

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees
Fabens ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Luis “Charlie” Estrada
Orlando Flores
Sylvia Gonzales
Benjamin Morales
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

Members Absent: Adan Escobar

Administrators Present: Mr. Martin Torres Mr. Jesus Barba
Ms. Veronica Brashear Ms. Marlene Bullard
Dr. Ana Galaviz Mr. Justin Kleist
Ms. Sofia Maciel Mr. Richard Orozco
Mr. Michael Perez Ms. Aide Polanco
Dr. Rogelio Segovia Ms. Jessica Yildirim

Maria T. Rodriguz

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Orlando “O.O.” Flores. All members were in attendance except Mr. Benjamin Morales. The Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision statements were recited by all present.

2. Communication and Visitors – 6:31 PM

Under this portion of the meeting, Ms. Sofia Maciel addressed the Board and community present and recognized the departing Board members. She spoke a few words highlighting their service to the district and their support of the students, staff and employees throughout their service.

Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, thanked all members and asked that they remember our Mission and Vision statements. She is grateful for all that has been accomplished and thanked all that have touched her life.

3. Fabens ISD Board of Trustees November 5, 2024 Election – 6:37 PM

3.A. Canvass of Fabens ISD Board Election Results

Board President, Mr. Orlando “O.O.” Flores read the Order declaring the 2024 Election results, the Order was signed by both Mr. Flores and Board Secretary, Mr. Benjamin Morales.

3.B. Resolution Certifying Election Results

Mr. Orlando Flores and Acting Superintendent, Mr. Martin Torres signed off on the resolution certifying the election results after Mr. Flores declared the 2024 Election winners.

3.C. Officer Certificate Signing

Mr. Orlando Flores read the Certificate of Election and provided a copy to each of the newly elected members.

3.D. Statement of Elected Officer

Justice of the Peace Precinct 6 -1, Judge Ruben Lujan, administered the Statement of Elected Officer to each newly elected member and had them sign their statements.

3.E. Administer Oath of Office

Justice of the Peace Precinct 6 -1, Judge Ruben Lujan, administered the Oath of Office to each newly elected member.

3.F. Board Reorganization - Election of Board Officer(s)

President:

Board President, Mr. Orlando Flores, opened the floor for nominations of officers.

Mr. Flores nominated Mr. Greg Spence for President.

Motion Failed: 3 - 4

Voting Against: Estrada, Ornelas, Ramirez, and Sepulveda Ramirez

Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez nominated Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada

Motion Carried: 4 – 3

Voting Against: Flores, Morales and Spence

Vice President:

Mr. Benjamin Morales nominated Mr. Greg Spence

Motion Failed: 3 – 4

Voting Against: Estrada, Ornelas, Ramirez, and Sepulveda Ramirez

Ms. Crystal Ramirez nominated Mr. Angel Ornelas

Motion Carried: 4 – 3

Voting Against: Flores, Morales and Spence

Secretary:

Mr. Benjamin Morales nominated himself.

Motion Failed: 3 – 4

Voting Against: Estrada, Ornelas, Ramirez, and Sepulveda Ramirez

Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez nominated Ms. Crystal Ramirez

Motion Carried: 4 – 3

Voting Against: Flores, Morales and Spence

4. Superintendent Updates / Recognitions – 6:57 PM

4.A. Government Employees Credit Union

Under this portion, Ms. Sofia Maciel, District Media Specialist, recognized Government Employees Credit Union for their support in sponsoring all O'Donnell Intermediate students with a backpack during the Meet your Teacher event.

5. District Employees and Officers

5.A. 2024 - 2025 New Hires

Ms. Aide Polanco, Human Resources Director, recognized our newest hires:

Jason Gonzalez, Security Officer, Amber R. Hooper Sepulveda, FES Aide, Jennifer Murillo, FHS LPAC Aide, Damaris Valdivia, Central Office Receptionist.

6. Consent Agenda

6.A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2024

6.B. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, October 19, 2024

6.C. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, October 26, 2024

6.D. Federal Expenditures

Mr. Orlando Flores made a motion and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Abstaining: G. Spence

7. Student Outcomes

7.A. 2023 - 2024 Elementary and District Accountability Projections and Progress Measures

Under this portion of the meeting, Fabens Elementary Principal, Ms. Veronica Brashear and ODI Assistant Principal, Ms. Marlene Bullard presented their campus Accountability Projections and Progress Measures for 2023 – 2024. During each of their presentations, they answered questions from the Board.

8. Board of Trustees Business

8.A. Fabens ISD 2023 -2024 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Report Based on School Year 2022 - 2023 Data

Mr. Martin Torres, Interim Superintendent, presented the item and reviewed each of the indicators covered in the report. He announced that again Fabens ISD received a Superior Rating and thanked all involved with the work of attaining an excellent rating.

8.B. Discussion and Possible Action on Rescheduling / Canceling Fabens ISD December 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Torres opened the item and announced that the past December agendas had been reviewed and there were no items that needed to be presented. After a short discussion, Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to cancel the December 2024 board meeting.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

8.C. El Paso Central Appraisal District Nominee Ballot and Resolution

Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada opened the item and Mr. Orlando Flores spoke in favor of Mr. Sergio Coronado who has served his community in various positions. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Greg spence seconded to assign all 13 votes / 3 year term for Mr. Sergio Coronado.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to adjourn at 8:17 PM

Motion Carried: 7 - 0