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

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on August 17, 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: Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, Fernando Fernandez, Sergio Ortiz

Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales left the meeting at 8:45 pm due to illness.

Staff present: Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa, Jon Orozco, Anne Marie Espinoza, Dr. Norma Carranza, Dr. Mario Ferron, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Jennifer Torres, Dr. Andi Guerrero, Dr. Bryan Perez, Norma De La Fuente, Dr. Susan Bineham, Katie Hughes

Guests present: Hali Mecklin, Deyanira Salazar, Simon Ortiz, Alfred Hernandez, Priscilla Moreno, Jose Rodriguez, Greg Mora, Domingo Portillo, Arnulfo Vasquez

B. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

The heavenly birthdays of Uziyah Garcia, Layla Marie Salazar, and Jailah Nicohle Silguero were recognized.

C. The invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Joaquin Schlessiger and Cadet Lieutenant Atticus Villescaz.

2. Board Recognition

Thompson & Horton were recognized for their donation to the First State Bank of Uvalde.
For the Uvalde Flood Relief

WHC Energy Services for their donation to support the Zern Elkay water fountain donation

3. Open Forum
Simon Ortiz - Southwest Neighborhood Association

4. Information Reports

A. Information regarding Light Speed Alert Response Framework

Dr. Hinojosa shared the process of Light Speed Alert Response Framework,

B. Enrollment for 2026-2027

Dr. Hinojosa shared that student enrollment and attendance will be shared announcements.

C. UCISD's TELPAS Report for 2025-2026 school year

Dr. Mario Ferron presented the Trustees with a TELPAS report for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. The board will be presented the proposed 2026–2027 budget and proposed 2026-2027 M & O tax rate

Jesse Muniz presented the trustees the proposed 2026-2027 budget and proposed 2026-2027 M & O tax rate.

5. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Discuss to Approve WHC Energy Services water fountain maintenance donation

The motion was made by Trustee Natalie Arias and seconded by Trustee Sergio Ortiz to approve the donation from WHC Energy Services water fountain maintenance donation in the amount of $5,000. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

B. Discuss to Approve the Gift Contract of $50,000 with Kate Marmion Charitable Foundation to Stock Emergency Food Pantries

The motion was made by Trustee Erika Munoz and seconded by Trustee Jason Cortez to approve the donation in the amount of $50,000 from the Kate Marmion Charitable Foundation to stock emergency food pantries. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

C. Discuss to Approve a one year extension of the RFP #2508-915 Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and School Psychology Services

The motion was made by Trustee Sergio Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Fernando Fernandez to approve a one year extension of the RFP #2508-915 Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and School Psychology Services. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika

Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Information regarding UCISD Advanced Academics Handbook

Jennifer Torres presented information regarding the UCISD Advanced Academic Handbook.

B. Discuss to Approve the designated Advanced Courses for Extra Curricular Participation for the 2026-2027 school year

The motion was made by Natalie Arias seconded by Sergio Ortiz to approve the designated Advanced Courses for Extra Curricular Participation for the 2026-2027 school year. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

7. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Discuss to Approve Resolution Regarding Flood-Related Closure and Absences

The motion was made by Fernando Fernandez seconded by Jason Cortez to approve a Resolution Regarding Flood-Related Closure and Absences. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

B. Discuss to Approve Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Facility Use between the County of Zavala, Texas and UCISD

The motion made by Erika Munoz and seconded by Natalie Arias to approve the Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Facility Use between the County of Zavala, Texas and UCISD. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

C. Discuss to Approve the certification of Senate Bill 12 as required for complying with the requirements as enacted by the 89th Texas Legislative Session

The motion was made by Jason Cortez and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve the certification of Senate Bill 12 as required for complying with the requirements as enacted by the 89th Texas Legislative Session. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

8. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 6, 2026
B. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 20, 2026
C. Information regarding maintenance and operations
D. Information regarding transportation
E. Information regarding SFE
F. Information regarding the cash and investment activity for July 2026
G. Information regarding the district's credit card activity for July 2026
H. Information for revenues and expenditures as of June 2026
I. Information regarding the tax collection activity for July 2026
J. Information regarding the district's Federal program activity for June 2026
K. Discuss to Approve the accounts payable for July 2026
L. Discuss to Approve the MOU between UCISD and
   a. Southwest Neighborhood Association
   b. Community Health Development Incorporated (CHDI) for the School Based Clinic
   c. After-School All-Stars Program Services
   d. Camino Real Community Services
   e. Discuss to Approve the MOU between Education Service Center, Region 20(ESC 20) and school systems within the Region 20 area regarding Critical Incident Response Teams(CIRT)

M. Discuss to Approve the 2026-2027 4-H Organizations as an Extra-Curricular Activity and Adjunct Faculty Status for Uvalde and Zavala County Agents

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve Consent Agenda items 8. A - K as presented. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

The motion was made by Fernando Fernandez and seconded by Natalie Arias to approve Consent Agenda item 8. La, the MOU with Southwest Neighborhood Association as presented. Trustees, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent and Trustee Sergio Ortiz abstained. The motion was carried 5/0.

The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve Consent Agenda items 8. Lb, the MOU with Community Health Development Incorporated (CHDI) for the School Based Clinic as presented. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

The motion was made by Sergio Ortiz and seconded by Jason Cortez to approve Consent Agenda items 8. Lc, the MOU with After-School All-Stars Program Services as presented. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.
The motion was made by Natalie Arias and seconded by Fernando Fernandez to approve Consent Agenda items 8. Ld, MOU with Camino Real Community Services, 8 Le, MOU between Education Service Center, Region 20(ESC 20) and school systems within the Region 20

area regarding Critical Incident Response Teams(CIRT), and M, the 2026-2027 4-H Organizations as an Extra-Curricular Activity and Adjunct Faculty Status for Uvalde and Zavala County Agents. Trustees, Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor with Trustee Jaclyn Gonzales absent. The motion was carried unanimously 6/0.

9. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.0281.

The board met in closed session at 6:25 pm.

A. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074, consult and deliberate regarding the processes, procedures, timeline and other matters related to the hiring of a Superintendent.

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

The board reconvened at 8:36 pm.

A. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Sergio Ortiz to approve employment assignments, suspensions and terminations as presented in closed session. Sergio Ortiz, Erika Munoz, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Natalie Arias, Jason Cortez, and Fernando Fernandez all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously 7/0.

B. Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the process, procedures or other matters related to the hiring of a Superintendent.

The Board is excited about the direction of the District under our current leadership and appreciates the progress and stability that has been established. We are especially encouraged by the positive and collaborative culture that is taking shape.

The District is required under Chapter 11 of the Education Code to post certain vacant positions and provide current employees a reasonable opportunity to apply before the position is filled. The required posting period is at least five school days and includes the Superintendent position.

As the Board moves forward with its decision on filling the permanent Superintendent position, the Board must follow these requirements and complete the posting process before taking final action regarding the position.

The motion was made by Jesse Rizo and seconded by Sergio Ortiz to approve that the Board authorize the internal posting of the Superintendent position in accordance with law and applicable policy, and that the Board proceed with consideration of the position following the required posting period.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm on August 17, 2026.

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Board President Date