

**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**The Board of Trustees**  
**Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

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The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Special Meeting on June 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Benson Boardroom, 601 Dean St, Uvalde, TX 78801

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by 6:00 pm.

A. A roll call and establishment of quorum.

Members present: Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, Robert Quinones

Members absent: Cal Lambert

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Pam Bendele, Josie Gutierrez, Mikka Sanchez, Edward Puente, Cash Keith, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Yoli Rodriguez, Lorretta Dalrymple, Rodney Harrison, Wade Miller, Melissa Castaneda, Margaret Tarski, Michel Torres, Vanessa Escamilla, Emma Albarado, Jenieka Rodriguez, Monica Deleon, Nicole Ogburn

Guests present: Michael Robinson, David Mercado, Christine Badillo, Marta Lara, Robert Lara, Hector Gonzales, Hector Luevano, Charlie Downing, Laura Downing, Norma Carranza, Dr. Sandy Zuniga Garza, Anne Rodriguez, Aaron Sutton, Donald Baxter, Lalo Castillo, Amy Franco, Arnulfo Reyes, James Alvarado, Priscilla Moreno, Simon Ortiz, Gladys Gonzalez, Caitlyn Gonzales, Bailey Massey, Ryan Wunder, Hillar Shoemaker, Jo Francis Massey, Lora Ann Fowler, Eilana Romero, Monica Gutierrez, Pauline Garcia, Katie Laffere, Alexandria Wegrzyn, Erika Munoz, Ryan Teague

B. Moment of Silence

The heavenly birthdays of Eliahna Garcia and Jacklyn Cazares were recognized. There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Reverend Mike Marsh

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by the board of trustees.

2. Open Forum

The following spoke in open forum:

- Hector Gonzales - Consent decree and budget
- Diana Olvedo-Karau- Consent decree
- Simon Ortiz - Executive session on Mireles case
- Alexandria Wegrzyn - Board not functioning professionally
- Gloria Leal - Consent decree
- Gabriel Rosales- Consent decree

3. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071

A closed session was held at 6:27 pm.

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, attorney consultation regarding prior litigation DOJ/Mireles vs. UCISD Civil Action #DR-77-CA-20, Consent Decree Compliance

4. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed.

The board reconvened from closed session at 8:56 pm.

A. Consider and take possible action regarding legal matters discussed in closed session related to prior litigation concerning DOJ/Mireles vs. UCISD Civil Action #DR-77-CA-20, Consent Decree Compliance

Legal counsel Christine Badillo has reviewed the matter and stated this is a legitimate board.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to move authorize legal counsel to prepare a pleading including a proposed resolution to be filed in the US District Court for the Western District of Texas to allow Uvalde CISD to return its election system to align more closely with the 1982 Consent Decree. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

5. Consider and take possible action to accept the resignation of trustee Calvin Lambert, MCPO, US (Ret.)

A motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to accept the resignation of trustee Calvin Lambert, MCPO, US (Ret.). The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

6. Superintendent's Report

This item was tabled. Mrs. Chohlis will email the information to the board members.

- A. DOMAIN 1: High quality curriculum and effective instruction
- B. DOMAIN 4: Alignment of financial well being with student achievement
- C. DOMAIN 2: Effective, well supported staff
- D. DOMAIN 3: Positive school culture; safety and security

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Consider approval of Uvalde CISD request for proposals - RFP #240-001

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the awarding of First Class Restaurant Services Co. in the amount of \$156,951.00. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

B. Consider approval of the investment Grade Audit/Energy Services contract

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the contract with Schneider Electric as presented at the April 2025 meeting . The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

C. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of the district's maintenance tax notes, series 2025 in the approximate amount of \$4,100,000; levying a continuing, direct annual

ad valorem tax for maintenance purposes, within the limit prescribed by law; and other matters in connection therewith

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the district's resolution authorizing the issuance of the district's maintenance tax notes, series 2025 in the approximate amount of \$4,100,000; levying a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax for maintenance purposes, within the limit prescribed by law; and other matters in therewith. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

#### D. Consider approval of PFM Financial Advisors

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded Jaclyn Gonzales to approve PFM Financial Advisors as the district's financial advisors for a three year term. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

#### 8. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

##### A. Item of information on proposed policy changes resulting from the recent TASB Policy Review Session

CDC (Local) - "gift that that" remove that

EIE (Local) - Do we have to identify language arts, mathematics, science and social studies? Can we end it at all subject areas?

EIC (Local) - The district shall recognize the top 10 students who have been enrolled continuously enrolled in the District high school for four semesters..... Remove the first enrolled.

A recommendation made by trustee Robert Quinones to have a board workshop to review proposed policy changes resulting from the recent TASB Policy Review Session.

##### B. Discuss and consider transferring hiring authority to the Superintendent from June 5, 2025 through September 1, 2025

The motion was made by Robert Quinones and seconded by Jesse Rizo to recommend the superintendent for hiring authority during the summer months of May to September with the caveat that weekly emails have to come to every board member and if any board member objects to hiring the superintendent will call a board meeting for that or may not. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

#### 9. Consent Agenda:

The following items were pulled:

A. Heavenly birthdays were left off the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2025.

D. Trustee Robert Quinones suggested we let the current police officers be notified that district vehicles will no longer be permitted for take-home use after this school year.

Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales shared concerns about response time and amount of fuel and money spent.

Trustee Jesse Rizo shared his concerns about safety

K. Trustee Quinones shared concerns of grants ending in September with a remaining balance. Pam Bendele responded that some of the grants have a provision to carry over a certain percentage. If there is a balance some of it may be moved to the federal fund without violating guidelines.

L.- Trustee Robert Quinones asked why such a large dip in April. This is due to the Easter holiday and a large amount of threats. Mr. Quinones stated we need a District PEIMS position. We have a District PEIMS Coordinator.

Trustee Jesse Rizo recognized campuses over 90% attendance: Batesville and UDLA

M.-Trustee JJ Suarez is concerned about dress code issues. Mr. Suarez would like for the Police Chief to come in with a plan to help minimize fights and present to the board at the June regular board meeting.

P.- Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales asked if the trainers live in Uvalde, the trainers live in Uvalde.

Trustee Laura Perez suggested maybe start an internship program.

Trustee Jesse Rizo asked about student accident insurance provided by the school district.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting of the board of trustees held on April 14, 2025
- B. Minutes of the special meeting of the board of trustees held on April 24, 2025
- C. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- D. Item of information regarding transportation
- E. Item of information regarding SFE
- F. Item of information on the district's investment activity for April 2025
- G. Item of information on the quarterly investment activity for quarter ending March 2025
- H. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for April 2025
- I. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of March 2025
- J. Item of information on the tax collection activity for April 2025
- K. Item of information for the district's federal program activity for March 2025
- L. Item of information on student attendance
- M. Item of information on student discipline
- N. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for April 2025
- O. Consider approval of budget amendments
- P. Consider approval to contract with Bethpage Consulting, LLC for Athletic Trainer Services
- Q. Consider approval of vendors
- R. Item of information on Title I Notification: Applying for 2025-2026 Federal Entitlements

## 10. Adjournment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with Calvin Lambert absent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm

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Board Secretary

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Date