

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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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 MAY 15, 2024 (JNT WKSH), AUGUST 22, 2024 (REGULAR), AND SEPTEMBER 05, 2024 (REGULAR) 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 Joint Workshop on May 16, 2024 at 5:30 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 – **Entered at 6:19 PM, Exited at 6:36 PM**

Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary - **Absent**

Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee

Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee -**Absent**

Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

**Superintendent of Schools:** Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

I. **Joint Meeting with Eagle Pass City Council, Maverick County Commissioners Court and Maverick County Hospital District: City Councilmen Place 2, Elias Diaz,**

II. **Meeting Called to Order:** Rolando Salinas, Eagle Pass City Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

III. **Action Items**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to enter into an Interlocal Agreement among all local governing bodies and Public Health Coalitions. City of Eagle Pass Councilman, Mr. Elias Diaz along with Mr. Sebastian Garcia, Ms. Dora Velasquez and Mrs. Katrina Longoria, gave a presentation on how they are working together with Methodist Healthcare Ministries through different coalitions in order to reduce Health Inequity in Maverick County. Ms. Dora Velasquez, Co-Coordinator of The Support Hub explained that their main goal is to enhance mental health accessibility for adolescents aged 12-16 in Maverick County who are facing depression, anxiety, or other mental health related issues. They will be doing this by providing tailored support services through strategic community partnerships and targeted outreach efforts. Mrs. Katrina Longoria explained that the Neurodiversity Coalition is to improve the quality of life for Neurodiverse individuals and families in Maverick County and surrounding counties. They will also connect Neurodivergent individuals an any individual with disabilities regardless of age, disability or obstacles to the service providers that are going to help them meet their maximum potential. They will also be opening the South Texas All Ability Center in the fourth quarter of 2024. **Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Purcell to enter into an Interlocal Agreement among all local governing bodies and Public Health Coalitions. Motion Granted 4/0.**

IV. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 3/0.**

No quorum was met at start of meeting. Quorum and action were taken once Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President entered at 6:19 PM.

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Minutes Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 August 22, 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  
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary – Entered 5:56 PM  
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee  
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee - Absent  
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

**Superintendent of Schools:** Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication – Enriqueta Diaz – Addressed the Board with the following concerns from citizens regarding the school district. Selective promotions, political practices and government transparency.**
- IV. **Recognitions –**
  1. **Recognition of TASB Energy Cooperative's one time disbursement to the District due to operational efficiencies.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized TASB Energy Cooperative's one time disbursement to the District due to operational efficiencies. A group picture was taken.
  2. **Recognition of the CC Winn High School Silverline for earning the Grand Champion Title at the Majorettes of America Camp.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the CC Winn High School Silverline for earning the Grand Champion Title at the Majorettes of America Camp. A group picture was taken.
- V. **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. **Bond Presentation** – Mr. David Gonzalez, PFM's Financial Advisory Team Director, gave an informative presentation of the district's current ratings, tax rates, current state level assistance, and what a proposed bond election in the future would look like. EPISD has a bond rating from the major rating agencies which would be Moody & Fitch. The district has an A1 and A+ from Moody and A2 and A from Fitch are very strong rating for a school district this size. In 2010 the school district was receiving 65% state assistance on all of debt service. Presently the state assistance has gone to 24% due to the function of your property values and your average daily attendance. In a \$20 million bond your tax rate would go from 6.18 cents to 9.78 cents for an increase of 3.6 cents. \$30 million bond would increase from 6.18 cents to 11.579 cents with an increase of 5.398 cents. \$40 million bond would be from 6.18 cents to 13.37 cents with the increase of 7.1 cents. **No questions from the Board**
5. **Presentation by Schneider Electric on possible audit at no cost or obligation to EPISD** – Mr. Aaron Garcia, Sr. Account Executive at Schneider Electric – informed the Board of the services that their company provide. They would like to come in and do an audit at no cost or obligation to the district and then would present their findings and at that time the Board would make a decision. First, they would visit the facilities throughout the district to identify utilities and equipment that is at its end of life that needs to be either replaced or its inefficiencies addressed. Second, identify which grants or low interest loans the district would qualify for. Third, make a presentation of the findings. If a favorable decision is made our Grant division would work with the district regarding applications. **No questions from the Board.**
6. **Presentation on the process for vendors to participate on solicitations and the process to become awarded BuyBoard vendors** – Miguel A. Pescador, TASB Consultant Business Services gave a brief presentation on how to participate on Buy Board Cooperative. First, create a registration for a vendor and submit it on line. They will get email notifications from BuyBoard to participate in our actual request for proposals. Second, keep your registration contact current and watch for open proposals. Third, submit your proposal and make sure you don't leave anything blank or forget attachments. Fourth, submit proposal goes through competitive procurement process which is done at headquarters in Austin. The committee considers factors like price, vendor, reputation, and financial resources. Fifth, shop directly on vendor websites or search for contracts. BuyBoard allows members to start their purchase in BuyBoard and then shop on the vendor's website. Lastly, qualifying members receive rebates by the end of each calendar year. **No questions from the Board.**

VI.

**Action Items**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to elect two (2) School Board Members, one member as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and the other member as an Alternate. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to keep the current Delegate (Trustee Hillen) and Alternate (Trustee Perry). Motion Granted 5/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to allow Schneider Electric to perform a preliminary audit at no cost to EPISD. **Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Martinez to allow Schneider Electric to perform a preliminary audit at no cost to EPISD. Motion Granted 5/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 243307 for Food Distribution Area Equipment and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to the District. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell to award Sealed Proposal No. 243307 for Food**

**Distribution Area Equipment and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to the District. Motion Granted 5/0.**

4. Consider and approval of the purchase of athletic surfaces, appurtenances and minor structures from Hellas Construction, Inc. pursuant to 1GPA Contract 23-01 DP-03 for Memorial Jr. High School track and to amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to this project. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Perry to approve the purchase of athletic surfaces, appurtenances and minor structures from Hella Construction, Inc. pursuant to 1GPA Contract 23-01 DP-03 for Memorial Jr. High School track and to amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to this project. Motion Granted 5/0.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct Handbook. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct Handbook. Motion Granted 5/0.**

## VII. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 & 7 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 5/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 (Regular), July 30, 2024 (Special), August 13, 2024 (Special) and August 14, 2024 (Joint) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Cooperative Working Agreement between the Eagle Pass ISD and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN), Inc for the purpose of coordinating comprehensive social services for students during the 2024-2025 school year. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle pass ISD and Chicanos Por La Causa Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Program (CPLS/MSHS). **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2024-2025 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisal Calendar and the list of Appraisers subject to change. **Item previously considered.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251507 for tortillas and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to the District. **Item previously considered.**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 251607 for non-carbonated beverages and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to the District. **Item previously considered.**

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed proposal No. 251707 for restaurant branded food delivery and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to the District. **Item previously considered.**

VIII. **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 **6:38 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Perry. 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 approve contract as presented. TGC 551.074
3. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to the current Board vacancy. TGC 551.071

IX. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:53 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 Martinez seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 5/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contracts as presented. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve contracts as presented. Motion Granted 5/0.**
3. Consideration and proposed Board action to determine the method to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees for Position 5 by appointment or special election. **Motion by Trustee Barrera seconded by Trustee Martinez that the Board make an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees for position 5 to be done at the next available Board meeting before September 28, 2024. Motion Granted 5/0.**

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

1. TEA Required School Safety Training for School District Trustees – must be completed by August 31, 2024.

XI. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **7:56 PM**. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 5/0.**

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Minutes Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 September 05, 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  
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. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm – Mr. Victor Cerda, for Mr. Strieber.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication – No one signed up**

**Recognitions –**

1. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass High School Diamond Dance Team for their recognition as Grand Champions at the 2024 Eagle Pass ISD Commuter Dance Camp hosted by MA Dance and other accolades.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Eagle Pass High School Diamond Dance Team for their recognition as Grand Champions at the 2024 Eagle Pass ISD Commuter Dance Camp hosted by MA Dance and other accolades. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of the Eagle pass High Cheer Team for their participation in the NCA Summer Cheer Camp held at CC Winn High School and their accolades.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Eagle Pass High Cheer Team for their participation in the NCA Summer Cheer Camp held at CC Winn High School and their accolades. A group picture was taken.

**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. **Tax Collector's Annual Report for Collections and Transfers.** No questions from the Board.
5. **Report on State Compensatory Education Program Evaluations.** No questions from the Board.
6. **Report of the 2023-2024 State Assessment Scores.** No questions from the Board.

#### V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-02 to levy the 2024 tax roll for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-02 to levy the 2024 tax roll for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and proposed Board action for filling the vacancy on the Board of Trustees by appointment for Position Number 5 in accordance with Section 11.060(a) and (d) of the Texas Education Code. **Tabled to consult with Attorney in closed session.**
3. Administer Oath of Office to new Trustee. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell to table item. Motion Granted 6/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to purchase Credit by Exam Tests for EPISD Secondary Campuses from Texas Tech University and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Perry to purchase Credit by Exam Tests for EPISD Secondary Campuses from Texas Tech University and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy. Motion Granted 6/0.**

#### VI. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 & 2 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD Police Department and the Maverick County Sheriff's Office. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a donation from the Armando Cerna Elementary PTO of a playground estimated value of \$23,100 to be installed at the rear of the school building. **Item previously considered.**

- VII. **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 **6:03 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 Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

VIII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at 6:16 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 Martinez to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 6/0.**

2. Consider and proposed Board action for filling the vacancy on the Board of Trustees by appointment for Position Number 5 in accordance with Section 11.060(a) and (d) of the Texas Education Code. **Motion by Trustee Hiller seconded by Trustee Purcell to appoint Morris Libson Jr. to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and fill vacancy for Position Number 5 in accordance with Section 11.060(a) and (d) of the Texas Education Code. Motion Granted 6/0.**

IX. **Correspondence and Information:** None

X. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 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: \_\_\_\_\_