

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

A. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz

Members absent: Robert Quinones

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Anne Marie Espinoza, Norma De La Fuente, Zeke De La Fuente, David Zamora, Mikka Sanchez, Mario Rangel, Edward Puente, Jorge Johnson, Margaret Tarski, Patricia Merlos, Sandra Gonzales, Isidro Escamilla, Bryan Perez, Andi Guerrero, Jennifer Torres, Jorge Cerna, Rodney Harrison, Susan Bineham, Jennifer Torres, Andi Guerrero

Guests present: Natalie Arias, Norma Carranza, Richard Causey, Fernando Fernandez, Kelly Earnhardt, Jason Cortez, Kathy Cortez, Russell Becker, Nichole Becker, Hector Gonzales, Alejandro Rodriguez, Carlos Rodriguez, Emily Gonzalez, MSgt. Kenneth Childs, Bill Chase, Teresa Childs, Sergio Ortiz, Jackie Rendon, Ana Hernandez, Sonia G, Jimmy Castillon, Gracy Castillon, Jill Saucer, Vanessa Briones, Melinda Korczynski, Ashley Smaistria, Navyaa Garg, Noopur Garg, Kathleen Maxwell-Rambie, Gabby Torres, Valerie Torres, Josh Torres, Deyanira Salazar, Roxann Earnhardt

B. Moment of Silence

Please bow your head for a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

The heavenly birthdays of Xavier Lopez and Eva Mireles were recognized.

C. The invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie.

D. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Cayleb Luna and Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Lucas Teague.

2. Board Recognition

UIL Wrestling State Championships:

Alejandro Rodriguez

Carlos Rodriguez

Emily Gonzalez

Head Coach MSgt. Kenneth Childs

Assistant Coach Bill Chase

Assistant Coach Teresa Childs

UIL State Mariachi Festival

Samantha Cerna
 Mateo Montalvo
 Encarnacion Guevara
 Esmerai Martinez
 Lezley Boites
 Daniel Chavez
 Karly Garcia
 Ethan Hernandez
 Patrick Howard

Jocelyn Rendon
 Grayce Castillon
 Abigail Lopez
 Alexis Martinez
 Sofia Talaver
 Director of Performing Arts and Mariachi Director
 Albert Martinez

3. Drawing for the order of names to be placed on the ballot for the May 2, 2026 School Board Election

A drawing for order of names to be placed on the ballot for the May 2, 2026 School Board Election was held in open session. The drawing was conducted by Anne Marie Espinoza, Laura Perez and Mikka Sanchez. The order is as follows:

At Large

1. Natalie Arias

East Zone

1. Sergio R Ortiz
 2. Fernando Fernandez
 3. Richard Causey
 4. Russell Becker

West Zone

1. Erika Ayala Munoz
 2. Kelly Denise Earnhardt
 3. Jason Cortz
 4. Norma Carranza

4. Open Forum

- Gabriella Torres - 7B
- Navyaa Garg - 7D
- Ashley Smaistra - 6 a & b
- Vanessa Briones - 6 a & b
- Atlee Korczynski - 7D
- Matt Hughes - 7D
- Selena Vasquez - Well being of children
- Melinda Korczynski - 7D
- Katherine Rodriguez - 9B

5. Public Hearing for the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Amy Graeber presented the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

6. Superintendent's Report

A. DOMAIN 1: High quality curriculum and effective instruction

a.Information item: GPA update

b.Information item: CTE and Dual Credit

B.DOMAIN 2: Effective, well supported staff

C.DOMAIN 3: Positive school culture; safety and security

a.Information on technology safety update

D. DOMAIN 4: Alignment of financial well being with student achievement

7. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Discuss and consider approval for library materials.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the library materials for the 2026-2027 school year. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

B. Discuss and consider approval of HB3 Reading Academies.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the expenditure of \$12,000 for meadow center and \$47,500 for totaling 59,500 from State Compensatory funding for the HB3 required Reading Academies. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

C. Discuss and consider approval of the Uvalde CISD 2026-2027 Academic Calendar.

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the Uvalde CISD 2026-2027 Academic Calendar option C as presented. Jaclyn Gonzales voted against, Javier Flores voted for, Jesse Rizo voted against, JJ Suarez voted for, and Erika Munoz voted for. The motion carried 3/2 with Robert Quinones absent.

D. Discuss and consider approval of transfer students' junior high school, advanced level course credits to be weighted the same as UCISD students, junior high school advanced level course credits, regardless of being labeled "Honors".

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Jesse Rizo to decline the administration recommendation to accept the transfer students coming in are not to receive the honors credit. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

8. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Discuss and consider approval of the updated Facilities Lease Agreement between UCISD and The El Progreso Library.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve the updated Facilities Lease Agreement between UCISD and The El Progreso Library. Jaclyn Gonzales voted against, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion carried 4/1 with Robert Quinones absent.

B. Discuss and consider approval of Garza/Gonzalez & Associates as the districts' auditor for the year ending August 31, 2026.

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve Garza/Gonzalez & Associates as the districts' auditor for the year ending August 31, 2026. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

C. Discuss and consider approval of an amendment to the 2025-2026 approved stipends and pay rates.

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the 2025-2026 stipends and pay rates as presented and to incorporate an increase the stipend to \$3,500 for the Interim CFO. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

D. Discuss and consider approval of employee compensation during Ransomware Emergency Closure.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve employee compensation for Nonexempt Employees in accordance with Board Policy DEA (LOCAL). Jaclyn Gonzales voted against, Javier Flores voted for, Jesse Rizo voted against, JJ Suarez voted for, and Erika Munoz voted for. The motion carried 3/2 with Robert Quinones absent.

E. Discuss and consider approval of budget amendments.

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment #3 and the Food Service Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

F. Discuss and consider approval of Region 20 service contract for CFO Consultant.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve the Region 20 service contract for the CFO. Jesse Muniz will work three days a week. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

9. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Item of information regarding Intruder Detection Audit at UHS

Mrs. Chohlis reported to the board that on January 13, 2026 Uvalde High School was visited by the Texas Education Agency to conduct an unannounced intruder detection audit. The campus had a finding in Phase I. The campus

B Discuss and consider a Resolution regarding adoption of a policy providing a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text pursuant to Texas Education Code §25.0823.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Jesse Rizo to not take action to approve a Resolution to adopt a policy providing a specific period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text, in

addition to what the district and campuses already provide. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

C. Discuss and consider approval of waiver to extend the state requirements for teacher certifications in core classes to school year 2029-2030.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the waiver to extend the state requirements for teacher certifications in core classes to school year 2029-2030. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

D. Discuss and consider approval of the Teacher Certification Waiver Plan to meet statutory teacher certification requirements by the 2029-2030 school year.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the Teacher Certification Waiver Plan to meet statutory teacher certification requirements by the 2029-2030 school year. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

10. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on January 20, 2026

B. Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on January 29, 2026

C. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations

D. Item of information regarding transportation

E. Item of information regarding SFE

F. Item of information on the district's investment activity for January 2026

G. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for January 2026

H. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of December 2025

I. Item of information on the tax collection activity for January 2026

J. Item of information for the district's federal program activity for November 2025

K. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for January 2026.

L. Item of information on student attendance

M. Item of information on student discipline

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jaclyn Gonzales, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, JJ Suarez and Erika Munoz all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Robert Quinones absent.

11. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.0821

The board met in closed session at 10:05 pm.

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 and 551.0821, deliberation and consultation with school attorney regarding threatened litigation.

B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employment, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

12. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed.

The board reconvened from closed session at 11:42 pm.

A. Consideration and possible action concerning threatened litigation.

The motion was made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Javier Flores

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employment, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Board President

Date