

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

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The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Special Meeting on March 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Benson Boardroom, 601 Dean St, Uvalde, TX 78801

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by 6:00 pm.

A. A roll call and establishment of quorum.

Members present: Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz, Robert Quinones

Members absent: Javier Flores

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Mikka Sanchez, Mario Rangel, Zeke De La Fuente, Norma De La Fuente, Jorge Johnson, Amy Graeber, Edward Puente, David Zamora

Guests present: Amber King, Hali Mecklin, Jill Stoy, Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa, Sherry Laffere, Steve Stoy, Vann McElroy, Tim Miller, Alana Gatto, Jody Gatto, Bill Kolinek, VJ McElroy, Dr. Sandra Z. Garza

B. Moment of Silence

There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. The invocation was led by JJ Suarez.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by the board of trustees.

2. Open Forum

Sherry Laffere - Hiring of Interim Superintendent

3. Consider approval for Region 20 Instructional Support Services Expenditure through High Quality Instructional Materials Implementation Grant Funding.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Erika Munoz to approve Region 20 Instructional Support Services Expenditure through High Quality Instructional Materials Implementation Grant Funding. JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Erika Munoz, and Robert Quinones all voted in favor. Jaclyn Gonzales voted against. The motion was carried 4/1 with Javier Flores absent.

4. Consider approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Un-commitment of Certain Committed Fund Balance Funds.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Un-commitment of Certain Committed Fund Balance Funds in the amount of

four million dollars. JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz, and Robert Quinones all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Javier Flores absent.

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

The board met in closed session at 4:20 pm

A. Pursuant to Tex. Govt Code 551.074, conduct Interim Superintendent interviews with potential candidates and deliberate on possible employment

B. Pursuant to Tex. Govt Code 551.071, attorney consultation regarding legal issues and advice related to the employment of an Interim Superintendent and Superintendent search process

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

The board reconvened at 10:00 pm.

A. Consider and take possible action regarding the interim Superintendent.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the Interim Superintendent position to Dr. Juan M. Hinojosa pending criminal background check and final contract negotiations. JJ Suarez, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Erika Munoz, and Robert Quinones all voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously with Javier Flores absent.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.

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Board President

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Date