

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

☐ Workshop	☒ Regular	☐ Special
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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 SEPTEMBER 09, 2025 (REGULAR), AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 (BOARD WORKSHOP) 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 September 09, 2025 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 – Present
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President – Absent – Entered the meeting at 6:08 PM
Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary – Present
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee – Present
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee – Present
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee – Present

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. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 5:54 PM (see attendance above).
- IV. **Citizen's Communication** – Diana Cruz Montoya, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the lack of air conditioning on school buses.

Recognitions

1. **Recognition of Liberty Elementary Staff for achieving an "A" Rating in the 2025 TEA State Accountability Ratings.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Liberty Elementary Staff for achieving an "A" Rating in the 2025 TEA State Accountability Ratings. 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. **Tax Collector's Annual Report for Collections and Transfers.** No questions from the Board.

5. **Presentation by Gallagher Construction Services regarding its credentials and experience in bond election planning, construction management, and related services, and other matters incident and related hereto.** Gallagher representatives Oscar Saenz, Executive Vice-President, Robb Sidebottom, Director of Business Development and Dr. Chad Jones, Consultant and Retired Superintendent gave a brief presentation on the Bond Election services that they offer. They offer pre-bond election services that include Voter Election Data and Comparison, Community Survey, Marketing, Town Hall Presentations. The post-election bond services they provide include some of the following: A Core Team which consists of Program manager and Project Manager. Scalable Teams: First are Project Controls, which consists of a Manager, Closeout Specialist and Procurement Specialist. Second, is a Finance/Cost Team that includes Project Controls Manager and Cost Manager. Third, is a Time Team of Project Manager and Scheduler. These teams will track, accept value engineering items, contract negotiations, etc. and generate a Value + Report to reflect project savings.

6. **Report of the 2024-2025 State Assessment Scores.** No questions from the Board.

VI. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 – 6 in One Motion. **Motion to approve by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 (Regular) Board Meeting.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-03 to levy the 2025 tax roll for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the service agreement for Fort Duncan Medical Center, LP retroactive to September 1, 2025 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 approval to accept a donation of \$9,784.00 to Armando Cerna Elementary for a welcome sign and cost of installation by the 2024-2025 Armando Cerna Elementary PTO.
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a donation of \$24,262.00 to Benavides Heights Elementary, San Luis Elementary and Rosita Valley Elementary of 15 water fountains to these campuses.
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a donation with a value of \$150.00 of 15 balls by Academy Sports Store to the San Luis Elementary Life Skills class.

- VII. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074, Texas Government Code: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY: Under Section 551.071 Texas Government Code, to have a private consultation with its attorney regarding pending litigation; and 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 **6:47 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071 and §551.074, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Libson. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez – Yes C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will consult with its legal counsel regarding Eagle Pass Independent School District, Plaintiff vs Aguila Constructions GP, LLC, Aguila Constructions, Inc. and Aguila Construction, LP, Rain Seal Master Roofing & Sheet Metal, Arias & Associates, Inc., San Antonio Floor Finisher, Inc. and Concrete FF Enterprises, LLC d/b/a concrete Floor Finishes, Defendants, Cause No. 19-09-37839-MCVAJA and Eagle Pass Independent School District, Plaintiff vs Leyendecker Constructions Inc., and LCI, Inc., d/b/a Leyendecker Construction, Defendants, Cause No. 19-09-37846-MCV-A pursuant to TGC 551.071.

VIII. Open Session: The meeting reconvened at **7:36 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 to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez – Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**
2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Eagle Pass Independent School District, Plaintiff vs Aguila Constructions GP, LLC, Aguila Constructions, Inc. and Aguila Construction, LP, Rain Seal Master Roofing & Sheet Metal, Arias & Associates, Inc., San Antonio Floor Finisher, Inc. and Concrete FF Enterprises, LLC d/b/a concrete Floor Finishes, Defendants, Cause No. 19-09-37839-MCVAJA and Eagle Pass Independent School District, Plaintiff vs Leyendecker Constructions Inc., and LCI, Inc., d/b/a Leyendecker Construction, Defendants, Cause No. 19-09-37846-MCV-A. **Motion by Trustee Perry, to approve the settlement of Cause No. 19-09-37839-MCVAJA and Cause No. 19-09-37846-MCV-A as discussed in closed session, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez – Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Friday – September 12, 2025 – 16 de Septiembre Luncheon – DSC – 11:30 AM
2. Friday – September 19, 2025 – EPISD STAAR Luncheon – DSC – 12:00 Noon
3. Tuesday – September 23, 2025 – Team of 8 and Legislative Update Board Workshop – DSC – 6:00 PM
4. Friday – September 26, 2025 – TEA Rated Liberty Elementary
 1. Pep Rally – 10:00 AM – Liberty Gym
 2. Luncheon – 11:30 AM – Liberty Library

Adjournment:

1. There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez – Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera - Yes

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 Board Workshop on September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President – Present
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President – Present
Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary – Present
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee – Present
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee – Present
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee – Present

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 6:29 PM (see attendance above).
- IV. **Board Workshop – Mr. Michael Derry from the Education Service Center – Region 20 reviewed and discussed with the Board and Superintendent the Legislative Update of the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature. The Education Related Bill Categories that were discussed are the following:**
 - 1) **Safety – School Safety and Security & Student Health** that contained 33 Bills. Some of the bills reviewed in this category were: HB 6 – Discipline and Telehealth Mental Health Services, HB 33 – Active Shooter Incidents at School Facilities, HB 1106 Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect, HB 1458 – Armed Security Officers Required at Public Schools, HB 1586 – Exemptions from Required Immunizations, SB 57 Ensuring Safety of Disabled Individuals During a Drill, Emergency, or Disaster, SB 571 – Reporting and Investigation of Misconduct and Child Abuse and Neglect and SB 920 – Administration of Medication by School Employees.
 - 2) **Learning – Assessment, Accountability & Instruction** had 24 Bills. A few of the ones reviewed in this category were: HB 100 – Instructional Materials Purchase, Adoption, and Use, HB 2310 – Strategic Plan for Young Children with Disabilities, SB 568 – Special Education Funding Reform, SB 1191 – Standard Method for Calculating High School GPA and SB 2398 – Concussions Sustained at a School-related Activity other than an Interscholastic Event.
 - 3) **Governance – District & Charter School Governance & Open Government** contains 33 Bills. In this category the Bills reviewed were: HB 117 Establishes Governor's Task Force on Governance of Early Childhood Education, HB 2495 Student and Parent Rights – Sole Managing Conservator, HB 2788 Fraud Detection and the Public Information Law, SB 10

Display of the Ten Commandments in Classrooms, SB 12 Parental Rights and SB 2986 Religious Organization Use of Public-School Facilities.

- 4) **Money – School Finance & Property Tax** in this category there were 28 Bills. The following Bills were reviewed: HB 2 – Public Education and School Finance, HB 851 – Residence Homesteads and Ad Valorem Tax Benefits, HB 2960 – Choice of Law and Venue for Construction Contracts, SB 260 – School Safety Funding and SB 2185 – Bilingual Education Allotment.
- 5) **People – Human Resources, TRS & Student Specific.** In this category there were 14 Bills. A few of the bills reviewed and discussed are: HB 1178 – Temporary Educator Certificate for Educators Certified by Other States, and SB 2237 – Severance Pay Limits for Executive Employees.
- 6) **89th Session of the Texas Legislature: Special Session (1) Agenda.** It contained nine (9) items. The two that were reviewed were Eliminate STAAR Test and Cut Property Taxes.

Adjournment:

1. **There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Hiller. Motion Passed 7/0. J. Barrera – Yes, H. Martinez – Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, V. Perry – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

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