

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**(Minutes conducted via electronic voting)**

**COUNTY OF CAMERON**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the **26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026**, the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District met in a **Special Called Board Meeting** at the Administration Building, 1900 Price Road, Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that came before the Board and with the following to wit:

**PRESENT:**

Daniella Lopez Valdez	President
Frank Ortiz	Vice-President
Minerva Pena	Secretary
Carlos Elizondo	Board Member (Via Zoom)
Denise Garza	Member
Jessica Gonzalez	Member
Neida Ruth Grantland	Member

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. Alda T. Benavides	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Eric Flores	Attorney for the Board

**ALSO ABSENT:**

None

**WHEREUPON**, a quorum being present and it appearing before the Board, it is hereby so found that notice of this **Special Called Board Meeting** has been duly given in the manner and for the length of time as prescribed by law. The meeting was called to order and declared ready for the transaction of business with the following to wit:

- I. Meeting called to order by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Moment of Silence led by Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President.**
- IV. Roll Call. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board Member announced that all Trustees were present, Mr. Carlos Elizondo will participate via zoom.**
- V. Recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2026, with any corrections/deletions.**

**Motion made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Daniella Lopez Valdez, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2026 with no corrections/deletions as stated by Administration. (7-0-0)**

- VI. **Recommend approving the minutes with any corrections:**
- A. Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting held Wednesday, March 4, 2026
  - B. Regular Board Meeting held Tuesday, April 7, 2026
  - C. Special Called Board Meeting held Thursday, April 23, 2026

**Motion made by Neida Ruth Grantland, seconded by Denise Garza, and unanimously carried to recommend approval of the minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and the Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, April 23, 2026. (7-0-0)**

- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment Speakers signed up.**

The Board President shall determine if the topic shall be redirected to the appropriate policy or redirected to Administration. Comments on issues shall be constructive and courteous.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Robert's Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for three minutes on the first speaking opportunity and two minutes on the second opportunity.

*Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent left meeting at 5:33 p.m.*

- VIII. **CLOSED MEETING:** as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084. 5:33 p.m.

A. **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:**

- 1. Discussion with legal counsel and review of the applicants for the position of Superintendent.

- IX. **BOARD RECONVENES - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session. 6:08 p.m.**

A. **Discussion and possible action on matters related to Superintendent Search.**  
**(No action taken)**

Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, there will be no action, we have discussed and we will continue to move with the process as the timeline says.

**Mr. Carlos Elizondo left meeting at 6:08 p.m.**

- X. **Adjournment.**

**Motion was made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Neida Ruth Grantland, and unanimously carried to recommend approval adjourning the meeting at 6:08 P.M. (6-0-0)**

➤ **There being no further business appearing before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.**

**(HANDOUTS ADDED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES)**

**(AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OF THE OPEN MEETING AND THE WRITTEN CERTIFIED AGENDA  
OF THE CLOSED MEETING ARE ON FILE)**

**Approved by:**

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**Daniella Lopez Valdez, President of the Board**

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**Date**

**Attested by:**

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**Minerva Pena, Secretary of the Board**

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**Date**

**Notes: Font style designation**

Board of Trustees

**Administration**

*Board Attorney*

***Staff Attorney***

Speaker/Presenter

**(Minutes presented at Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting held on June 24, 2026)**