. Thank you and have a best evening.

Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel called upon Angie Morales. Mr. Ramirez, stated, one more time, Angie Morales? All right, we have no more public comments, Madam President. We can move on to the agenda.

Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, action item, recommend approval of the following general functions. *Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Attorney interjected, Madam President, on items VII. A, 1, 2, and 3, legal counsel recommends that the Board take these items into executive session for legal consultation under 551071 and 551074.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board

Member stated, sir, we don't have to go to executive session, am I correct? *Mr. Ramirez replied, you don't have to, no, unless you're seeking legal advice and because of the matters, there is some legal advice that I'd like to give the Board about the matters.* Mr. Elizondo stated, I want to make sure that this is continued to be transparent. So, I mean, there's already a, I guess, Ms. Lopez already made a motion, so I'll just wait and we'll just vote for it. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Second. it needs to be out in public. *Mr. Ramirez replied, and just to clarify, we're not, your discussions would still be in public, only the legal advice would be in executive.* Mr. Elizondo stated, I understand. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, I would like to make sure that we get the legal advice in executive session before we come out and we owe it to the community to make sure we get the correct legal advice. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, and we got plenty of legal advice last time, a whole book full of. **Ms. Minnie Almanza, Executive Assistant stated, please vote. Motion fails.**

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, to recommend approval to move agenda items VII. A. 1, 2 and 3 into executive session, as recommended by Board Counsel.

The following vote was recorded

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

Motion Failed: 2-3-1

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 three minutes on the first speaking opportunity and two minutes on the second opportunity.

VII. Action Item(s)

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

1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on appointment of Board Member Vacancy Position 7.

Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel stated, so you did receive 25 applications. Those were submitted to the Board yesterday. I emailed them to all the Board Members. You had access to the review. You had the SurveyMonkey link to rank them and so we do have information. I can't disclose the rankings in public. I need to do that in Executive Session but you all have the applicants who you all reviewed and basically with this item, the Board is able to make an appointment tonight if they needed to the Board. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I believe we owe it to the community to at least hear who was the top three. *Mr. Ramirez stated, so I would not be able to disclose that under here, under 074, just because it is matters regarding officers of the Board and personnel. It is something I would rather, because under legal, discuss it in an executive session.* Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, don't we need a motion before we continue discussing? *Mr. Ramirez stated, not if we're presenting information yet right now, we are still presenting the item.* Ms. Pena stated, oh, I thought we were on number, so we're not number one. *Mr. Ramirez stated, we are number one but I'm presenting the information*

and just answering questions. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, just real quick isn't this a public interest? Should this not be open to the public? *Mr. Ramirez stated, sure and the Board can decide to waive that privilege.* Mr. Carlos Elizondo stated, I have a motion to waive the privilege. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, what if we go ahead and just hear the top three in executive and then we come back out? Mr. Elizondo stated, I made a motion. Ms. Pena stated are we going to vote on motion? Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, I would ask you all to please respect the process. Ms. Pena continued, so can we please vote before we can move on, Ms. Pena. *Mr. Ramirez stated okay. So, give me one second. All right. So, what was your motion?* Mr. Elizondo stated, I made a motion to make it a public. *Mr. Ramirez stated, to make the list public?* Mr. Elizondo stated, correct. *Mr. Ramirez stated, if there's a motion and you're recognizing it, then we move forward with the vote.* Ms. Lopez Valdez, interjected, legally, you do not recommend us to make the top three public, right? *Mr. Ramirez stated, legally, I would advise against it.* Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, I have a question for legal. Ms. Lopez Valdez replied yes, Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz continued, sir, shouldn't we vote on this before we move forward on anything else? Shouldn't we vote on this item first before we further discuss it? *Mr. Ramirez replied, so if you're asking me information about the item, I can present the information. So, when you get to your deliberation amongst yourselves and the merit of the item, yes, you need a motion and a second. Right now, you're not deliberating amongst yourselves. I'm delivering information to you.* Ms. Pena stated, sir, how can we be talking about something that's not on the agenda that we're not going to? I've never done this in 16 years. I have never seen where we don't make a motion for the item, then it gets second or in past and then we discuss. *Mr. Ramirez replied, so, you're not discussing the item right now. Right now.* Ms. Pena interjected, what are we discussing? *Mr. Ramirez continued, right now I'm answering questions to the Board Members.* Ms. Pena interjected, you're discussing the item. *Mr. Ramirez stated, no, no. I'm presenting information to you.* Ms. Pena stated, that's a discussion. *Mr. Ramirez, but so we do have a motion, by Mr. Elizondo, to waive privilege to disclose the applicants.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, so basically, we do not have a second. So does this fail? *Mr. Ramirez stated, correct.* Mr. Elizondo stated, ma'am, sorry, let me explain it to Ms. Pena, she doesn't understand my motion. Can you give me some time, thank you ma'am. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Elizondo, you have if please make sure that we follow the Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Elizondo stated, of course. I'm going to explain my motion if that's okay with you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, go ahead. Mr. Elizondo continued, thank you. My motion is to make the top three candidates public so that we can be aware of and the public can be aware of who our choices are to vote on. Ms. Pena stated, and my confusion is that that is not on a specific individual agenda item. The item that is up right now is discussion, consideration, possible action on appointment of a Board Member vacancy position seven. So how is it, because I've been here for years and you told me last time we couldn't do this and now you're doing, taking a step back and saying that we can't because it's not on here. So why are we able to discuss, just like people in the audience are not allowed to discuss stuff that is not on the agenda, how are we going away from the agenda and discussing something that's not listed? *Mr. Ramirez replied, so we are discussing what's listed on the agenda.* Ms. Pena interjected, but we don't have a first or a second before we can have a discussion because it's always been. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Pena. *Mr. Ramirez stated, if I may continue.* Ms. Pena stated, no, no, you need to, okay. Mr. Lopez Valdez interjected, please allow legal to, respectfully, Ms. Pena, let's allow Mr. Eden Ramirez. Ms. Pena interjected, she keeps interrupting and that's very rude, but that's her custom. I want to know, I'm really, really, really confused

because in the past when we would ask questions, you told us specifically that we couldn't talk about anything that was in the agenda. So really and truly, this is setting up residence. So I just wanted to explain that we can do this and it's okay? Because at the past, we were told not to. *Mr. Ramirez stated, I'm happy to explain.* Ms. Pena stated, please. *Mr. Ramirez continued, so right now, you are not deliberating amongst yourselves of the matter. There's an item before you regarding the appointment of a board member vacancy, and because I hold the information for the item, I am presenting the information to the Board and answering Board questions regarding the information of the item. The actual deliberation amongst yourselves will occur after a motion any second. The issue right now that was on the floor that Mr. Elizondo was presenting was my ability to disclose the information because I think that that information is subject to attorney claim privilege which I recommended that you hear in executive session. Mr. Elizondo made a motion to waive the executive session privilege to disclose the information in public and so we're not discussing, nothing is out of order, everything is still the way it is, I'm just presenting the information.* Ms. Pena stated, so you are technically explaining that process of the item? *Mr. Ramirez, that's correct, yes ma'am.* Ms. Pena stated, you're just presenting an explanation. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yes ma'am. Your deliberation will occur like you indicated.* Ms. Pena stated, okay, so you're just explaining about it. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yes ma'am.* Ms. Pena stated, thank you sir, I appreciate that. *Mr. Ramirez replied yes ma'am.* Mr. Elizondo stated, just real quick, just to clarify, the attorney-client privilege doesn't pertain to these individuals that applied to the school district correct. *Mr. Ramirez replied, no, the attorney-client privilege is held by the Board, okay?* Mr. Elizondo interjected, correct, and so what my biggest thing is to make sure that we make this very transparent. And I want to make sure that the public knows especially because if we're going to take a vote on someone, the public needs to know who and for what reasons. And this is the reason that I want to make sure that it's put in public, right? And it's as transparent as possible so that we not only this audience that's here but the audience at home is aware of everything that we do. And not just the stuff that we talk about in the back that we can't talk in public. So this is the reason why there is no client attorney privilege for those individuals, correct? *Mr. Ramirez stated, so there is no attorney-client privilege because it will be open records who applied to the vacancy. And that's not what I'm giving you advice on, not on who applied but instead I'm trying to give you advice on the process, how we got to the list, what we did, how the list works in relation to your legal duties as a board on the matter. And that's all I'm suggesting.* Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, thank you Mr. Ramirez. I think what basically what we could do Mr. Elizondo to try to find a solution for us to agree is can we go ahead and go to closed session. We can say the three names. We can figure out how we're going to handle this and we can come back and be transparent about what our decision process is and we can say what we would like to say at the because ultimately you can still come out and appoint whoever. *Mr. Ramirez interjected, well, you would have to legally come out and discuss it.* Mr. Elizondo stated, right, let me ask you this, Ms. Lopez. I would love to do that, but unfortunately, I didn't even know that this process existed. The only reason I found out is because you sent me an email. Again, I didn't know about them applying. I didn't know that there was an application. None of this Board or the Superintendent gave me the ability to be able to know what we were going to do today. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, respectfully, Mr. Elizondo, we just. Mr. Elizondo interjected, I am speaking, please give me the opportunity, please. So this is the reason why I want to make sure that it's in public. I had no clue of the process. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, respectfully, Mr. Elizondo, we were, I know you were not at our last meeting

present. Mr. Elizondo interjected, that doesn't mean that I should not be considered and given the information, I understand that I wasn't here, I understand that. But that doesn't mean that because I didn't attend the meeting that you hide the information from me. Ms. Lopez Valdez, interjected, no, no information was hidden. Everybody got the information at the same exact time. Everybody got the email at the same time and we all got the information by Mr. Eden Ramirez. Mr. Elizondo stated, I heard the executive session recordings. The information was given that day, okay? So it was not at the same time because I wasn't here. *Mr. Ramirez stated, so let me go ahead and.* Mr. Elizondo interjected, so this is the reason I want to make sure that it's put out in public so that everybody is aware at the same time. *Mr. Ramirez stated, sure, so let me just explain. The process that was used was a process that was explained to the Board at the last Board meeting when my colleague, Mr. Castillo was here and so that's the process we used. I don't, I wasn't here so I don't know who was here and who was not here. I just followed the instructions based on.* Mr. Elizondo interjected, you and I both weren't here. *Mr. Ramirez stated, okay, yeah, so I just, that's how it was. All that being said, so I want to make sure we come back to it. There's an item on the agenda for discussion for approval. There's no indication. There was a motion failed to go into executive session.* Mr. Elizondo stated, correct. *Mr. Ramirez continued, that means the item is on the floor for a motion or a second to do something with that.* Mr. Elizondo stated correct. Ms. Pena stated, that is item number one? *Mr. Ramirez replied, that's item A1, correct. VII. A1.* Ms. Pena stated, anybody make a motion? Mr. Elizondo stated, I made a motion to keep it in open. *Mr. Ramirez stated, so you made a motion to disclose the candidates in open session essentially?* Mr. Elizondo stated, that's correct. *Mr. Ramirez stated yeah.* Mr. Ortiz stated, are we within our legal bounds? *Mr. Ramirez replied, the board may.* Ms. Pena interjected yes. *Mr. Ramirez continued, may decide to vote to allow that, yes.* Mr. Ortiz stated, I second it. Mr. Elizondo stated, I just want to make sure that there's nothing hidden from the public. *Mr. Ramirez stated, I'm sorry?* Mr. Elizondo stated, I want to make sure that there's nothing hidden from the public, that's my intent. **Ms. Minnie Almanza, Executive Assistant stated, you may vote.** Ms. Pena stated, we're voting to keep it in public, am I correct? *Mr. Ramirez replied, yes, and waive the privilege to disclose the top three candidates.* Ms. Almanza stated, motion passes.

Motion made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Frank Ortiz, to recommend approval to disclose the candidates for the appointment of Board Member Vacancy (Position 7) in open session.

The following vote was recorded

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

Motion Carried: 3-1-1

Mr. Ramirez stated, all right, so the top three candidates based on the process that was used were Augustin J. Anduiza, Blanca E. Perez, and Eugenio Longoria-Saenz. Mr. Elizondo stated, and those who were recommended by? Mr. Ramirez replied, it was at random from the survey link after y'all's review. I can't, it doesn't show me who ranked or

anything. Mr. Elizondo stated, okay, just for the record, I didn't recommend anybody. Ms. Pena stated, and question? So that means that tonight as a Board, when we're here to appoint as a Board, all six of us, we don't have a choice but to pick one, two, or three. We can't pick anybody else, is that what that is? *Mr. Ramirez replied no.* Ms. Pena stated, what does that mean? *Mr. Ramirez continued, so that just means that based on the applicants who submitted an application, this is who those who reviewed and submitted the survey ranked as the highest ones.* Ms. Pena stated, but it has. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, okay let's go ahead. Ms. Pena interjected, let me finish please Daniela. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena I am just trying to get us to focus. Ms. Pena stated, give me 30 seconds. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated I give you 30 seconds. Ms. Pena continued, so we're just saying that they ranked them just to rank but it will have no bearing on what the decision will be made tonight am I correct? *Mr. Ramirez stated, there is no legal requirement for the Board to choose from these three.* Mr. Elizondo stated, correct, and just real quick, can you repeat the names again? *Mr. Ramirez stated, Augustine J. Anduiza, Blanca E. Perez, and Eugenio Longoria-Saenz.* Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you, sir. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, I want to start off by thanking absolutely everybody who's applied and thank you to the top three candidates and everybody else who really stepped up. I think that it's important to note that you all put your time and effort into this position. I do want to make a motion if okay Mr. Ramirez to take this into executive session. *Mr. Ramirez stated, okay you have a motion.* Ms. Pena stated, sir how are we going to get to item number one? How we skipping that? *Mr. Ramirez stated, we are on item number one.* Ms. Pena stated, so then what so what are we going to vote right now? *Mr. Ramirez stated, so right now there's a...* Ms. Pena interjected, so right now discussion, consideration and possible action an appointment for a board member vacancy position seven in executive session. *Mr. Ramirez stated, so right now they made a motion to take the item into executive session.* Mr. Elizondo stated, sir but wasn't my motion already approved? *Mr. Ramirez stated, no your motion was when I recommended all three items this is just for this single item.* Mr. Elizondo stated, this is for number one only. *Mr. Ramirez stated, for number one only correct.* Mr. Elizondo stated, and which one which agenda item were we talking previously. *Mr. Ramirez stated, right now previously now, previously my recommendation was for A. 1, 2, and 3.* Mr. Elizondo stated all three of them. *Mr. Ramirez stated, and right now it's only for A. 1, so there is a motion on the table to take that item into executive.* Mr. Elizondo stated and the item that we that we made public which one was that which is a one that one three. *Mr. Ramirez stated, that one, A1.* Mr. Elizondo stated, it's A1. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yes sir.* Mr. Elizondo stated, no, no the one that we... *Mr. Ramirez interjected, the one that you waive the privilege and disclose the candidates.* Mr. Elizondo interjected, number one. *Mr. Ramirez stated under number one, that's correct.* Ms. Pena stated, that was added to number one, added because it's not on there. *Mr. Ramirez stated, correct, yes.* Ms. Pena stated, it is very very confusing. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yeah, we're very in the very technical realm of Robert Rules.* Ms. Pena stated, you're setting a heck of a precedent, so I want to thank you for that. *Mr. Ramirez stated, no, there's no precedent, it's just Robert Rules of Order.* Ms. Pena stated, you remember me. Mr. Elizondo stated, so just really quick, just so it can be straight, so we are voting for number one. *Mr. Ramirez stated, right now, the specific motion is to take item number one into executive session.* Mr. Elizondo stated, one real quick question, just for clarification. Those three individuals, who voted for them? *Mr. Ramirez stated, I don't know who voted.* Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, okay let's go ahead. Mr. Elizondo interjected, ma'am that is question that I have. Ms. Lopez Valdez, stated, I have a motion. Mr. Elizondo interjected, Ms. Lopez Valdez, Ms. Lopez. Ms. Gonzalez stated I will second

that. Mr. Elizondo stated okay so now I can talk about it thank you. So really quick just a clarifying question. Who's the one that voted for those three? It's on there because I mean obviously you have that information. *Mr. Ramirez replied, no I don't.* Mr. Elizondo stated, so what happened to that information? *Mr. Ramirez stated, so the way that we distribute the link to you all, it anonymously reports the results. I don't know who voted for it. And there's no way of tracking it.* Mr. Elizondo stated, there's no way of tracking it? *Mr. Ramirez stated, that's correct.* Mr. Elizondo stated, well on the record I didn't vote for it. So, I'm not included. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay Mr. Elizondo has stated his opinion. We got a first and a second can we vote? **Ms. Almanza stated, please vote.** Mr. Elizondo stated, this is to take it to executive session, again, I refrain from taking anything into executive session. That's just my stance. Ms. Pena stated, and I concur because we can't claim to be transparent people and we take little shortcuts here and there, that's not correct.

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, to recommend approval to take agenda item VII A. 1 into executive session to further discuss with legal counsel.

The following vote was recorded

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

Motion Failed: 3-3-0

Mr. Ramirez stated motion fails. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Eden Ramirez, how do you suggest that we proceed? I want to make sure that we have this item on the table. *Mr. Ramirez stated, you can just move forward with the nomination to select to nominate someone motion second and deliberate that candidate and then vote and if no there's no candidates who get a majority then the item just dies and we move on to the next item.* Ms. Pena stated, question. *Mr. Ramirez stated yes ma'am.* Ms. Pena continued, if item one dies how do you move on to two? Because two is tied to one. *Mr. Ramirez stated, no two is tied to three.* Ms. Pena stated, so if item one dies. *Mr. Ramirez interjected, if item one dies, you move on to item number two.* Ms. Pena stated, you just go for the election? *Mr. Ramirez stated, correct, yes ma'am.* Ms. Pena stated, thank you for that clarification. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes, Ms. Garza? Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, yes, I'd like to make a motion that we skip to item number two. *Mr. Ramirez stated, okay, so we don't need a motion to skip to number two, okay. If you can retract it and I can explain the process for that.* Ms. Garza stated, okay, I'll retract it. *Mr. Ramirez continued, okay, so if there is, so we're on this item right now. Okay. If there is going to be no action on this item, okay. And you're going to move on to item number two, right, then let's vote to table this item or start going through nominations of individuals to do that, okay? If you want to see what the outcome of the other item is before you come back to this one, so I can try to understand why we're going skip it.* Ms. Garza stated, because it's already creating a lot of drama and I think we should just go to number two. *Mr. Ramirez stated, okay, so the best way to do is, Madam President, if you can call for a motion for one, for something, if there are no motions coming in, then we just move on to the second one. But right now, make sure that the Board knows that they have the opportunity to have a motion to name someone*

tonight and if there's no motions then we can move on to the next one. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, correct. I just out of curiosity, it would like who are you guys going to support? I mean the items is here already. Ms. Garza stated, well I'm ready to go to number two Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo stated, I know you are but it'd be interesting to know the fact that out of those three which one was your number one? Ms. Garza replied, nothing had been discussed we were to do all this in executive session. Mr. Elizondo stated, again, hiding from the public. This is the reason that I wanted to make (inaudible). Ms. Lopez, Valdez interjected, this is not about hiding. Ms. Garza interjected, it's not about hiding. Mr. Elizondo interjected, I want to come back, we are not... Ms. Garza continued, its about giving respect to every applicant that took the time to submit their application. Mr. Elizondo stated, correct. *Mr. Ramirez stated, we're not in a discussion phase of the agenda, we are in a...* Mr. Elizondo interjected, of course, thank you sir. *Mr. Ramirez continued, just question phase to legal specifically. So Madam President you can open the floor for a nomination. If there are no nominations then we can go on to the next item.* Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, I just have a question, how can we open the floor to nominations if we haven't even voted on item number one? Whether we're going to allow that or not? *Mr. Ramirez replied, no, no, because the item, the nomination is the actual item so if you if anyone has a nomination this would be and to act on item number one this is the moment to take on that specific individual the nomination is the motion.* Mr. Ortiz stated, the way I understand it is that we're going to discuss this to see if we're going to move forward and then make a make a nomination. *Mr. Ramirez stated, no, this is the actual item to name someone to the Board.* Mr. Ortiz stated, okay. I just, it just reads different. *Mr. Ramirez stated, I understand.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Elizondo, do you have someone you would like to nominate? Mr. Elizondo stated, I think I want to leave it up to the public. The taxpayer should vote, not myself. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, I concur, I have seen what's going on in the world. I don't want to get blamed for something. I want the public to pick the people that are going to represent them. 100% we're a democracy and let's continue that way. The speakers today brought up very good points and I concur that's the best way to do it. Mr. Elizondo stated, I think Mr. Shergold said it best. It should be taxpayers' option not six of us. *Mr. Ramirez interjected, so if there are no nominations from anybody to nominate someone to the to the to the Board is there no nominations if there isn't then just one so next item.* Ms. Pena stated, the items dies, one dies. *Mr. Ramirez replied yes.* Ms. Garza stated, so then I didn't have to use my motion right. *Mr. Ramirez stated, no because there's nothing on the floor there's no motion there's nothing.* Mr. Ortiz stated and for the record I concur with Mr. Elizondo and Ms. Pena. I think it should be left up to the voters.

Mr. Ramirez stated, so the next item is item two and three okay. Ms. Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I just want to speak to this, I again want to thank everybody who took time to be a part of this process I want to thank the, I'm going to go ahead and throw it out there because I do believe that it is important that we did try to nominate someone and if not, well, democracy will prevail, right? I'm going to go ahead and nominate the number one who came out in the survey. *Mr. Ramirez stated, okay, so you can make a motion to nominate Agustin Anduiza.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, I would like to make a motion to nominate Agustin Anduiza. *Mr. Ramirez stated to appointment to the Board.* Ms. Lopez stated, to appointment to the Board. *Mr. Ramirez stated, we would need a second if we want to move forward. If there's no second, then it dies for lack of a second. Okay motion dies.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated okay, we move on to item two.

2. Recommend approval to appoint Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent, as agent to perform the duties provided by Texas Election Law, Sec. 31.123, for School Trustee Special Election on May 3, 2025, effective immediately.
Mr. Ramirez stated, so if you're going to move on to item number two, I'm going to recommend that the Board consider item number two and three together just because they are the same nature. Essentially, item number two and item number three together what they would do is it would number one name the Superintendent as essentially the election officer to perform the duties under the election law section 31.123 for the Special Election of item number three which would be to call a Special Election for Sunday May 3, 2025 to fill the vacancy that was created on the Board. Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, I'd like to motion that we okay so I'd like to motion that we have a Special Called Election for Saturday May 3, 2025. Mr. Ramirez stated, okay so I instead of if you are okay with amending your motion to just approve item number two and three? Ms. Garza stated, I will amend it to approve item number two and number three together. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, I will second that. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, may I? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo continued, I just want to make sure that I agree with the election, I just don't agree with the speed of this having to do it within, what is it, 40 days. I know the last time we fell into the same predicament, we gave the public at least three and a half months to vote, not 40 or 30 days. So, I don't, personally I don't recommend, I'm not going to vote for the election being held in May. I think the voters and the people who are actually going to put their names on the ballot need a little bit more than 25 or 30 days to make it not only favorable for them, but also for the people that they're going to bring on to this election. So I'm just letting you know, I don't agree with the speediness or the shoving down of this election within the next 30 or 40 days. I don't think it's right for anybody that wants to come up here and sit up here and do this. Mr. Ramirez stated, if I may add to the comment because I know it is a concern. So under the duties of the Board legally, you are required to fill the vacancy within 180 days. Mr. Elizondo interjected, that's correct, I understand that. Mr. Ramirez continued, and the way to fill it would be either through a Special Election or through an appointment. The Special Elections are on election cycles and this is the next election cycle. Your next election cycle in November would be outside the 180 days. Mr. Elizondo stated, but there's an exception to that rule. Ms. Pena stated, and I've got it for you (inaudible) completely. Mr. Elizondo stated and BCC local.. Ms. Pena interjected for the 180 days. Mr. Elizondo continued, policies specifically states we have two elections, May and November. So just following what policy says, but anyway, we'll take it for a vote. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, let's go ahead and Mr. Eden, I think it's important for the community to understand. I think that there's a reason why we had the agenda items in a certain order and I know that Mr. Elizondo was absent at the meeting and didn't inquire about what the process was so if you could please give reassurance to the community... Mr. Elizondo interjected, ma'am we have a vote on the.. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, I would like for Mr. Ramirez to go ahead and explain why we are and where we are and why because I myself, Mr. Elizondo, agree with you. I myself agree that it is a very speedy process which is why I tried to go with the option one but we didn't come to a consensus which is fine so I'm trying to make sure that the community knows. So please Mr. Ramirez, proceed and then we can and then we can vote. Mr. Elizondo stated, so do we have to take a vote first and then you can talk about whatever you know. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, no because we have a first and a second so we have discussion. Mr. Ramirez stated, so just if I can just explain legally because the Board doesn't have the authority to call an election outside a

authorized uniform election and so there are only two uniform election opportunities for the Board to call an election. That's the May cycle and the November cycle and so the November cycle falls outside of the 180 days so right now the Board's only legal choice is to call the Special Election on May 3rd or be forced to appoint somebody to the Board. Mr. Elizondo stated, or have it before the 180th day? *Mr. Ramirez stated, no, sir. So the pursuant to Board Policy, BBC, when it talks about the manner of the Special Election pursuant to Election Code 41.001A and Attorney General Opinion KP01-2016. It says, a special election to fill a vacancy shall be held on an authorized uniform election date. And so, the Board does not have the authority to call an election outside a uniform election date. The only uniform election dates are occurring in May and November.* Mr. Elizondo stated, okay, then I still stand true to what I say. This is very speedy. This is the reason that they forced us the last time to come in and make sure that the bond was going to be done on the 14th because that's the last day to put it on the election, that day has passed. *Mr. Ramirez stated, not for a Special Election.* Mr. Elizondo stated, I know that, but that day had passed, correct. *Mr. Ramirez stated, for the regular one, to call a regular election that day has already passed, to call a special election we're still in the window to do so.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, so ultimately the deadline is for the Special Election is why we are having this meeting today which is why everybody except for you Mr. Elizondo knew that that's the reason why we had to have a meeting on the Friday before Spring Break. I think it's also important to for the record to state that we had six months of community citizens facilities committee before the bond and so right now we are completely discussing what is the next item ahead of us. I think we can go ahead we have a first and a second. Mr. Elizondo interjected, it would be my choice to vote no. *Mr. Ramirez stated, and I guess just for context right for the Board you have no legal choice. It's either you call it from May 3rd or you don't call it and you have to appoint someone and if you don't appoint someone or you don't call it then you are legally out of compliance as a Board. So there's you don't have a choice but May 3rd if you want an election.* Ms. Pena stated, can we consult with Mr. Remi? The expert of the election that's sitting in our audience? *Mr. Ramirez stated, sure I mean if you all want to have questions, but.* Ms. Pena stated, I have a question for him. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, well what is the proper process because we have agenda items and I just want to make sure that... Ms. Pena interjected, we have been doing. Ms. Lopez Valdez continued, is it allowed that we Mr. Remi to... *Mr. Ramirez interjected, if you'll have any questions to and help you inform your decision on voting then I mean you can call whoever you need to call to ask questions.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay Mr. Garza, could you please answer Ms. Pena's question? Thank you so much for being here. Mr. Remi Garza, Elections Administrator stated, thank you. Ms. Pena stated, yes, sir. I just want to, I know that we have the, the, the times that the elections will be held and the days, 180 days. So I want to find out, because we're researching this and I'm going through TEA. So it is definitely possibly no exception that the election has to be held in May because of the closeness of when, you know, unfortunately Mr. Castro passed away. So we have to mandate to have it in May and we couldn't have it like in June to give the applicants enough time to be able to run. Can you tell me what those exceptions are? Because I'm researching that and I'm getting kind of mixed feelings, but you're the expert on this, so this is why I want to talk to you. Mr. R. Garza replied, I do defer always to the legal counsel of the Board because I'm not an attorney, but I can say that I also consulted with the Secretary of State's office regarding this issue when it when it came up. Because we're preparing for the May 3rd election and the possibility of an additional entity coming in causes issues with our planning and our ballot

preparation. But in my conversations with the Secretary of State, I have to totally agree with the advice and direction, the information the attorney has been providing is that the vacancy does need to be filled in within 180 days. That can either occur through the election, which would have to occur on a uniform election day. And as discussed, the one that falls within the 180 days is the May 3, 2025 election. If the Board decides not to hold the election on May the 3rd it would have to complete the appointment process within the 180 days of the vacancy. Ms. Pena stated, and so my question is just for say, let's say he passed away the last day of May after the election. 180 days, there's no election. What will we do in something like that? What does the law allow you to do just to go to the next closest election? Is that correct? *Mr. Ramirez stated, no.* Ms. Pena stated, let him answer, please, let him answer, please. Mr. R. Garza stated, I would think that in the circumstances where you have fallen outside the uniform election day, the Board's only path would be to make an appointment to fill a vacancy until the next uniform election day. Ms. Pena stated, okay. *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, that's correct.* Ms. Pena stated, so my question to the attorney is we have to fill it because we cannot leave it vacant, am I correct? *Mr. Ramirez stated, that is correct.* Ms. Pena stated, the law does not allow for it to be vacant because that can come against the school Board. *Mr. Ramirez stated, that's correct.* Ms. Pena continued, for not complying with the the law regulations have. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yes ma'am.* Ms. Pena stated, thank you Mr. Remi. Mr. Elizondo stated, so we can just maybe have another meeting and bring more individuals and sit down with them so we can appoint someone right? It doesn't have to have the May election, is what I am saying. *Mr. Ramirez stated, if you do not call an election for May, the Board has to nominate, fill the vacancy within the remainder of the time of the 180 days from the date of the vacancy. But I want to make sure that the Board understands, right now you're voting 3-3 on a lot of stuff. If you want to...* Mr. Elizondo interjected, that doesn't mean we're not going to have a consensus later, sir. *Mr. Ramirez, stated, no, no, I'm just saying, if for whatever reason there is no consensus, I want to make sure that I put on the record, there are TEA consequences for not filling the vacancy within the 180 days.* Mr. Elizondo stated, I understand, thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, now that we have gone through this, oh, sorry, Mr. Garza. Mr. R. Garza stated, I just wanted to add that regardless of whether you call this election on May 3rd or make the appointment within the 180 days, you will have an election that has to be held to fill the unexpired portion of the term. Any appointment you're making is only until the next uniform election day. Ms. Pena stated, until November of 2026. Mr. R. Garza stated, 2025. Ms. Pena stated, I'm sorry, 2025, until November. But because of the next election, not the term. Because in other words, who we appoint will only be until the next election period, which is in November 2025. Yes. It would be to fill the unexpired term. *Mr. Ramirez stated, that's correct, if you appoint someone, they would need to run in November.* Ms. Pena stated, okay, and let me ask you real quick, Remi, if they fill that position, thank you, if they fill and the person gets elected, will they finish the full term? Mr. R. Garza replied, yes, the election would be for the unexpired term for that particular place. Ms. Pena stated, so they run in 2025 and they'll finish after four years in starting, because this is, for example, this first year. Mr. R. Garza stated the remaining. *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, the three years left.* Ms. Pena stated, three years left, okay, I want to clarify that, thank you. *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, so but we do have a motion and a second on the floor.* **Ms. Minerva Almanza, Executive Assistant stated, go ahead and vote.** *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, and just for the record, the motion is to approve item two and three which is to call an election for May.* Ms. Pena

stated, question on this sir. And this is to approve to appoint the superintendent as the agent to perform the duties. Is that correct? *Mr. E. Ramirez replied, yes.* Ms. Pena stated, and that's a lot of responsibility.

Motion made by Denise Garza, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, to recommend approving to group agenda items VII. A. 2. appoint Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent, as agent to perform the duties provided by Texas Election Law, Sec. 31.123, for School Trustee Special Election on May 3, 2025, effective immediately, and Item 3 Recommend approval for an Official Notice and Order of the Brownsville Independent School District Trustee Special Election scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

The following vote was recorded

Yea: Ms. Garza, Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: Mr. Elizondo, Ms. Lopez, Mr. Ortiz, Ms. Pena

Abstain:

Motion Failed: 2-4-0

Ms. Almanza stated, motion fails. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, and okay, Mr. Eden Ramirez, I just want to go ahead and it seems like some colleagues do not, didn't feel like it was enough time and they want to try to appoint again. We have a long list. Is there any way that we can refer to item one and go back into executive session and try to appoint? Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, I think this should be done at a later meeting, this is just my.... *Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel interjected, for tonight's purpose, because the item was already dead, right, I would just recommend you have another meeting for that.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, thank you so much. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, question, what's the deadline for the election for May, Mr. Remi, to get? This coming Tuesday? *Mr. E. Ramirez, stated, excuse me, I understand it's Tuesday.* Mr. Remi Garza, Elections Administrator stated, yes, it is on Tuesday, I believe it's the 18th. Ms. Pena stated, that's the deadline for us to say if there is going to be an election. *Mr. Ramirez replied, that's correct, yes.* Ms. Pena stated, so we'd have to have a meeting like ASAP. *Mr. Ramirez stated, Tuesday, yea we would have to post at 72 hours. So in reality, the last day would be Saturday.* Mr. Elizondo stated, correct. Ms. Pena stated, okay. *Mr. Ramirez stated, Saturday, tomorrow.* Ms. Pena stated, oh yea.

3. Recommend approval for an Official Notice and Order of the Brownsville Independent School District Trustee Special Election scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Motion Failed 4-2-0 (Discussion during agenda item A. 2)

B. Recommend approval of Contract (s) and Agreement(s):

1. Recommend approval to contract with Cameron County Elections Office and to pay 60% deposit for estimated costs of election services for a joint Election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract. Estimated at \$184,024.63. **No action taken**

VIII. Board Member Request(s):

A. Action Item(s)

Handout 3 – Student Travel (Added to official minutes)

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding BISD to sponsor and fund CTE teams that earned 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th 5th, 6th place winners to Global Competitions. (Board Agenda Request Minerva Pena/Board Support Carlos Elizondo)

*Mr. Ramirez stated, so we do have the items, they all failed so there's no action on those. We do have item VII B now. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, I make a motion to approve. Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel stated, well I would just say you don't need to approve it. Mr. Elizondo stated, no, no, I'm talking about, I'm sorry, A1. I know B1's out. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, A1? Mr. Ramirez stated no, A1's out. A2's out. A3's out, B1. Mr. Elizondo stated, no, for VIII. Eight. Ms. Pena stated eight. Mr. Ramirez stated oh, eight, I apologize, I'm sorry yes, sir. Ms. Pena stated, second. Mr. Elizondo stated, just real quick, may I, Ms. Valdez? Ms. Valdez stated Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo continued, yes, I think there was a little, maybe a little confusion the last time we came to the Board and I think they were looking for state competitions, Ms. Pena, where they were only going to allow for second and third, but for global, there was a misconception that that was included as well. So we want to make it for the record that everybody that makes one, first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth place winners to global competitions goes to global competitions. It's such a great event and these kids go out there day in, day out and put a lot of emphasis and they should represent the school district at the global event. This is the reason I'm, I supported Ms. Pena's agenda. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, Ms. Daniela, may I? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena. Ms. Pena continued, and the reason I put it on here because I got so many calls and I take calls until 12 midnight, just FYI. I got lots and lots of calls. People were upset. They were fuming that what we had done when we approved first, second, and third was wrong. I couldn't understand what's going on. I said wait a minute we're talking about nationals and please forgive me I won't mention the name when I talk to some administrators you know the difference between global and nationals it kind of broke my heart when they say what's the difference? Okay, global means worldwide. National means the 50 states. So, when that was clarified, that's why I want to go back and leave it alone because we did not touch anything of how global has been approved in the past for years and years. I know we have our CTE director here. And so I wanted to make clear that we were going to continue to support the students that we've supported in years past because to go to Global and compete, because my boys did that. And they did outstanding. And I think this is something that some children might never get the opportunity to do because of our economic here. Those of us that are blessed to take our children around the world, that's awesome. But those that cannot, when they go with this, you open their eyes and they become phenomenal and make a difference in our country and our world. That's why I'm pushing for this, please. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Ms. Pena. I think all of us agree that we always want our students to succeed and we want them to go far. And we always know that there's, you know, the reason this was because of budgetary constraints but our kids always come first. Dr. Chavez, do you have a recommendation for us on this item please? **Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent stated, yes ma'am, actually what I'd like to do is we actually have some information that we can provide to you. That way we will look at the various student organizations that we recommend, that we would propose, yes, let's***

move this forward in multiple committees if you will so that we include more students. So if I may call on our folks to go ahead and get started with that. Ms. Beatriz Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer stated, yes, Mr. Dorset and Dr. Renfro. What we have for you is a list of the organizations that provide the opportunity for our students to participate in competitions. Our CTE events go up to the national level. Our destination imagination event goes to the global level. That's where international students are invited to participate. CTE goes up to the national. Mr. Adrian Dorsett, Interim CTE Director stated, yes, thank you, good evening everyone. First and foremost, thank you for your time for considering how can we make things best for our students to learn outside the classroom, to have these opportunities to experience what they've learned in the classroom and go beyond and find success. As you can imagine, coordinating and ensuring that they have all the resources they need for these trips is quite a chore, but it's one that we take very seriously. Among all of this, the most important thing is student safety when they travel, of course, with our sponsors, our adult chaperones, and making sure that they're safe at all times. I'd like to share some information with you regarding career and technical student organizations, and we call those CTSOs. And I'm going to start with Agriculture Science, FFA. They begin with district leadership events. Those took place in Mercedes, Texas on November 6. Now, this is very specific for each and every group that I'm going to tell you they have their own rules that allow certain places to move up. I know we're going for first through six and that's wonderful. *Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel stated, I apologize for the interruption. I didn't realize there was already a motion and a second on the item and so because there was a motion and a second on the item you're at the discussion phase for yourselves or for a vote on the item.* Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you sir. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, my question is do we know the fiscal implications for this? *Mr. Ramirez stated, yeah we can answer the questions.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay so we can ask our questions. *Mr. Ramirez stated, correct and we're keeping your time.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Ms. Gonzalez? Ms. Gonzalez continued, my question was the fiscal implications. **Ms. B. Hernandez replied, so, just wanted to add, for the current participants, we would have an estimate if we were to add for the fourth, fifth, and sixth place, because back in in early March we came back to the Board and we added third place. However, the ones moving depending on the date, we would, our students that are barely going to go and participate, we would have to wait on the student performance in order for us to know how many more students would be advancing. We do have a financial report for both CTE and Destination Imagination of what was the cost for last school year. However, we would have to add any of the student performance that make it over to the state and national level. That would be pending. But we can share that information with you. Do you have the financial implications report?** Mr. Dorsett continued, yes, ma'am, for CTSOs, we have an estimate of 300,000. That would be the financial implication for adding. Ms. Pena stated, question. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Gonzalez, I know you, are you... Ms. Gonzalez stated and is that, are we, is that just CTSO, and what about the others? **Mr. Dorsett stated, that was just CTSOs, yes ma'am.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, do you have for the others? **Dr. Roni Rentfro, Director of Assessment-Research-Evaluation GT-School Improvements stated, so in 20, good evening, Board President Ms. Daniella Valdez, our Superintendent, welcome back, Dr. Chavez, and our respected Board Members and audience. Last year for Chess, we ended up with a budget, a travel budget of over \$171,000, taking them to, and I'm sorry, I handed**

the DI 2024, and for the Kansas City, just for Globals last year, we had a budget of \$157,000. That was just for the Globals winners. Ms. Pena stated, question? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena. Ms. Pena continued, okay, and my thing is, the money belongs to the children. We've been doing this for years, am I correct ma'am? We've always had the money. Priorities, I signed up to serve the children. I signed up to take, to stand in front of a child and protect him from any harm anybody will try to do. You know me, that's how my father raised 10 of us, five boys and five girls. My thing is, we've had the money before and when Ms. Hernandez makes a statement that in January, in March we check, no we never touch global. Nationals is one competition. Global is another. So we need to be able as educators to define what a global competition with people all over the world coming to compete as opposed to people that are in the 50 states. So I was very clear when we were talking about nationals. And then when I saw the uproar in the community, ladies and gentlemen, you signed up to serve the children. That's your priority. Your priority is the children, because somebody served you. And look at how far you've come. Look at how much money you're making. Look at how great you are. Because someone made a difference in your life. And I wanted to continue, please, because we've always done this in the past with these competitions. Am I correct, ladies and gentlemen? **Dr. Rentfro stated, if I may clarify, many of these competitions have a national level only. They do not advance to global. In destination imagination, we go from state to what they call global. So there is no national level. The national level is the global level. For the other competitions that we're referring to here, those do not advance to a global or international level. The only other international competition we currently do is our science fair, and those students advance from regionals and from the state to an international fair.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Dr. Chavez. Ms. Pena interjected, so real quick, I want to clarify. Global is Global and Nationals is Nationals, it is still different, am I right Ms. Rentfro. **Dr. Rentfro replied, no ma'am.** Ms. Pena interjected, so the global don't have competitions. **Dr. Rentfro explained, global does have students from around the globe. However, it is the national level of competition.** Ms. Pena stated, I understand what you're saying, but I'm saying is global has around the world competitors, national does not. But national tournament for chess doesn't have that. **Dr. Rentfro stated, Chess doesn't have nationals.** Ms. Pena stated, yeah. So what I'm saying, they are different ma'am. See what I'm saying? When you make those kind of statements, it kind of boggles the mind. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected okay, Ms. Pena lets be respectful. Ms. Pena stated, I apologize, I just want to make sure I don't get confused. **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, let me make a few comments and then of course, the recommendation that we're making tonight. If one looks at last year's budgeting process and where we actually wound up with the state, let me just quickly review that. Remember that districts last year had a very difficult time balancing their yearly budgets. You will recall that when we brought our budget to this Board and I've got to give you a lot of compliments for the work you did in our budget meetings, in the budget workshops and understanding again presentation that we gave to you. I'll tell you that our teachers, as a matter of fact, we're following the same process this coming year. Our teachers in last year's budget were very involved. There were administrators that were very involved. As a matter of fact, we are following the same modeling for our budgeting that we're going to do for next year. Now, the reason I want to talk about this year's budget is that we actually approved a budget that had X amount of dollars from the state, but we actually were short \$24 million, \$24 million again that we had to take into consideration and you'll remember that there were a**

number of things that we said at least for a year we've got to set these things aside and we can't move forward with them. Now, my intent had always been that, okay, so that was last year and we had a really difficult budget because of the state dollars that we had missing. And you will remember that in addition just to having lesser dollars from the state that we had a few other issues regarding our funding. I will tell you and I'm very happy to report to you today that I'm still very positive about the work that's going on in Austin at the state level for public school funding. Now, are we going to get everything we need? Probably not, but I'm very hopeful. I'm very optimistic about that. So I am not anticipating a \$24 million deficit for the upcoming budget, which again, lends us the opportunity to consider expenditures this evening for some of the things that we were, that we had to because of the 24 million dollar loss in dollars that again we didn't have, we can cover some of these things. And so tonight we are committed to moving these programs forward for our students. It provides them some great opportunities. Now yes, it's going to cost and take us back to the budget that we carried two years ago and previous to that. You know, is it sufficient? Now, again, we may not be able to write as much but here we are recommending that we move forward with the proposal of additional students which again are going to require for the end of the year some additional funds. And now, actually as we think about this year's expenditures, remember that we began the year with a, about a 24 million, I say 24 because it's actually like 23.6 million, all right. So, initially we planned that we were going to be short those dollars. We've actually had a little bit better year but we're still going to wind up probably with 12 to 14 million dollars in a shortage, right. Now I'm not anticipating that level of shortage of dollars for next year's budget which is why we feel more comfortable in coming to you tonight and saying, we're going to be supporting our students, we're going to be providing for some additional teams to move forward next year, and yes, because now instead of the 24, it's about 14, I remember it's still 14 million, we're short, right, that we're covering with our local dollars, a difficult situation. But, you know, we're short, right? That we're covering with our local dollars. A difficult situation. But, you know, we're for kids and so my recommendation again is that yes, we accept the recommendation that we're making here to move forward with additional teams. We're a little earlier because I was thinking for next year, right, but we are at the end of the year. We've got 14 million instead of the 24 and so we certainly are very supportive of that. Let me say that we have a listing of the various teams that we supported, you know, the year before this. And so we want to go back to that. And I say that because as you look at the listing, there are some areas that have five teams. There are some areas that have eight teams. There are some areas that have three teams, there's some areas that have eight teams, there's some areas that have three teams, right? And so I do want to go back and I think our Board's going to be very supportive of moving forward with that. So I just wanted to make those comments and now let's open it up to other questions that the Board may have and we have people here who can answer information. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you so much, Dr. Chavez. Mr. Eden Ramirez, Board Counsel stated, I just want to also make sure that the item is specifically for CTE teams from first through sixth to global competitions. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you so much, Eden, for bringing us back to the item. Ms. Pena I'm going to go ahead and finish speaking real quick. I want to thank Dr. Chavez for, you know, preparing for this. I think our whole goal here at BISD is to make sure we focus on the students and they continue to have these opportunities. I want to thank my colleagues, Ms. Gonzalez and Ms.

Garza, for being huge advocates for public education. We've gone on our own dime to the state and Austin, making sure that we do ask for full funding so that we continue these amazing programs. And I know Dr. Chavez has really helped us advocate. And it's over two years of advocating that I feel that we're going to make some progress. So I will, we have a first and a second, and I think we can take it to a vote. Ms. Pena stated, I have a question, please, I need to please. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, we'll go ahead and do Ms. Pena and then Dr. Chavez. Ms. Pena stated, yes, Mr. Dorsett. May I, sir? Okay, that way I wrote it with a CTE. Now, will this cover all the teams that need to attend to global or because I put, I made a mistake by putting CTE. That was my error. I want to amend and remove the CTE. I want the teams to go to global and remove the word CTE. *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, okay, so.* Mr. Elizondo interjected, I second that. *Mr. E. Ramirez, continued, right, so, sorry, so give me a second. So, there was already a motion and a second to approve the item as it was, all right? The Open Meetings Act requires that we give public notice of the items to be discussed on the agenda with sufficient detail. The item that was on here was specific to CTE teams. Whether or not you're going to fund first through sixth to global competitions for CTE.* Ms. Pena interjected, we can amend it sir I'll show you the law. *Mr. E. Ramirez continued, if the item is not for what you're discussing then there could potentially be an open meetings violation because of the notice that we gave to the public. So while you are correct Ms. Pena you can make amendments to items that are on there. They have to relate to the item that you listed and so the item that was listed was limited to CTE specifically. So, in this case it would be inappropriate to amend it to other programs because the other programs were not listed here as notice to the public of what you were going to be funding, only CTE.* Ms. Pena stated, okay, Mr. Dorsett, this competition happens when, sir? **Mr. Dorsett replied, which one, ma'am?** Ms. Pena stated, the competition where we want to fund the children, when do they happen? **Mr. Dorsett replied, our state competitions are coming up.** Ms. Pena interjected, when? **Mr. Dorsett continued, one happened February 27th through March 2nd, Business Professionals of America.** Ms. Pena interjected, the future competitions that we have here that are approving, when are they going to global? **Mr. Dorsett continued, Family Community Leaders of America, April 3rd through the 5th is in Dallas, Texas. Nationals will be July 5th through the 9th in Orlando. For Health Occupation Students of America, or HOSA, their state is April 28th through May 1st. Their national competition is June 18th through the 21st in Nashville, Tennessee. Notice that for HOSA, for state, only first through third advance to nationals. Not the BISD rule, that's the HOSA rule.** Ms. Pena stated, no, correct. So that's why I have to, because the attorney says that I can't do it now, so I'll have to bring it back in April. If we bring it back in April, will that cover? *Mr. E. Ramirez interjected, Ms. Pena that concludes your time.* Ms. Pena stated, okay, I am sorry (inaudible). Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, thank you Ms. Pena but that concludes your time. Ms. Pena interjected, I love the way communism works in the U.S. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Dr. Chavez, I know you have a question. I'll go ahead and let you. **Dr. Chavez stated, well, we certainly want to fund as many organizations, students that we can. So, with that said, can you maybe provide just a little bit more direction on that?** *Mr. Ramirez stated, so this would fund any program under the CTE umbrella that qualifies for national and global competitions from when they're placing first through sixth.* Mr. Elizondo stated, Ms. Valdez may I? I haven't spoken. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated yes Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo continued, thank you. Just real quick just to I'm going to piggyback on Miss Minerva's question. So, so she wants to bring this back in May. Will that suffice the requirement for the, for the kids, I'm sorry

in April, for the kids are going to be going to National and Global's. She wants to make that change but I understand the predicament that we were put in because of the language that it was, that it was placed on this agenda. So the answer, Mr. Dorsett, if we bring it back, can't, for the April. **Mr. Dorsett stated, if we were to bring it back, in some cases, if you can notice on the chart where it says registration closes 3-25, registration closes for nationals 3-8, I'm going to keep saying nationals because that applies to CTE, not global.** Mr. Elizondo stated, correct. **Mr. Dorsett continues, this is where it would be. As we called around this week for hotels, yes, hotels are available outside of the main hotel site for many of these places. What we need to take into consideration is, notice I said student safety, and yes, hotels can be available, but that can be an issue too if it's 20 miles away, 10 miles away.** Mr. Elizondo interjected, the logistics is a nightmare, I understand that. Okay but I got what you're saying that you answered my question with the deadlines. So with that being said sir is there any way we can add it to this agenda item so we can fulfill those deadlines? And I know what you're saying I know you're concerned but it's not illegal to do so. *Mr. Ramirez stated, so everyone under that list is covered by this item.* Mr. Elizondo stated, so there's is that everybody. *Mr. Ramirez stated, everyone on the list that I'm seeing here because they're all part, they're all CTSOs. Is that correct?* Ms. Pena stated, so everything's covered here? **Mr. Dorsett stated, yes.** Ms. Pena stated, okay so everything is covered here. **Mr. Dorsett replied yes.** Mr. Elizondo stated, so we're good then. *Mr. Ramirez stated, yes.* Mr. Elizondo stated thank you. Yes? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Dr. Chavez? **Dr. Chavez stated, well beyond this list we have a couple of other lists to cover. Now, remember, those may not come under as far as the funds.** *Mr. Ramirez interjected, those are not CTSOs. Those would need their own agenda item to come forward if there's going to be additional funding.* **Dr. Chavez stated, and so here, and this has already been said, right? That unfortunately, remember that up front, we didn't plan on moving with six organizations or eight groups of students, that kind of thing, right? And I'm happy that, yes, we're bringing them back, right? Now, with that said, remember that we can call a special meeting, right? And so what I'm hearing from us here tonight is that, you know, tonight we're ready to approve those that can move forward, right?** *Mr. Ramirez interjected CTSO's.* **Dr. Chavez continued, and you're seeing the list up here. And I'm for those and I think, you know, you all are for those. My suggestion would be that we plan on bringing a special call board meeting for that first week we get back. And so we can do that. You know, just take a little bit of extra work here, you know, coming Monday, Tuesday and but we'll work towards that.** Mr. Elizondo interjected, real quick, just to clarify. Mr. Chavez, real quick, just do we have to bring an agenda or can you move monies over for those programs without having to get the Board approval? I'm sure you could do that and since I see that you're very excited in wanting to help these kids, I don't think they're at fault. He can actually move those monies and get those monies to those organizations, correct? *Mr. E. Ramirez stated, I'll work with Dr. Chavez to figure out what he can do within the legal balance of his position.* Mr. Elizondo stated thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, let's go ahead. We got a first and a second. Ms. Pena stated, thank you. Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you, Ms. Valdez.

Motion made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to sponsor and fund CTE teams that earned, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th and 6th place winners to Global Competitions. (6-0-0)

IX. **CLOSED MEETING:** as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084. (There were no items for discussion in closed meeting)

X. **BOARD RECONVENES** - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session.

XI. **Announcement(s):**

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent stated, some announcements for March and April 2025, March 15th to 16th, South Texas Scholastic Chess Championship, Stillman Middle School, and that is tomorrow, 8 a.m. We have a March 17th through the 21st Spring Break. I know there's a lot of folks out there, really looking forward to that. We have March 27th Special Olympics Track and Field Veterans Memorial, Early College High School Stadium, beginning at 9.30 a.m. On March 28th, we have the ACE Program, Mario Kart Tournament, Villanueva Elementary at 5 p.m. March 29th, we have the Garza at Southmost Dance Showcase, Rivera Early College High School Gym at 9 a.m. And then on April 1st, we have our Regular Board Meeting, BISD Boardroom beginning at 5.30. Thank you all so very much.

XII. **Adjournment.**

Motion was made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to approve to adjourn the Special Called Board Meeting at 6:56 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
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

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