

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

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO § October 27, 2014

Minutes

The Board of Directors met on **Monday, October 27, 2014** at Region One Education Service Center. **Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.** The invocation was given by Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Mr. Raul Roberto “Bobby” Chapa, Vice-Chairperson.

Members Present Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Chairperson; Mr. Raul Roberto Chapa, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Secretary; Mr. Gilbert Enriquez, Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez (arrived at 10:10 a.m.), Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Mr. George Banda, Board Members.

Member Absent Mrs. Linda LaMantia

Others Present Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director; Dr. Eduardo Cancino, Deputy Director; Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Deputy Director; Ms. Frances Guzman, Deputy Director; Ms. Annette S. Garcia, Mr. Marc D. Garcia, Ms. Lori Ramos, Ms. Angela I. Rocha, staff; Mr. Jose Guerrero, ESC attorney(arrived at 10:10 a.m.), and Mr. Mike Saldana, attorney with Walsh Anderson.

Executive Director’s Report **Notice to Van Brunt & Associates, Inc. Regarding Non-renewal of its Current Energy Aggregation and Consulting Agreement with Region One Education Service Center**

Dr. Gonzalez reminded the Board of Directors of the action that was taken at the September 23, 2014 Regular Board Meeting for item number 9 which read: **Discussion and Possible Action of Energy Consultant Services for Texas Energy Center Proposal 13-11-03.** Board members were reminded that the Executive Director’s Recommendation was approval of one of the following options related to Energy Consultant Services Proposal 13-11-03: 1)Extend the current contract for an additional two (2) year period, effective March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, as allowed in the current contract terms, or 2) Initiate a new solicitation process for Energy Consultant Services Request for Proposals. The Board was reminded that they unanimously approved option 2, initiate a new solicitation process for Energy Consultant Services Request for Proposals.

Dr. Gonzalez proceeded to share with the Board a copy of a letter mailed to all Texas Energy Center members notifying them of the Board’s decision to initiate a new solicitation process for Energy Consultant Services.

Dr. Gonzalez also shared a copy of the Official Notice of End of Agreement letter that was sent to Ms. Annette Van Brunt by Region One Education Service Center notifying her of the Board's decision as well. A copy of the contract between Ms. Van Brunt and Texas Energy Center was also shared with the Board. Dr. Gonzalez pointed out the non-renewal section of the contract and the importance of the 90 day non-renewal notice to Ms. Van Brunt.

On a motion by Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. and second by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, the Board convened into closed session at 10:12 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Board Chairperson, reconvened the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Solicitation and Procurement of Energy Aggregation and Consultant Services in connection with the Texas Energy Center, a purchasing cooperative administered by Region One Education Service Center

Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Director to provide notice to Van Brunt & Associates, Inc. of the Board's intention, on behalf of the Texas Energy Center, of its intention to not renew its current agreement with Van Brunt & Associates, Inc. for Energy Aggregation and Consultant Services executed on February 1, 2013 for any of the optional renewal terms. The motion carried unanimously.

In connection with the Current Energy Aggregation and Consulting Agreement between Van Brunt And Associates, Inc. and Region One Education Service Center

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Director to provide any other notice to and request any other information from Van Brunt and Associates, Inc. as required or provided in the agreement with Van Brunt and Associates, Inc. for Energy Aggregation and Consulting Services executed February 1, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Suggestions for Future Meetings

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez suggested the Executive Director request an Attorney General's opinion to clarify the number of Board members needed to be present to establish a quorum for a Board meeting.

Mr. Gutierrez also suggested as an agenda item for the next Board meeting to include discussion and/or approval to acquire an independent auditor to audit including, but not limited to, Texas Energy Center Contracts.

It was also suggested to hold a Board Workshop to discuss and review the RFP for Energy Aggregation and Consultant Services, on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.