

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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(A) ☐ Report Only☐ Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

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(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 DECEMBER 9, 2025 (REGULAR), AND JANUARY 13, 2026 (REGULAR) BOARD MEETINGS.

(C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

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(D) Clarification: Explain any questions or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

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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 Regular Board Meeting on December 09, 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
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee
Mr. Morris Libson Jr., Board Trustee
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee

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 6:01 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 6:02 P.M. (see attendance above).
- IV. **Citizen's Communication** – No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of the Dena Kelso Graves Elementary Cheer Team for winning 1st place at the Redline Fall Classic in the School Novice Division in San Antonio, Texas.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Dena Kelso Graves Elementary Cheer Team for winning 1st place at the Redline Fall Classic in the School Novice Division in San Antonio, Texas. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of the Dena Kelso Graves Elementary Dance Team for winning 1st place at the redline Classic in the School Pom Division in San Antonio, Texas.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Dena Kelso Graves Elementary Dance Team for winning 1st place at the redline Classic in the School Pom Division in San Antonio, Texas. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of sixteen (16) CC Winn High School students for being awarded the School Recognition Award, National First-Generation Recognition Award, or the National Rural & Small-Town Award (NRTSA) by the College Board.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized sixteen (16) CC Winn High School students for being awarded the School Recognition Award, National First-

Generation Recognition Award, or the National Rural & Small-Town Award (NRTSA) by the College Board. A group picture was taken.

4. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Band for obtaining a Sweepstakes Award by receiving a Superior Rating (1st Division); placing 1st Place at the UISD Marching Festival and advancing to the area competition.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized CC Winn High School Band for obtaining a Sweepstakes Award by receiving a Superior Rating (1st Division); placing 1st Place at the UISD Marching Festival and advancing to the area competition. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Varsity Volleyball players Seniors Ximena Castillo and Carissa Morin for receiving THSCA Academic All-State Second Team Recognition.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Varsity Volleyball players Seniors Ximena Castillo and Carissa Morin for receiving THSCA Academic All-State Second Team Recognition. A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Sophomore Alex Alvarez for making it to the State Cross Country Championship for the second year in a row.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Sophomore Alex Alvarez for making it to the State Cross Country Championship for the second year in a row. A group picture was taken.
7. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Varsity Cross Country Team for advancing to Regionals.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Varsity Cross Country Team for advancing to Regionals. A group picture was taken.
8. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band for advancing for the 44th year to the UIL Area Contest with Superior rating from all judges from the Region 11 UIL Marching Contest in San Antonio.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band for advancing for the 44th year to the UIL Area Contest with Superior rating from all judges from the Region 11 UIL Marching Contest in San Antonio. A group picture was taken.
9. **Recognition of the 2025 Accountability Rating and Distinctions.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the 2025 Accountability Rating and Distinctions. 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.

VI. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Annual Financial Audit for the Year ended August 31, 2025. Mr. Roberto Carter Jr. from Leal & Carter, P.C. gave a brief presentation. Motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit for the Year ended August 31, 2025 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
(For details regarding their comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

Board decided to take action items out of order by addressing Action Items #3, #4, #5 and then addressing Action Item #2 at the end.

2. Consider and take possible action to select vendor based on competence and qualifications for request for qualifications No. 262512 for Bond Election planning and program management services.

AG/CM Project Management

Kendra Hickman - Director of Operations for AG/CM South Texas Region

Oscar Pettis – Consultant

Roberto Canales – Project Manager

Veronica Longoria – Client Relations

Gallager Construction Management

Rob Sidebottom – Director of Business Development

Dr. Chad Jones – Consultant and Retired Superintendent

Dr. Ashley Stewart, EdD. – Director of Bond Planning

Oscar Saenz – Executive Vice-President

Todd Cason – Project Manager

Karina Ibarra – Project Manager

All questions from the Board were addressed.

(For details regarding their comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

(Motion was made during Open Session)

Motion to select vendor AGCM based on competence and qualifications for request for qualification for No. 262512 for Bond Election planning and program management services by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 262311 for Eagle Pass Junior High Field House remodel and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and to amend the Budget accordingly to include matters related to this project and to make the final payment for services. Motion to award by Trustee Gonzalez,

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

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 262411 for Memorial Junior High Field House remodel and Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH and to amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to this project and to make the final payment for services. **Motion to award 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**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the Targeted Improvement Plan for Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary as per TEC 39.A.055. **Motion to approve by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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**

VII. **Consent Items**

The Board heard Consent Items after Agenda Item VIII. Closed Session. It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 – 4 in One Motion.

(Motion was made during Open Session)

Motion to approve by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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 November 11, 2025 (Regular) Board Meeting.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy Update 126 as received from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Resolution 2025/2026-09 to approve Eagle Pass ISD Purchasing Director to serve on the Board of the TASB Energy Cooperative.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budgets.

VIII. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:45 PM pursuant to Section §551.071 Consultation with Attorney and §551.074 Personnel Matters, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Martinez. 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 attorney regarding pending construction litigation cases and settlement of Cause No. 19-09-37839-MCVAJA (Cerna), Cause No. 19-09-37841-MCVAJA

(RVE), Cause No. 19-09-37847 (RVLA) and the status of Cause No. 190-09-37846-MCV (SAC) and Cause No. 19-09-37845-MCVAJA (Perfecto Mancha) pursuant to TGC 551.071.

3. The Board will hear the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.

The following item was added during the meeting by Board request.

4. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding Agenda Action Item #2 pursuant to TGC 551.071.

- IX. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **8:57 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

Consent Items

See Agenda Item VII above.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session II at **9:05 PM** pursuant to Section §551.071 and §551.074, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee Barrera seconded by Trustee Martinez. 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**

Open Session II: The meeting reconvened at **9:23 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. **Motion to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Hiller 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 on the request to approve the settlement of Cause No. 19-09-37839-MCVAJA (Cerna), Cause No. 19-09-37841-MCVAJA (RVE), Cause No. 19-09-37847 (RVLA). **No action was taken.**

- X. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Friday, December 12th – Food Service Posada – 1:30 PM – SAC Fine Arts Center
2. Monday, December 15th – Maintenance Posada – 12:00 Noon – SAC Fine Arts Center
3. Wednesday, December 17th – Transportation Posada – 1:00 PM – Transportation Dept.
4. Thursday, December 18th – DSC Christmas Breakfast – 8:30 AM – Board Room
5. Friday, December 19th – DSC Christmas Brunch – 11:00 AM – Board Room
6. Christmas Holidays – December 22nd – January 2nd.

7. EPISD Tax Office – Closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays as follows:

- Wednesday, December 24th to Friday, December 26th, 2025
- Wednesday, December 31st to Friday, January 2nd, 2026

The three (3) tax offices will resume regular business hours Monday, January 5, 2026

XI. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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: _____

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 January 13, 2026 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
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee
Mr. Morris Libson Jr., Board Trustee
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee

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 6:00 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 6:01 P.M. (see attendance above).
- IV. **Citizen's Communication** – No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

Recognitions –

1. **Students, Administrators, Staff and Superintendent of the Eagle Pass Independent School District recognize the School Board in accordance with the School Board Recognition Month.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer announced January as Board Recognition Month. Eagle pass ISD along with many districts throughout the state of Texas recognize their Board Members' during the January Regular Board Meeting. The Board Recognition theme this year was "Our Future Is Public". Board members were given appreciation gifts and addressed by students and thanked for everything they do for students and staff. Group pictures were 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. **Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all funds for the Quarter ended November 30, 2025.** No questions from the Board.

VI. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a contract with Gallagher Construction Company, LP pursuant to RFQ 262512 for Bond Election Planning and Program Management Services subject to final review by the District's Legal Counsel. **Trustee Martinez, moved that the Board rescind the action taken at the December 2025 Board meeting to select ACGM as a vendor for RFQ262512 and instead approve a contract with Gallagher Construction pursuant to RFQ262512, 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**

All questions from the Board were addressed.

(For details regarding all comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the E-Rate Year 2026 application. **Motion to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, 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**
3. Consider and possible action to grant an easement and right of way to AEP – Texas to provide electrical power to EPHS Cheer and Dance gym. **Motion to grant by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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**

VII. Consent Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve update to Board Policy CH (Local) to make consistent with Board Policy CH (Legal). **Motion to approve by Trustee Libson, seconded by Trustee Perry. 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**

- VIII. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **7:17 PM** pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee JC Barrera, 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**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

- IX. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:26 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. **Motion to approve by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Libson 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**

X. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – MCJLS Jesus “Chuy” Sanchez Memorial Cowboy Breakfast – Show Barn – 7:00 AM
2. Friday, January 23, 2026 – No school – stock show

XI. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **7:27 PM**. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Perry, 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

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____