

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Eagle Pass Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Regular Board Meeting on August 19, 2025 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President – Entered at 6:11 PM
Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee – Entered at 6:00 PM
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Ms. Valerie Carrillo for Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Public Hearing of The Eagle Pass Independent School District: Discuss the 2025-2026 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate - Opened at 5:55 PM No one signed up Closed at 5:56 PM**
- IV. **Citizen's Communication – No one signed up.**
Recognitions – (Consent Item #5)
 1. **Recognition of Juan Seguin Elementary students for winning the National Prodigy Math Winner Gold Tier Division.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Juan Seguin Elementary students for winning the National Prodigy Math Winner Gold Tier Division. A group picture was taken.
- V. **District Reports/Presentations**
 1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
 2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
 3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
 4. **Report on the 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Maverick County Appraisal District.** No questions from the Board.

5. **Report on the Certification of the estimated 2024/2025 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD Interest and Sinking Fund.** No questions from the Board.
6. **Review and discuss the 2025 Voter- Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.** No questions from the Board.
7. **Report on State Compensatory Education Program Evaluations.** No questions from the Board.
8. **Presentation of the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook.** No questions from the Board.

VI. 2nd Budget Workshop

1. **Review 2025-2026 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate** – Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance gave a brief presentation on the 2025-2026 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. He stated that the 2024-2025 estimated Ending Fund Balance as of August 31, 2025 will be \$47,770,515. The 2025-2026 Estimated Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures is \$8,940,209. 2025-2026 Estimated Ending Fund Balance August 31, 2026 \$38,830,306. The 2026-2027 Estimated Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures is \$8,940,209. The 2026-2027 Estimated Ending Fund Balance August 31, 2027 \$29,890,097. Taxes will go down for next year. Exception is \$140,000.00 for everybody. The exception for 65 years old is \$60,000.00 + \$140,000.00 for a total of \$200,000.00. This means that most of the 65 years and older will not pay taxes. Even if a Bond Election goes through, they will be completely exempt from paying taxes. No questions from the Board.

VII. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt the Official Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion by Trustee J.C. Barrera second by Trustee Gonzalez to adopt the Official Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-01 to set the 2025 Tax Rate. **Motion is to be read as follows: "I move to adopt the 2025 tax rate of 0.7553 for the maintenance & operations fund and the tax rate of 0.06982 for the interest & sinking fund for a total tax rate of 0.82512. I also move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.82512 which is effectively a 0.04663 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Libson. Motion Granted 6/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to elect two (2) School Board Members, one member as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and the other member as an Alternate. **Motion by Trustee Libson second by Trustee Gonzalez nominate Trustee Jaime Barrera to serve as Delegate. Motion Granted 6/0 . Motion by Trustee J. Barrera second by Trustee Hiller to nominate Trustee Libson as Alternate. Motion Granted 6/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct Handbook Revisions. **Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct Handbook Revisions. Motion Granted 6/0.**

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to purchase Credit by Exam Tests for EPISD Secondary Campuses from Texas Tech University and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Libson to purchase Credit by Exam Tests for EPISD Secondary Campuses from Texas Tech University and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy. Motion Granted 6/0.**

VIII. **Consent Items**

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 – 7 (**#8 was tabled**) in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2025 (Regular) Board Meeting.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Cooperative Working Agreement between the Eagle Pass ISD and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN), Inc. for the purpose of coordinating comprehensive social services for students during the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2025-2026 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisal Calendar and list of Appraisers subject to change.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a donation of \$7,800 for the EPHS Football Program from the EPHS Football Booster.
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a donation of \$10,000 for Juan Seguin Elementary students for winning the National Prodigy Math Winner Fold Tier Division.
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Resolution 2025-2026-02 of the Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass independent School District supporting the expansion of US 57 to a 4-lane divided highway to include the planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance of a 4-lane divided highway including provisions for the expansion of the Border Patrol Station 11 miles east of Eagle Pass.
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget.
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Service Agreement for Fort Duncan Medical Center, LP and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. **Motion by Trustee J. Barrera second by Trustee Perry to table item. Motion Granted 7/0.**

- IX. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084, Texas Government Code: PERSONNEL MATTERS: Under Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employee; or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee: The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **6:14 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee J.C. Barrera. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to approve term contracts as presented pursuant to TGC 551.074.
3. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Kennedy Hall subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.
4. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Sam Houston Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074

- X. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **6:32 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Libson seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the request to Hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve term contracts as presented. TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Gonzalez seconded by Trustee Perry to approve term contracts as presented in closed session pursuant to TGC551.074. Motion Granted 7/0**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Kenney Hall subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Hiller seconded by Trustee Libson to hire a professional employee, Angie Y. Gomez, to serve as Instructional Officer at Kennedy Hall subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Kenney Hall subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to hire a professional employee, Gabriela Juarez, to serve as Instructional Officer at Sam Houston Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**


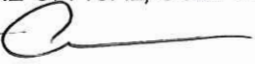
Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Tomorrow – Chamber of Commerce Back to School Luncheon – 11:30 AM – ICT
2. Copies of all football schedules for both Eagles and Mavericks have been provided to you.

XI. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM. Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Martinez. Motion Granted 7/0.

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

President:  Secretary: 

Date Minutes Approved: 9/9/2025 Date Minutes Signed: 9/9/2025