

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

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- (A) Report Only Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

- (B) Action Item

Presenter(s): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2026 (REGULAR), BOARD MEETING.

- (C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

- (D) Clarification: Explain any questions or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

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 April 13, 2026 at 6:00 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
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Secretary
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee - **Absent**
Mr. Morris Libson Jr., Board Trustee
Mr. Tom Gonzalez, Board Trustee
Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Board Trustee – **Entered at 6:06 PM**

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 6:04 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call :** Board President Jorge Barrera took roll call at 6:05 P.M. (see attendance above).
- IV. **Citizen's Communication –** No one signed up as a public comment speaker.

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of Nellie Mae Glass Elementary Emeralds Dance Team for winning 1st Place at the Dance Team America Competition in San Antonio, TX on March 28, 2026.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Nellie Mae Glass Elementary Emeralds Dance Team for winning 1st Place at the Dance Team America Competition in San Antonio, TX on March 28, 2026. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of Ray H. Darr Elementary Cheerleader team for winning the title of National Champions in their division at the Fun Cheer National Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Ray H. Darr Elementary Cheerleader team for winning the title of National Champions in their division at the Fun Cheer National Championship. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of HB Gonzalez Elementary Dazzling Bobcats Dance Team for winning the title of Division championships at the MCDA Cheer & Dance Championship held at San Antonio Six Flags Fiesta Texas on March 14, 2026.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the HB Gonzalez Elementary Dazzling Bobcats Dance Team for winning the title of Division championships at the MCDA Cheer &

Dance Championship held at San Antonio Six Flags Fiesta Texas on March 14, 2026. A group picture was taken.

4. **Recognition of Benavides Heights Elementary Bulldogs Cheer Team for winning 1st Place in the Medium Elementary Non-Tumbling Category at the Winter Wonderland Fun Cheer Competition in New Braunfels, TX and winning 1st Place in the Youth Rec Small Elementary Non-Tumbling Division High Point Category at the Texas Cheerleader State Championship Competition in San Marcos, TX.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Benavides Heights Elementary Bulldogs Cheer Team for winning 1st Place in the Medium Elementary Non-Tumbling Category at the Winter Wonderland Fun Cheer Competition in New Braunfels, TX and winning 1st Place in the Youth Rec Small Elementary Non-Tumbling Division High Point Category at the Texas Cheerleader State Championship Competition in San Marcos, TX. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of Benavides Heights Elementary Bulldog Belles Dance Team for winning the Hip-Hop Championship at the Six Flags MCDA Competition in San Antonio, Texas.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Benavides Heights Elementary Bulldog Belles Dance Team for winning the Hip-Hop Championship at the Six Flags MCDA Competition in San Antonio, Texas. A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of the Perfecto Mancha Elementary Mustang Division III Boy's Baseball Team for winning the Winter League Baseball Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Perfecto Mancha Elementary Mustang Division III Boy's Baseball Team for winning the Winter League Baseball Championship. A group picture was taken.
7. **Recognition of the Perfecto Mancha Elementary Mustang Cheer Team for winning the two-day Fun Cheer National Championship in San Antonio, TX on March 21 & 22, 2026.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Perfecto Mancha Elementary Mustang Cheer Team for winning the two-day Fun Cheer National Championship in San Antonio, TX on March 21 & 22, 2026. A group picture was taken.
8. **Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Stallionettes Dance Team for winning 1st Place at the High Kick Division at the Cheer & Dance/Drill Team America at Sea World in San Antonio, Texas.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Armando Cerna Elementary Stallionettes Dance Team for winning 1st Place at the High Kick Division at the Cheer & Dance/Drill Team America at Sea World in San Antonio, Texas. A group picture was taken.
9. **Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Baseball Team for winning the Division I Winter League Baseball Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Armando Cerna Elementary Baseball Team for winning the Division I Winter League Baseball Championship. A group picture was taken.
10. **Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Baseball team for winning the Division II Winter League Baseball Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Armando Cerna Elementary Baseball team for winning the Division II Winter League Baseball Championship. A group picture was taken.

11. **Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Flag Football team for winning the Division III Flag Football Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Armando Cerna Elementary Flag Football team for winning the Division III Flag Football Championship. A group picture was taken.
12. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Boys' Soccer Team for winning the Bi-District Championship and reaching the Area Championship for the first time.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Boys' Soccer Team for winning the Bi-District Championship and reaching the Area Championship for the first time. A group picture was taken.
13. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band member Senior Santiago Villarreal Bass Clarinet player for being selected for the prestigious High School Honors Performance Series and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band member Senior Santiago Villarreal Bass Clarinet player for being selected for the prestigious High School Honors Performance Series and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February. A group picture was taken.
14. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Student Council for receiving the title of "Outstanding Council" for all 5 report categories at the TASC State Reporting Judging.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized CC Winn High School Student Council for receiving the title of "Outstanding Council" for all 5 report categories at the TASC State Reporting Judging. A group picture was taken.
15. **Recognition of CC Winn High School UIL Academics team for earning 1st place at the District Competition at San Antonio McArthur High School on March 28, 2026.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized CC Winn High School UIL Academics team for earning 1st place at the District Competition at San Antonio McArthur High School on March 28, 2026. A group picture was taken.
16. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Winterguard Team for earning 1st Place at the Scholastic Regional AA Blue Division on March 28, 2026 at O'Connor High School.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized CC Winn High School Winterguard Team for earning 1st Place at the Scholastic Regional AA Blue Division on March 28, 2026 at O'Connor High School. A group picture was taken.

V. **1st Budget Workshop**

1. **Review Fund Budgets**
2. **Review Estimated M&O Fund Balance**
3. **Presentation of Superintendent's Annual Recommended Compensation Plan**
4. **Review Projections of State Revenues and Impact of Tax Collection Rate on State Revenues**
5. **Review and discuss the District Property Values**

6. Review Budget Assumptions

7. Proposed Budget Workshop Schedule

8. Review Additional

9. Other Budgetary Issues

Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance reviewed the 2026-2027 Budget.

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

VI. District Reports/Presentations

1. Financial Report

2. Utility Report

3. Tax Collection Report

4. Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all funds for the quarter ending February 28, 2026.

5. E-3 Presentation regarding the completion of Memorial Jr. High HVAC Construction Project

Mr. Bill Savarino, Business Development Manager gave a brief presentation on the work that had been done at Memorial Jr. High.

(For details regarding Board questions or comments, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

6. Presentation of the SB546 Reporting on School Bus Safety Belt costs. Mr. William Davis, Transportation Director gave a brief presentation on SB546.

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VII. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the final 2026 K-12 Mathematics Instructional Material recommendations considered and selected by our District Mathematics Teachers. **Motion to approve by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the Certification of Provision of Instructional Material Survey 2026-2027 (TEKS Certification). **Motion to approve by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the summer work schedule for the District Service Center Staff and the Campus Administrative Staff for the month of May, June, July and August. **All Concerns from the Board were addressed. Motion to approve by Trustee Libson, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Resolution 2025/2026-11 of the Board of Trustees regarding designating non-business days under the Public Information Act for the 2026 calendar year. **All Concerns from the Board were addressed. Motion to approve by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Change Order Number One (1) for AE Hiller & Sons, Inc. on Sealed Proposal 252103 on EPHS track parking lot and sidewalk addition as per Board Policy CV, and State guidelines and to amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to this project and to make the final payment for services. **Motion by Trustee JC Barrera to take this Action Item into closed session to receive legal advice, seconded by Trustee Libson. Motion Passed 5/0/1. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, T. Gonzalez – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, JC Barrera – Yes. C Hiller – abstained.**

VIII. Consent Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 (Regular) Board Meeting.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept a donation of approximately \$3,000 (150 Easter Baskets @ approximately \$200 value each) from the Jorge Maldonado Foundation to nine EPISD schools. **(Correction to the value of each basket \$20.00).**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the purchase and/or acquisition of school library materials in accordance with Senate Bill 13 (SB13).

It was the consensus of the Board to consider Consent item(s) 1 - 3 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee H. Martinez second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

- IX. **Closed Session:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at **8:19 PM** pursuant to Sections §551.071; 551.074; and 551.0821 Personnel Matters, Texas Government Code: **Motion to enter into Closed Session by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**

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 Level III Grievance and appeal of David Hernandez pursuant to TGC 551.071, 551.0821 and TGC 551.074.

4. The Board voted during the meeting to enter into Closed Session to receive legal advice related to agenda Action #5 pursuant to TGC 551.071 before taking action on the item.

X. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at 9:39 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. **Motion to approve by Trustee JC Barrera, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve term contracts as presented. **Motion to approve by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Martinez to approve the request to term contracts as presented in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the Level III Grievance appeal of David Hernandez. **Motion by Trustee Libson, seconded by Trustee Martinez to affirm the relief granted to the grievant at Level Two and to grant additional relief by directing the Superintendent to review the facts presented to the Board and to take appropriate administrative action to address the concerns raised by the grievant and the Board as discussed in closed session. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera – Yes**

Mr. Jaime C. Barrera, Trustee read a personal statement that reflected his opinion and not the Board's opinion on this matter.

(For details regarding this statement, please refer to the video recording for this meeting located on the District's website).

4. VII. Action Item #(5): Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Change Order Number One (1) for AE Hiller & Sons, Inc. on Sealed Proposal 252103 on EPHS track parking lot and sidewalk addition as per Board Policy CV, and State guidelines and to amend the budget accordingly to include matters related to this project and to make the final payment for services. – **No action taken by the Board. Item failed.**

XI. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Wednesday – April 15, 2026 – Peter Piper Pizza Special Luncheon – 12:00 PM (Noon)
2. Wednesday – April 29, 2026 – Scholarship Contributors Dinner – 6:00 PM – SAC Arena
3. TEA Required School Safety Training – Due May 29, 2026 – Email with link has been sent to you
4. Required Annual Cybersecurity Training – Due May 29, 2026 – Email was sent to you

XII. Adjournment:

1. There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hiller, seconded by Trustee JC Barrera. Motion Passed 6/0. J. Barrera-Yes, H. Martinez-Yes, C. Hiller – Yes, M. Libson – Yes, T. Gonzalez - Yes, JC Barrera - Yes

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

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