

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

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- (A) Report Only Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

- (B) Action Item

Presenter(s): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 09, 2024 (REGULAR), JULY 30, 2024 (SPECIAL), AUGUST 13, 2024 (SPECIAL) AND AUGUST 14, 2024 (JOINT) BOARD MEETINGS.

- (C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

- (D) Clarification: Explain any questions or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Regular Board Meeting on July 09, 2024 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President - **Absent**
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Ms. Valerie Carrillo for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:53 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication** – No one signed up.
- IV. **District Reports/Presentations**
 1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
 2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
 3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
 4. **Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transaction for all funds for the Quarter ended May 31, 2024.** No questions from the Board.
 5. **Report on management fees for State purchases, contracts, interlocal agreements and purchasing cooperatives.** No questions from the Board.
 6. **Presentation of the 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook.** Board Trustees questions were addressed.
- V. **Consent Items**
It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 - 18 in One Motion. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 5/0.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, (Regular) Board Meeting.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 250206 for janitorial supplies and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 250806 on speech and related services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 250906 on manual labor services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251006 on concrete and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251106 for ambulance transportation services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251206 for security systems and maintenance and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
8. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251306 for structural pest control services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
9. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251406 for stop-loss reinsurance only for Health Benefit Program and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
10. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Education Service Center Region 20 Participation Commitments for the 2024-2025 school year and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
11. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to request to declare the attached list of items as surplus property and authorize its disposal.

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Mr. Osar Galindo, Ms. Blanca V. Ruiz and Ms. Prisilla Herrera, Maverick County Extension Agents, as Adjunct Faculty Members.
13. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an agreement between Eagle Pass ISD and Maverick County Juvenile Probation Department.
14. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD and Southwest Texas Junior College for the 2024-2025 school year to provide EPHS and CCWHS Science students the opportunity to obtain a certification and dual credit in these courses: Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Medical Technician and Phlebotomy/Electrocardiography Technician.
15. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the renewal of annual software support and maintenance agreement renewals for the 2024-2025 school year and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH).
16. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Dual Credit courses between Sul Ross State University and Eagle Pass Independent School District for 2024-2025.
17. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Dual Credit Partnership between Southwest Texas Junior College and Eagle pass Independent School District for 2024-2025 school year.
18. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Southwest Texas Junior College and Eagle Pass Independent School District serving grades 9-12 to Early College Academy Year 2024-2025.

Board Trustees questions were addressed.

- VI. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084, Texas Government Code: PERSONNEL MATTERS: Under Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employee; or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee: The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **6:04 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 5/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Athletic Director subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.
3. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.

4. The Board will hear the request to approve term contracts as presented. TGC 551.074.

5. The Board will discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. TGC 551.074.

VII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve the request to Hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0.**

2. Consideration and possible action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Athletic Director subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Alvarez to hire Eric Villasenor as professional employee to serve as Athletic Director subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

3. Consideration and possible action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Hiller to hire Ariana L. Farias as professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve term contracts as presented. TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve term contracts as presented in closed session pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Alvarez to approve the Superintendent's evaluation and contract as discussed in closed session pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

VIII. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. TEA Required School Safety Training for School District Trustees. Deadline is August 31, 2024.

IX. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 5/0.**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Board Meeting on July 30, 2024 at 12:00 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary - Absent
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Mr. Victor Cerda for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084, Texas Government Code: **PERSONNEL MATTERS:** Under Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employee; or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee:
The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 12:06 PM Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 5/0.**
 1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
 2. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officers subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.
 3. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Liberty Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.
- IV. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at 12:22 PM and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.
 1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Hiller seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the request to Hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0.**

2. Consideration and possible action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officers subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Hiller to hire Alexis S. Alfaro Cantu for San Luis Elementary, Jessica Castaneda for CC Winn HS, Brenda Gonzalez for Graves Elementary and Martha Leija for Eagle Pass JH as professional employees to serve as Instructional Officers subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

3. Consideration and possible action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Liberty Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Hiller to hire Kristina Hernandez as professional employee to serve as Principal for Liberty Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0**

V. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Thursday – August 8, 2024 – Convocation – SAC Fine Arts – 8:00 - 11:00 AM
2. TEA Required School Safety Training for School District Trustees. Deadline is August 31, 2024.

VI. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 5/0.

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Board Meeting on August 13, 2024 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Mr. Victor Cerda for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M.
- II. **Public Hearing to Discuss the 2024-2025 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate - Open 5:50 PM – Closed 5:51 PM**
- III. **District Reports**
 1. Report on the 2024 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Maverick County Appraisal District – **No questions from the Board.**
 2. Report on the Certification of the Estimated 2023-2024 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD Interest and Sinking Fund. **No questions from the Board.**
 3. Review and discuss the 2024 Voter – Approval Tax Rate Worksheet. **No questions from the Board.**
- IV. **2nd Budget Workshop**
 1. Review 2024-2025 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate – Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance, gave a brief presentation on the Budget Balances, Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Beginning balance \$70.5 million, \$20.3 million deficit, includes special projects and salary increases, \$6.6 million in ESSER funds (last time), projected ending balance of 8/31/2024 is \$56.8 million, projecting for 2024-2025 we have a deficit of \$8.9 million which includes salary increases and will reduce balance to \$47.9 million will carry same deficit of \$8.9 million that will reduce our fund balance to \$38.9 million. Tax rate values went up close to 14% as per the appraisal district this summer. Tax rate is going down from .82886 to .82602 down by .34%. Board questions and concerns were addressed.

V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt the Official Budget for the 2024-2025 school year. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Perry to adopt the Official Budget for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-01 to set the 2024 Tax Rate. **Motion by Trustee Martinez, "I move to adopt the 2024 tax rate of 0.75530 for the maintenance & operations fund and the tax rate of 0.07072 for the interest & sinking fund for a total tax rate of 0.82602", second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

VI. Closed Session: Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084, Texas Government Code: PERSONNEL MATTERS: Under Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employee; or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee: The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **6:00 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.

VII. Open Session: The meeting reconvened at **6:12 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Hiller seconded by Trustee Alvarez to approve the request to Hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consideration and possible action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Perry to hire Reynold Jimenez for Liberty Elementary as professional employees to serve as Instructional Officers subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 6/0**

VIII. Adjournment:
There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **6:14 PM**. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Joint Meeting on August 14, 2024 at 3:00 PM at the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rodgers Dr., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

- Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
- Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President - **Absent**
- Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
- Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee - **Absent**
- Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
- Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee - **Absent**

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm - **Absent**

I. Reports/Presentations

1. Discussion and update on MPO
2. Discussion and update on Rio Grande water levels and Water Symposium in Pharr, Texas
3. Discussion and update on construction of 4 Year University and downward expansion
4. Discussion and update on Maverick County Airport and Funding
5. Discussion and update on funding for EPISD facilities and opposing of school vouchers
6. Update on construction of Loop 480
7. Discussion of any other possible legislative issues that may affect one or more of the local government organizations or that have an impact in the region in order to finalize legislative priorities letter to state and federal public officials

No quorum was met.
No action taken

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____