LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Laredo College Board of Trustees convened on Saturday, August 22, 2026, beginning at 10:23 a.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room located at the Elpha Lee West Building Room 105, at the Fort McIntosh Campus, West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rangel called the Special Called Board Meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS
Esteban Rangel, President	Minita Ramírez, Ph.D.
Ernestina "Tita" Cantu Vela, Vice President	Rusty Meurer
Jackie Leven-Ramos, Secretary	
Cindy Liendo, Parliamentarian	
Erica Benavides Garcia	
Adriana Alexander	
Lizzy Newsome	
Karina "Kari" Elizondo	

MEMBERS ABSENT
Mercurio Martinez, Jr. - excused
Adriana Alexander - excused

A quorum was established.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to excuse Mr. Martinez's and Ms. Alexander's absence from the meeting. Ms. Vela and Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed.

3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:25 a.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss Agenda Item 4.A. - Consultation with the College District Attorney Concerning Board Governance Matters, Including Evaluating Legal Advice on Governance Provided to the Board by Outside Counsel, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

Ms. Vela seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Board reconvened into open session at 1:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Leven-Ramos called roll.

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Erica Benavides Garcia	

Lizzy Newsome
Karina “Kari” Elizondo

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Adriana Alexander

A quorum was established.

Mr. Rangel noted that no action was taken during executive session.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5.A. TAKE ACTION ON BOARD GOVERNANCE MATTERS AND ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROCEDURES MANUAL AND BOARD POLICIES, INCLUDING BD(LOCAL)-BOARD MEETINGS, BBD(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: ORIENTATION AND TRAINING, AND BBF(LOCAL)-BOARD MEMBERS: ETHICS

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No.1 as discussed in executive session. Ms Vela and Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation Nos. 2.A., 2.B., and 2.C. as discussed in executive session. Ms. Benavides Garcia seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No. 3 as discussed in executive session. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No. 4 as discussed in executive session. Ms. Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No. 5 in its entirety as discussed in executive session. Ms. Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation Nos. 6.A., 6.B., 6.C., 6.D., 6.E., and 6.G. as discussed in executive session. Ms. Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed. Recommendation for No. 6.F. was referred to committee.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No. 7 as discussed in executive session. Ms. Benavides and Ms. Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation No. 8 as discussed in executive session. Ms. Elizondo moved to amend the motion for No. 8.C. by changing the number of Trustees from two to three. Ms. Liendo and Ms. Vela seconded the amendment; the amendment passed, with Ms. Newsome voting against it. Ms. Leven-Ramos then moved to adopt Recommendation No. 8 as discussed in executive session and as amended. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed, with Ms. Newsome voting against it.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation Nos. 9.A. and 9.B. as discussed in executive session. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9.C. will go to committee. No action was taken.

Recommendation No. 10 will go to committee. No action was taken.

Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation Nos. 11.A. and 11.B. as discussed in executive session. Ms. Elizondo moved to amend the motion for No. 11.B. by changing the number of Trustees from two to three. Ms. Liendo seconded the amendment; motion passed with Ms. Newsome voting against it. Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adopt Recommendation Nos. 11.A. and 11.B. as discussed in executive session and as amended. Ms. Liendo seconded the motion; motion passed, with Ms. Newsome voting against it.

Mr. Rangel stated that Recommendation No. 12 will return to the Board with a recommendation from the President.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

7. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, at 1:19 p.m., Ms. Leven-Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Elizondo seconded the motion; motion passed.

Mr. Esteban Rangel President	Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos Secretary