

NOTICE OF FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, February 27, 2025
5:30 PM

A February Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Administration Building - Distance Learning Center, 212 West Vance St., Refugio, TX 78377.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this notice.)*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
4. **SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**
 - 4.A. School Business and Operations Day
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 5.A. Campus Reports
 - 5.A.a. Refugio Elementary School
 - 5.A.b. Refugio Jr. High School
 - 5.A.c. Refugio High School
 - 5.B. District Reports
 - 5.B.a. Academics
 - 5.B.b. Financials
 - 5.B.b.1. 2024-2025 Budget Status
 - 5.B.b.2. Payment of bills
 - 5.B.b.3. Statement of Account
 - 5.B.b.4. Property Value Study
 - 5.B.c. Operations
 - 5.B.d. Student Enrollment
 - 5.B.e. School Safety and Security
 - 5.B.f. Mental Health Specialist Report
 - 5.B.g. General comments on the state of the district
6. **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**
 - 6.A. March Board Meeting - Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30PM
 - 6.B. Region 3 ESC School Board Conference
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 8:00AM-4:00PM
Victoria College, Emerging Technology Complex
 - 6.C. Change to the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 7.A. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting - January 23, 2025
 - 7.B. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting - February 19, 2025
 - 7.C. Consider and approve the budget amendments for the 2024-2025 budget.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.A. Consider and approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.
 - 8.B. Discuss and approve Hellas Pay Application #2 for high school track project.
 - 8.C. Discuss and approve Hellas Pay Application #3 for the high school track project.
 - 8.D. Order the cancelation of the regular trustee election for Single Member District #1, Single Member District #3 and Single Member District #5 and declare an unopposed

candidates elected to office in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Education Code.

- 8.E. Adopt TASB Policy Update 124, affecting local policies.
- 9. **CLOSED SESSION - In accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.075**
 - 9.A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee.
 - 9.B. To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
 - 9.C. Administrators: Assistant Superintendent, Academic Director, Athletic Director, GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director, Campus Principals, and Assistant Principal contract extensions or non-extensions.
 - 9.D. Employment of probationary contract employee (s) for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 9.E. Employment of probationary Non-Chapter 21 and/or Chapter 21 contract employee (s) of the GSEC Special Education Cooperative for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 10. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
 - 10.A. Take any action necessary resulting from discussions held during closed session.
 - 10.B. Superintendent's recommendation on contract extension or non-extension of Assistant Superintendent, Academic Director, Athletic Director, GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director, Campus Principals and Assistant Principal contract extensions or non-extensions.
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- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC (LEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 418.183(f) | Deliberate information confidential under Government Code Sections 418.175-418.182, related to Homeland Security. |
| 551.071 | Private consultation with the board's attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings. |
| 551.072 | Deliberate purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. |
| 551.073 | Deliberate negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. |
| 551.074 | Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee. |
| 551.075 | To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions |
| 551.076 | Deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of, security personnel or devices, or a security audit. |
| 551.0785 | Deliberate the medical records or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from a public insurance, health, or retirement plan or a matter that includes a consideration of the information in the medical or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan. |
| 551.082 | Deliberate in a case involving discipline of a public school child, or in a case in which a complaint or charge is brought against a District employee by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in the need for a hearing. |
| 551.0821 | Deliberate a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation. |
| 551.083 | Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. |
| 551.084 | Excluding witnesses from a hearing. |
| 551.087 | Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the District and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations, or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect. |
| 551.089 | Deliberate 1. Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; 2. Network security information as described by Government Code 2059.055(b); or 3. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. |

Education Code Section:

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| 39.030(a) | Discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. |
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The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on February 24, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent
(for the Board of Trustees)

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(To call meeting to order)

Board President: I call this meeting of the Refugio Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of board members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

(To conduct a closed session)

Board President: This board will now conduct a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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