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Office of the Superintendent

La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 19, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – No members were absent.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Todd Gooden, Sandra Gibson, Jamie White, and Betty Bentura

OTHERS PRESENT – LVHS students and Parents, Eric Balch, Bob Sheehy, Stephen Redrick, Kevin DeLaVergne, Alysia Gibson, ROTC

CALLED TO ORDER – Board President Myron Ridge established a quorum and brought the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY – The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag were led by La Vega ISD ROTC.

APPROVED LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Randy Devorsky moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICER, AND OATH OF OFFICE – Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins were re-elected to their positions on the La Vega ISD Board of Trustees on May 3, 2026. They were issued a Certificate of Election and completed and submitted the Statement of Elected Officer. The Oath of Office was then administered by Betty Bentura, Notary Public.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS – Mr. Myron Ridge turned the meeting over to Mrs. Jamie White, Assistant Superintendent for Finance. Mrs. White conducted the election of the office of Board President.

The Board President was elected as follows:

President: Mr. Jennings nominated Mr. Raymond Koon for President. Mr. Jennings made a motion that nominations cease and Mr. Koon be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Watkins seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Mr. Raymond Koon as President, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Raymond Koon at this time.

Board Officers were elected as follows:

Vice President: Mr. Koon made a motion to nominate Mrs. Brenda Rocha for Vice President and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The Board Members unanimously approved Mrs. Brenda Rocha as Vice President of the Board of Trustees, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

Secretary: Mr. Koon made a motion to nominate Mr. Randy Devorsky for Secretary and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board Members unanimously approved Rev. Larry Carpenter as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Henry C. Jennings, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

Assistant Secretary: Mr. Koon made a motion to nominate Mrs. Mildred Watkins as Assistant Secretary and Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees unanimously elected Mrs. Mildred Watkins as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Myron Ridge, and Brenda Rocha.

Recording Secretary and Alternate Recording Secretary: Mr. Koon made a motion to designate Betty Bentura as Recording Secretary and Michelle Steele as the Alternate Recording Secretary. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board Members unanimously approved Betty Bentura as Recording Secretary and Michelle Steele as Alternate Recording Secretary, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

RECOGNITION ITEMS – The Board of Trustees and Administration recognized the following groups and individuals for achievements beyond the district level:

- La Vega High School Band
- La Vega High School Girls Soccer Team
- La Vega High School Powerlifting
- La Vega High School Bar B-Que Team
- La Vega High School NJROTC
- La Vega High School Track and Field
- Mr. Myron Ridge – Service as 2024-2026 Board Present

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

SPECIAL REPORTS – Board Members received the following special report(s).

Superintendent's Information to the Board – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Superintendent, updated the Board Members on student enrollment, upcoming calendar events, introduction of Dr. Shaunte Scott, La Vega ISD new Deputy Superintendent for Personnel and Administration and Mr. Gooden gave the board an update on the construction around La Vega ISD.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Myron Ridge moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins :

- the minutes for the April 21, 2026 regular board meeting
- the monthly tax collection recap and report
- the Teacher Incentive Allotment
- the budget amendments as presented
- the District Improvement and Campus Improvement Plans
- the Wellness Policy
- the School Health Advisory Committee Highlights

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS – Mr. Myron Ridge moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins :

- the job description Stronger Connections Liaison
- the job description Executive Director of Special Programs
- Emergent Bilingual Services Coordinator
- Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - The following items were considered, discussed, and/or approved by the Board of Trustees.

Approved the Monthly Budget Analysis Report – Mr. Henry C. Jennings moved to approve the monthly budget analysis report, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Approved Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations – Mr. Henry C. Jennings moved to approve the monthly budget analysis report, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins: Maria Boyle, Stacie Chilton, Johana DeLaCruz, Carrie Hudson, Kelsey Jacobo, Patricia Martiniez RN, Natasha Mason, Mancy Murphy, Glenda Rose, Erika Silva, Michelle Steele, and Sandy Wilganowski.

CLOSED MEETING – A closed session of the Board of Trustees was declared at 7:28 p.m. on May 19, 2026 as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.076 to discuss personnel matters. The closed meeting ended at 7:47p.m. on May 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Raymond Koon moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. on May 19, 2026., with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Date of Board Approval

President, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Secretary, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees