

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
801 NORTH FIRST STREET  
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Larry Cantu, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee  
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent  
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent  
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Erik Gallegos Roxana Ybarra Pam Kwiatkowski  
Adan Botello Anisa Chavera Ruby Garza  
Rachel Moreno Roxanna Cedillo

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 2

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

**2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER**

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0

**VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW**

Trustee Larry Cantu read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

6.0

**SUPERINTENDENT’S CELEBRATION(S)**

6A

**PROUD YOU’RE A PICKER AWARD**

Roxanna Carrillo recognized the following two school district employees that were the recipients of the Proud You’re a Picker Award: 1) Michael Ramon, Technology Department, and 2) Rudy Arredondo, Maintenance and Operations Department.

6B

**RECOGNITION OF RECHS AVR TEAM**

Rachel Medrano recognized the following RECHS students: John Galindo, Aubrea Mungia, Efren Perez, Jayden Rodriguez, Daniel Salazar, Sebastian Tagle, Asher Tooley, Emanuel Villegas, and Nia Zuniga. She announced that on November 5, 2022, the RECHS students made history by competing in the Bell Advanced Vertical Robotics competition held at UT Austin. The students completed various tasks during their time slot to earn the highest number of points using drones and robots. The students were awarded the Exemplary Team Award, and they would find out this week if they qualified to compete at nationals.

6C

**RECOGNITION OF SEALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Gerardo Ledesma reported that the Seale Jr. High School choir students traveled to Veterans Memorial High School, in Corpus Christi, Texas, for the All-Region Choir Auditions on October 8, 2022. Out of the 63 students that auditioned, he was proud to announce that 38 qualified to perform at the All-Region Clinic and Concert. The choir students had to learn five songs, and they are asked to sing certain small sections out of three songs called cuts. He recognized the 38 choir students that were present at the Board meeting.

6D

**RECOGNITION OF RECHS BAND STUDENTS**

Elijah Cutler reported that on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Jazz Band students from RECHS traveled to Texas A & M University Kingsville to compete for a spot on the

ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band. The top chairs also qualified for a spot on the All-Area Band and Texas All-State Jazz Band. The results will be announced soon. He recognized the students that were present for their achievements. Miguel Cabrera reported that on October 26, 2022, Sophomore Sonya Tobias (French Horn) and Junior Angel Garza (Flute) traveled to Laredo to compete for a spot on the TMEA Region 14 All-Region Orchestra. He recognized Angel Garza for placing 16<sup>th</sup> out of 24 flutes, Sonya Tobias placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 19 French Horns, and made the All-Region Orchestra. Sonya will perform with the Region 14 All-Region Orchestra on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Memorial HS in Corpus Christi, Texas. David Hofstetter reported that on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the RECHS Band marched at the UIL Region 14 Marching Contest at Calallen High School. The band received a First Division rating from all three judges. The band will now advance to the UIL Area Marching Contest which will take place at Calallen HS on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. He also recognized some of the band members that were present.

**7.0**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

**7A**

**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS/CANVASSING OF VOTES/SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES**

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a calendar of events to the Board on the upcoming events for the school district. He informed them that they would be having the canvassing of the votes on November 18, 2022, and the swearing-in on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

**7B**

**EDUCATION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Julio Rangel presented the Education Foundation Quarterly Update Report to the Board. He reported that the Education Foundation hired Eva Orona as their new Executive Director. The new officers are Evelyn Villalobos, Bertha Roldan, Victor Pinon, Angel Zuniga, Paula Wakefield, and Abel Silguero. Marcos Alaniz, Roel Aguilar, and Laura Jean Garcia are new board members. Currently, they have 18 Board of Directors, three vacancies, and two out of the three are designated for the school district's board members. Their current budget is \$120,000, their operating budget is \$35,000, and the endowment fund has \$46,500. A total of \$33,000 has been allotted for teacher grants. The money comes from fund raisers and they raised around \$20,000 from the Golf Tournament that was held. This week, they will have the Red and White Day of Giving. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, they will be awarding teacher grants for a total of \$20,948. They also awarded \$10,000 to the school district for district initiatives. A total of two scholarships of \$1000 were awarded to teachers for advanced degrees, and a \$1000 scholarship was awarded to a teachers aide that is pursuing a teaching degree. New teachers were awarded \$100 to start of the new school year. By the end of the school year, they have already awarded \$145,00 to the school district since 2017. They have started working on the banquet that they have in April every year. Their guest speaker will be Yvonne Vigue Brody.

**7C**

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK – NOVEMBER 14-18, 2022**

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that they would be having an Open House during the

week of American Education Week – November 14-18, 2022. He presented a copy of the Open House schedule to the Board.

- 7D           **THANKSGIVING BREAK – NOVEMBER 21-25, 2022**  
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the school district will have a complete shutdown during the week of November 21-25, 2022, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
- 7E           **CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 19, 2022 – JANUARY 2, 2023 (PAYROLL PERIODS: DECEMBER 9, 2022, AND DECEMBER 16, 2022)**  
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the Christmas break would be from December 19, 2022, through January 2, 2023. The payroll periods are December 9, 2022, and December 16, 2022.
- 7F           **TEAM OF 8 BOARD WORKSHOP**  
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that once the Board of Trustees had been established that he would be scheduling a Team of 8 Workshop.
- 7G           **SUPERINTENDENT SCORE CARD REPORT**  
Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the school district’s actual enrollment was 2526, at this time. The school district’s attendance percentage for the first six weeks was 89.39% and for the second six weeks 88.025%. The goal for the school district was 90%. He reviewed the truancy for the first semester, the discipline referral report for 2022-2023 for the elementary and secondary campuses, and the social worker’s data with the Board.
- 7H           **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**  
Ronald Robles presented an up-to-date report on the school district’s facilities and operations. He reviewed the process that they currently have on the purchase orders with the Board; however, he was looking into Euphoria to see what other fields could be used for the process of the purchase orders. The program currently did not include completion of work orders and how long they have been there. After he meets with Richard Gonzalez and Rachel Moreno, he will get back with them because he would like to include functions that state when a purchase order has been opened and closed. The stadium lights have been replaced, the baseball lights were under warranty, the baseball scoreboard was rewired, the sliding door at Salazar has been fixed, in September they mowed 160 acres and in October they mowed 240 acres. At the present time, the school district has five bus routes, but they have a lot of students, so they need one more bus. He reviewed with the Board a revised bus schedule that will be posted on the school district’s website.
- 7I           **E-RATE REPORT**  
Richard Gonzalez reported that he would be going out for RFPs for E-Rate 26. They are planning on updating the infrastructure at the RECHS and Seale Jr. High School. The equipment for Robert Driscoll and Seale Jr. High School is still on backorder. Over the last couple of years, they have been rebuilding the infrastructure for the school district.



Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the Board had given the administration the authority to go out for competitive sealed proposals as far as the process for procurement for the RECHS Pavement Project. The administration is requesting the Board's approval for them to have the flexibility not only to go with the competitive sealed proposal but to go with another delivery method for the procurement of construction services for the RECHS Pavement Project. Vanessa Riggs reported that under Board Policy CV (LOCAL) it states that the superintendent shall propose or recommend the delivery method on how to procure services. The Board previously approved the CSP however, they are asking that it be modified by the Board through board action to allow them to issue the CSP or use an inter-local agreement. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7088 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to modify the previous action that took place on October 10, 2022, Board meeting in which they selected competitive sealed proposals as the construction method for the paving behind the band hall and further move that the Board approve the use of interlocal agreement or competitive sealed proposals for the procurement of construction services for the paving project.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
7:53 p.m.

**10.0** **INSTRUCTION**

10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFIED SCHEDULE/STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING DAYS WAIVER  
The following motion was made on this item.

Motion #7089 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the administration's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
7:54 p.m.

**11.0** **CLOSED SESSION**

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES  
11B DISCUSSION REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT INTRUDER AND REGION II SAFETY SELF AUDIT

Motion #7090 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.076.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
7:58 p.m.

Motion #7091 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene back from executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
8:43 p.m.

**12.0** **OPEN SESSION**

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES  
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in executive session.

Motion #7092 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
8:44 p.m.

**13.0** **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7093 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
8:45 p.m.

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ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
801 NORTH FIRST STREET  
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Larry Cantu, Vice-President  
Bobby Marroquin – Asst. Secretary  
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee  
Hector Lopez, Trustee  
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent

VISITORS: Erik Gallegos Mario Mesa, Jr.

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 1:15 p.m., Secretary Cezar Martinez called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Absent, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Absent, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Absent

Present – 2

Absent – 5

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are not present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Trustee Cezar Martinez announced that they would not be conducting official school business therefore a quorum was not required; however, there must be at least two board members present to canvass the election. There were two board members present – President Lori Ann Garza and himself.

**2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

Secretary Cezar Martinez led the board members and the public in a prayer.



**3.0** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

Secretary Cezar Martinez led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0** **VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

President Lori Ann Garza read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW**

President Lori Ann Garza read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

**5.0** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

**6.0** **GOVERNANCE**

**6A** **CANVASS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR THE ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Trustee Cezar Martinez reported that the results had been submitted by Kara Sands, County Election Officer for Nueces County, Texas. He presented the following results for the Robstown ISD School Board Election for Place 5, Place 6 & Place 7:

For Board of Trustee Place 5:

	<u>Absentee Voting</u>		<u>Early Voting</u>		<u>Election Day</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Bertha Roldan	129	63.55%	831	48.23%	391	48.33%	1351	49.40%
Erik Gallegos	74	36.45%	892	51.77%	418	51.67%	1384	50.60%

Secretary Cezar Martinez declared Erik Gallegos winner for Place 5 Board of Trustees with 1384 votes.

For Board of Trustee Place 6:

	<u>Absentee Voting</u>		<u>Early Voting</u>		<u>Election Day</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Lori Ann Garza	97	47.55%	1089	63.09%	524	64.22%	1710	62.27%
Eva E. Orona	107	52.45%	637	36.91%	292	35.78%	1036	37.73%

Secretary Cezar Martinez declared Lori Ann Garza winner for Place 6 Board of Trustees with 1710 votes.

For Board of Trustee Place 7:

	<u>Absentee Voting</u>		<u>Early Voting</u>		<u>Election Day</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Mario Mesa, Jr.	107	53.77%	995	59.30%	464	58.81%	1566	58.74%
Yvette Villalobos	92	46.23%	683	40.70%	325	41.19%	1100	41.26%

Secretary Cezar Martinez declared Mario Mesa, Jr. winner for Place 7 Board of Trustees with 1566 votes.

Secretary Cezar Martinez and President Lori Ann Garza officially accepted the results of the November 8, 2022, School Board Election for the Robstown Independent School District Place 5, Place 6 & Place 7.

After the presentation of the election results, President Lori Ann Garza read the following statement from Kara Sands: "I, Kara Sands, County Election Officer for Nueces County, Texas, do certify that the following are a true and accurate statement of the votes cast in the various precincts of Nueces County for the General Election held on November 8, 2022."

Secretary Cezar Martinez reiterated that they did not conduct official school business so, a quorum was not required. However, two board members were required to conduct the canvassing of the election results. The results were canvassed by President Lori Ann Garza and himself.

## 7.0

### ADJOURNMENT

The canvassing of the votes was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
801 NORTH FIRST STREET  
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 30, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Larry Cantu, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Bertha Roldan, Trustee  
Hector Lopez, Trustee (Video Conference)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent  
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent  
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Adan Botello Jaime Velasco Maribel Trevino  
Lisa Persyn Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gallegos Roxanna Carrillo

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Present, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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**2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a prayer.

**3.0** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0** **VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW**

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

**5.0** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments from the audience.

Dr. Jose Moreno requested a personal point of privilege to recognize the school district’s students. He recognized the Culinary Team from the RECHS led by Irma Elizondo for preparing the meals for the Board meetings. He thanked them for their service. He also recognized Team Atlas from RECHS Robotics Club for making the news for the first time at Robstown ISD. The team will be competing at the National level in Arlington, Texas on December 3, 2022, so he wanted to recognize them. At the last board meeting, the team was recognized; however, they just found out that they will be competing at nationals. A pep rally will be held at the RECHS gym on Thursday at 3:15 p.m. He wanted to congratulate them and to let them know that they were very proud of them.

**6.0** **RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE: TRUSTEE BERTHA ROLDAN AND TRUSTEE ISMAEL GONZALEZ**

Dr. Jose Moreno presented Trustee Bertha Roldan with a plaque for eight years of service on the Robstown ISD Board of Trustees. She was also presented with a school district’s rocking chair. The students from the Seale Jr. High School Guitar Class played a song for Trustee Roldan. Board members thanked her for her service and time on the Board. Students were also present to express how thankful they were for her support and wished her the best of luck. Trustee Ismael Gonzalez was not able to attend the meeting.

Motion #7094 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marrquin to take a short recess.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:21 p.m.

Motion #7095 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to reconvene from the short recess

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:23 p.m.

**7.0 GOVERNANCE**

7A ISSUE STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICER AND CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

7B ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Armando Gonzalez administered the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to the newly elected board members: Place 5: Erik Gallegos and Place 7: Mario Mesa, Jr. Judge Roberto Gonzalez administered the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to re-elected Place 6 Board Member: Trustee Lori Ann Garza.

7C APPROVE BOARD OFFICERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY BDAA (LEGAL AND LOCAL) AND SECTION 11.061 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE

President Lori Ann Garza read the following officer positions and their duties: “President of the Board shall preside at all board meetings unless unable to attend, have the right to discuss, make motions and resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board. The Vice-President of the Board shall act in the capacity and perform the duties of the President of the Board in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, and become president only upon being elected to the position. The Secretary of the Board shall: ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of each board meeting, ensure that notices of the Board meetings are posted and sent as required by law, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, call the meeting to order and act as presiding officer, and sign or countersign documents as directed by action of the Board. The Assistant Secretary shall perform all of the Secretary’s duties in the absence of the Secretary.” President Lori Ann Garza asked for motion for nomination for officers.

Motion #7096 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos seconded by Trustee H. Lopez to keep the Board as is: President, Lori Ann Garza; Vice-President, Larry Cantu; Secretary, Cezar Martinez; and Assistant Secretary, Bobby Marroquin.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes



ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
801 NORTH FIRST STREET  
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 5, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President (Video Conference)  
Larry Cantu, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Erik Gallegos, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Jr., Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent  
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Greg Maxim	Chris Phelan	Dorothy Pena
	Mary Ann Saenz	Roxanne Carrillo	Richard Gonzalez
	Adrianna Tagle	Errol Summerlin	Dr. Jonathan Cortez

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 p.m., Vice-President Larry Cantu called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, Hector Lopez– Absent, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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**2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

Trustee Erik Gallegos led the board members and the public in a prayer.

**3.0** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

Vice-President Larry Cantu led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0** **VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW**

Trustee Bobby Marroquin read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

**5.0** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Trustee Cezar Martinez informed the public that “The Robstown ISD Board of Trustees welcomes comments from citizens on any agenda items or non-agenda items. Those wishing to address the school board must provide their name for the record and observe a three-minute time limit. During this time, the Board of Trustees may not respond to the citizen’s concerns as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.”

Errol Summerlin, resident of Portland, expressed his concerns in referenced to the public not being fully informed and not having an opportunity to comment on any actions that the Board might take on any further industrial development. Chris Philan expressed his concerns in referenced to the Chapter 313 agreements that were on the agenda. He asked the Board not to approve them because they were not in best interest of the school district. Dorothy Pena expressed her concerns in referenced to the Chapter 313 items on the agenda, and she asked them not to approve them because it would harm the planet. Dr. Jonathan Cortez expressed his opposition to approving the Chapter 313 for Tesla.

Motion #7098 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to go into the Public Hearing.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:16 p.m.

**6.0** **INSTRUCTION**

**6A** PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FIRST (FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS) RATING

Vanessa Riggs reported that the hearing was for the 2021-2022 Financial Integrity



Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The primary goal of the FIRST Rating is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources, which is more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with the Texas School Finance System, and the FIRST accountability rating ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently. TEA developed the FIRST Rating as a response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999. The rating is issued in 2022 and covers fiscal year 2021. The possible ratings are: Superior Achievement (90-100), Above Standard Achievement (80-89), Meets Standard Achievement (70-79), and Substandard Achievement (0-69). The school district must pass indicators 1-5 or the district will receive an F for Substandard Achievement regardless of how many points they earned. The school district is scored on twenty indicators and five are critical indicators, and six are ceiling indicators. She reviewed all twenty indicators with the Board and the school district passed with 92 points for a Superior Achievement.

Motion #7099 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to close the Public Hearing.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:27 p.m.

**7.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT**

**7A APPROVAL OF THE RISD FIRST RATING (FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS)**

Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion to approve the RISD FIRST Rating as presented at the Public Hearing.

Motion #7100 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the RISD FIRST Rating as presented at the Public Hearing.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:28 p.m.

**7B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS #15, #16, & #17**

Vanessa Riggs presented the following three Budget Amendments #15, #16, & #17 for the Board's review and approval: 1) Budget Amendment #15 for \$20,948.21 to budget for a donation from the Education Foundation, 2) Budget Amendment #16 for \$10,000 to budget for a donation from Port of Corpus Christi for Seale Jr.

High School, and 3) Budget Amendment #17 for \$1000 to budget for a donation received from HEB for Robert Driscoll Elementary School. After discussion, Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

Motion #7101 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the Budget Amendments #15, 16 & #17 as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:29 p.m.

7C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

Vanessa Riggs reported that as per TEA guidelines school districts must be audited on an annual basis by an external auditor. Phil Vaughn from Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates presented the school district’s annual financial audit report for September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. He reported that his job was to make sure that the school district’s annual report was accurate. The school district received a clean report which is what they would want to get, and it means that they agree with the report. As they conduct the audit, they look at what the school district is doing and what they should be doing differently. There were no major findings. The Food Service Department budget has increased by over four months of operating costs. The TDA regulations consider any fund balance over three months to be excessive and a required correction plan needs to be developed to utilize the funds to reduce the balance. The school district’s revenues in the General Fund went down a little less than \$600,000 compared to last school year; however, the expenditures were also under budgeted. They were able to add \$2.8 million to the Fund Balance for a total of around \$14 million, which is six months salaries and some of it has been earmarked for general purposes. The school district has a healthy fund balance. He expects that the school district will get a 94-score next school year on the FIRST Rating. If the school district has a healthy fund balance, they should continue passing the FIRST Rating. After discussion, Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for motion to approve the RISD Annual Financial Audit as presented.

Motion #7102 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the audit as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:38 p.m.

**8.0** **INSTRUCTION**  
8A **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ROBSTOWN ISD APPRAISERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**  
Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion to approve the following two Robstown ISD Appraisers for the 2022-2023 School Year: 1) Jaime Velasco and 2) Adrianna Tagle.

Motion #7103 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the two additional appraisers: 1) Jaime Velasco and 2) Adrianna Tagle as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:40 p.m.

**9.0** **CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.072 AND 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

9A PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 AND 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE BOARD WILL ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DICIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

9B PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087, CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313 APPLICATIONS FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION SUBMITTED BY PERMICO MIDSTREAM, LLC AND AN AGREEMENT

9C PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087, CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313 APPLICATIONS FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION SUBMITTED BY TESLA, INC. AND AN AGREEMENT

Motion #7104 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.087, and 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa– Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:41 p.m.

Motion #7105 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to reconvene back from executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:37 p.m.

**10.0 OPEN SESSION**

10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the appointments, employments, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees as discussed in executive session.

Motion #7106 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the Personnel List as discussed in executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:38 p.m.

10B CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICATION AND PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR TAX VALUE LIMITATION WITH PERMICO MIDSTREAM, LLC AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 313

Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion on this item.

Motion #7107 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adopt the findings required under Chapter 313 related to the Application for Value Limitation submitted by Permico, LLC as presented and to authorize the Board President to execute the findings on behalf of the Board.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:45 p.m.

10C CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TAX VALUE LIMITATION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH PERMICO MIDSTREAM, LLC

Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion on this item.

Motion #7108 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the Tax Value Limitation Application and Agreement with Permico

Midstream, LLC as presented and to authorize the Board President to execute the same.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:47 p.m.

10D **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICATION AND PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR TAX VALUE LIMITATION With TESLA, INC., AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 313**  
Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion on this item.

Motion #7109 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adopt the findings required under Chapter 313 related to the Application for Value Limitation submitted by Tesla, Inc. as presented and to authorize the Board President to execute the findings on behalf of the Board.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:59 p.m.

10E **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TAX VALUE LIMITATION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH TESLA, INC.**  
Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion on this item.

Motion #7110 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the Tax Value Limitation Application and Agreement with Tesla, Inc., as presented and to authorize the Board President to execute the same.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:00 p.m.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7111 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried  
8:01 p.m.

Yes – 6

No - 0

Absent – 1

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 12-05-2022 except for the executive session.)