

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

**STATE OF TEXAS                   §**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO       §**

**December 15, 2016**

**Minutes**

The Board of Directors met on **Thursday, December 15, 2016** at Region One Education Service Center. **Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.** The invocation was given by Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were also led by Board Member, Mr. Pete Garcia.

**Members Present**                   Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Chairperson; Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Secretary; Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Mr. Pete Garcia, Mr. George Banda, Board Members.

**Members Absent**                   Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Mrs. Laura A. McCoy

**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. Amanda Galvan, Ms. Annette S. Garcia, Mr. Hector Gloria, Ms. Melissa Aguero Ramirez, Ms. Angela I. Rocha, staff; Mr. Jose Guerrero, ESC attorney; Mr. Pablo Basaldua, Patillo, Brown & Hill representative; Dr. Daniel Treviño, Silver Trevino, guests.

**Public Comment**                   On behalf of Friends of Texas Public Schools organization, Dr. Daniel Treviño, Mercedes ISD Superintendent of Schools, presented Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez and Region One Education Service with an award in honor for the support and service provided to school districts to ensure their successes.

**Annual Financial Audit Report**                   Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Raul R. Chapa seconded the motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit, as presented. Mr. Pablo Basaldua of ESC's auditing firm, Patillo, Brown & Hill, presented a formal report of the annual audit. Mr. Basaldua reported a clean report for the ESC's Annual Financial Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report**                   **TEA Final 2016 Academic Accountability Ratings**  
Dr. Eduardo Cancino, Region One ESC Deputy Director for Instructional, School Improvement, & College Readiness Support presented an update to the Board on TEA's Final 2016 Academic Accountability Ratings. Dr. Cancino explained that San Perlita ISD appealed their earlier rating and had received notification that the district's rating had been changed to "Met Standard". With the update, 100% of Region One schools achieved the "Met Standard" rating.

**Personnel Matters**

<b>New Employees/ Assignments</b>	<b>Hector Gloria</b> Office of Finance and Internal Support Coordinator - Finance Effective – November 18, 2016
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**Resignations:**

**Bridgette Ochoa**

Office of Early Learning  
Speech Language Pathologist  
Reason: Personal  
Effective – December 29, 2016

**Erica Venessa Trevino**

Office of Early Learning  
ECI Case Manager  
Reason: Personal  
Effective – November 17, 2016

**Yuridia Gandy**

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Coordinator-Instructional Support Division  
Reason: Personal  
Effective – December 16, 2016

**Check Register** – Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Center’s check register for the month of November, 2016 was included for the Board’s review.

**On a motion made by Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez and a second by Mr. Raul R. Chapa, the Board of Directors approved consent agenda Items 7-11 as listed below:**

**Minutes of November 29,  
2016 Board of Directors  
Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2016 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

**Budget Amendments for  
November, 2016**

Approval of the Budget Amendments for November, 2016 as presented.

**Expenditure Reports as of  
November 30, 2016**

Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2016 as presented.

**Annual Investment  
Report**

Approval of the Annual Investment Report as presented.

**Child Nutrition Program-  
South Texas Cooperative  
Food Service Uniforms and  
Marketing Items, Proposal  
15-10-03, E1, Extension  
1 of 2**

Approval of the Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Food Service Uniforms and Marketing Items, Proposal 15-10-03, E1, Extension 1 of 2 to the following vendors: *Patricia Garcia dba Ace Promotions* - San Benito, TX; *Elite Promotions* - Brownsville, TX; *Happy Chef, Inc.* - Butler, NJ; *Kristine L. Keierleber dba K Graphics Posters* - League City, TX; *Payless Shoesource Worldwide, Inc./Payless Gold Value, LLC* - Atlanta, GA; *Lugra Inc. dba Specialty Advertisers* - Brownsville, TX.

**Adjournment to Closed or  
Executive Session Pursuant  
to Texas Government Code  
Sections 551.071, 551.072  
of the Open Meetings Act**

Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Board Chairperson convened the meeting into Executive Session at 4:41 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act for the following purposes:

- A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property

- B. Consultation with legal counsel on pending litigation: Case 7:16-cv-00544; Springboards To Education, Inc. v. Region One Education Service Center, Nora Galvan, Brenda Huston, J. Ann Vega and Laura Sheneman

**Reconvene into Open Session for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

The Board reconvened at 4:45 p.m. and announced in open session the following action on items discussed in Executive Session:

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B. Consultation with legal counsel on pending litigation: Case 7:16-cv-00544; Springboards To Education, Inc. v. Region One Education Service Center, Nora Galvan, Brenda Huston, J. Ann Vega and Laura Sheneman

**No action was taken on items A & B as discussed in Executive Session.**

**Suggestions for Future Meetings**

None

**Announcements**

The following announcements were shared with the Board:

- A. Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez)  
**December, 2016**
- Winter Holiday Break – December 19-30, 2016, Region One ESC Offices Closed
- January, 2017**
- ESC Board of Directors Meeting – January 17, 2017, Region One ESC, Edinburg, Texas

**Adjournment**

Mr. Raul R. Chapa moved and Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr.  
Board Chairperson

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Ricardo Gutierrez  
Board Secretary