

# Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

## Board of Trustees Fabens ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

**Members Present:** Luis C. Estrada  
Orlando Flores  
Benjamin Morales  
Angel Ornelas Jr.  
Crystal Ramirez  
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez  
Greg Spence

**Members Absent:** None

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Rogelio Segovia                      Mr. Manuel Aldaco  
Ms. Silvia Nunez    Ms. Veronica Brashear  
Mr. Emanuel Estrada                                        Ms. Diane Flores  
Dr. April Galaviz    Mr. Justin Kleist  
Ms. Marcela Licerio                                         Ms. Sofia Maciel  
Mr. Michael Perez    Ms. Aide Polanco  
Ms. Corina Ruiz    Ms. Maria Serrano  
Mr. Raul Ugarte

Maria T. Rodriguez

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### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada. All members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision statements were recited by all present.

### 2. Superintendent Recognitions and Updates

#### 2.A. Superintendent Monthly Video Update

The April 2026 district highlights were showcased in the video.

## **2.B. Fabens ISD Nurses**

In recognition of School Nurses Month, Fabens ISD recognized all our school nurses, medical assistant, and LVN. All were present to be recognized by the board and community present.

## **2.C. Fabens High School Student Council Recognition by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TACS)**

Fabens High School Student Council earned the prestigious Sweepstakes Council recognition from the Texas Association of Student Councils, the highest honor awarded by TACS. This distinction recognizes outstanding achievement in leadership, school and community service, citizenship, and student engagement. Out of hundreds of student councils across the state, only 280 schools in Texas earned this recognition for the 2025–2026 school year. This accomplishment reflects the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our student leaders to making a positive impact on their school and community. Sponsor, Juana Sotelo and TACS members were recognized and congratulated by everyone present.

## **2.D. Fabens High School Rocket Program**

The engineering students: Azrael Thaddeus Banuelas, David Barraza, Jose Edgar Cabral, Yadira Cedillo, Dylan Escobar, Valeria Guadalupe Fuentes, Ruben Roman Hernandez, Sophia Mayte Hernandez, Lorenzo Macias Jr., Damian Medeles, Alexandra Lynn Meza, Iris Nevarez, Angel Arath Ochoa, Valentina Rojas-Ruiz, Grace Karin Salas, Sophia Marie Salas, Santos Samuel Saucedo, and Jose Trejo-Fraire have successfully designed and launched their Tsiolkovsky or Oberth rockets in their competition last month. Fabens High School Engineering endorsement contains two capstone projects. The third year capstone project consists of designing, building and launching a Tsiolkovsky rocket whose goal is to reach a mile in altitude and contain a one pound payload. The fourth and final capstone project is reaching the speed of sound, 767 mph, with an Oberth rocket. These students design their Oberth rocket mathematically and present their calculations to NASA engineer Chris Madsen. Students in the engineering program are exposed to the application of their math and science skills to a real world application.

## **2.E. Fabens High School Baseball Program**

Athletic Director, Mr. Emanuel Estrada, invited the baseball coaches and handed out certificates to those players being recognized. He highlighted the season and all players present were congratulated by all.

## **2.F. Fabens High School Tennis Program**

Mr. Emanuel Estrada and Coach Martin Lechuga highlighted the season and congratulations were extended to player Elias Martinez.

## **2.G. Fabens High School Track Program**

Mr. Manuel Estrada highlighted the track season for all present. He stated that for the first time Fabens High School had a female track qualifier. Certificates were handed out to all those athletes that competed in Lubbock, TX earlier in the month of May.

## **2.H. Government Employees Credit Union Student Board of Directors — Fabens High School Senior Sophia Salas**

Fabens High School senior Sophia Salas was selected to serve on the Government Employees Credit Union Student Board of Directors Program. The Student Board of Directors Program is a unique educational opportunity sponsored by GECU that provides students with firsthand exposure to financial literacy, economics, business leadership, and community involvement. Through monthly meetings and events, students work directly with GECU leaders and gain valuable insight into the operations of one of the region's leading financial institutions. The program is highly competitive and requires students to demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, responsibility, and a commitment to community engagement.

## **2.I. Texas Association of Mariachi Educators 1st Place (Emerging Group) - Fabens High School Mariachis "Gatos Salvajes"**

The Fabens Mariachis have once again brought recognition to the district and their program. Los Gatos Salvajes worked incredibly hard and we honored to win 1st place emerging program in the state of Texas at the annual TAME competition earlier this month. Members present were congratulated by everyone present.

## **2.J. Fabens High School UIL Academic Recognitions**

Fabens High School UIL Academic students and coaches were recognized for their success during district and regional competition.

In Accounting, coached by Mr. Ortiz:

Zach Dominguez earned 1st place, Valeria Amaya earned 3rd place, and the Accounting Team of Zach Dominguez, Valeria Amaya, Valentina Rojas-Ruiz, and Jesse Ortiz earned 1st place overall.

In Calculator Applications, coached by Ms. Manzano:

Eli Meza earned 1st place, Jesus Herrera earned 2nd place, Sophia Salas earned 3rd place, Eduardo Trujillo earned 4th place, Grace Salas earned 6th place, and the Calculator Applications Team earned 1st place overall.

In Mathematics, coached by Mr. Cobos:

Eli Meza earned 1st place, Sophia Salas earned 3rd place, and the Mathematics Team of Eli Meza, Sophia Salas, Adriel Archuleta, and Eduardo Trujillo earned 1st place overall.

In Number Sense, coached by Mr. Cobos:

Eli Meza earned 3rd place, Adriel Archuleta earned 4th place, and Ramon Longoria earned 5th place.

In Physics, coached by Mr. Ceballos:

Jesus Herrera earned 1st place.

In Spelling, coached by Mr. Cedillo:

Grace Salas earned 4th place.

In Feature Writing, coached by Mr. David Natividad:

Jada Reyes advanced to regional competition and later earned 1st place at the UIL Regional Academic Competition held at Frenship Memorial High School on April 22, 2026. Jada then advanced to the UIL State Competition held at The University of Texas at Austin on May 18, 2026.

### **3. Communication and Visitors**

Under this item Ms. Cheryl Mischen Liano addressed the Board regarding issues some employees have had with cancelation of benefits.

### **4. Consent Agenda**

**4.A. Minutes of the Fabens ISD Board of Trustees Curriculum /Instruction and Athletic Workshop Minutes, April 14, 2026**

**4.B. Minutes of the Fabens ISD Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting, April 15, 2026**

**4.C. Fabens ISD Monthly and Quarterly Financial Reports / Budget Amendments / Federal Expenditures / April Purchase Orders / April 2026 District Attendance Report**

Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas	Ramirez	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **5. Board of Trustees Business**

**5.A. Athletic Trainer Support and Sponsorship Agreement between El Paso Children's Hospital Corporation DBA El Paso Children's Hospital and Fabens ISD Presentation**

Ms. Melissa Rodriguez, Vice President for El Paso Children's Hospital was present to announce the collaboration of Fabens ISD and El Paso Children's Hospital. She provided copies of the agreement and answered questions from the Board. After her presentation and answering all questions, Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve the Athletic Trainer Support and Sponsorship

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**5.B. Fabens ISD 2025 -2026 Special Education Department Annual Update**

Ms. Diane Flores, Special Education Director, presented her annual update report to the Board and community present. She reviewed her Power Point presentation and answered questions from the Board.

**5.C. Discussion and Approval to move the June 2026 Regular Board Meeting Date**

The administration had requested to move the June 2026 board meeting date to finalize the 2026 – 2027 Budget. After a short discussion Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to keep the June 17, 2026 date for the June regular board meeting.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas	Ramirez	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**5.D. Fabens ISD Forensic Audit Update / Renewal**

Ms. Silvia Nunez, Finance Director, presented the item and provided the Board with an update on the posted RFQ for the Fabens ISD Forensic Audit. She did state that the request was open for 31 day with zero (0) responses. She requested further guidance from the board regarding the request. Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez seconded to repost for 3 more months as is.

Motion Carried: 4 – 3

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas	Ramirez	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**5.E. Closed Session per Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074 for:**

**5.E.1. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Contemplated Litigation for Misuse of District Credit Card**

**5.E.2. Employee Grievance filed by A. G.**

**5.E.3. Discussion of Fabens ISD Superintendent Goals**

The item was closed for Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551071 and 551.074 at 8:01 PM

## 5.F. Reconvene to Open Session for:

### 5.F.1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Authorizing Filing of Suit for Misuse of District Credit Card

The item reconvened at 10:28 PM. Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada announced no action will be taken.

### 5.F.2. Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Grievance filed by A. G.

The item reconvened at 9:52 PM. Mr. Estrada motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded that the Board uphold the Level II recommendation and also encouraged cooperation and mutual support among administrators and that job descriptions be kept up to date.

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 and 1 Abstain

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas	Ramirez	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### 5.F.3. Discussion and Possible Action on Fabens ISD Superintendent Goals

After reconvening at 10:28 PM, Board President, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded that the item would be moved to the next board meeting date.

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Estrada	Flores	Morales	Ornelas	Ramirez	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## 6. Information Item(s) Only

### 6.A. Fabens ISD 2026 Summer Schedule

### 6.B. Fabens ISD 2025 - 2026 New Hires

Informational items were reviewed by the Board.

## 7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Benjamin Morales motioned and Ms. Crystal Ramirez seconded to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Flores	Estrada	Flores	Ornelas	Morales	Sepulveda Ramirez	Spence
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes