

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**(Minutes conducted via electronic voting)**

**COUNTY OF CAMERON**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the **23rd day of April, 2026**, the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District met in a **Special Called Board Meeting** at the Administration Building, 1900 Price Road, Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that came before the Board and with the following to wit:

**PRESENT:**

Daniella Lopez Valdez	President
Frank Ortiz	Vice-President
Minerva Pena	Secretary
Carlos Elizondo	Board Member
Denise Garza	Member (arrived at 5:39 p.m.)
Jessica Gonzalez	Member
Neida Ruth Grantland	Member

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. Alda T. Benavides	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Eden Ramirez	Attorney for the Board

**ALSO ABSENT:**

None

**WHEREUPON**, a quorum being present and it appearing before the Board, it is hereby so found that notice of this **Special Called Board Meeting** has been duly given in the manner and for the length of time as prescribed by law. The meeting was called to order and declared ready for the transaction of business with the following to wit:

- I. Special Called Board Meeting called to order by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President at 5:00 p.m.**
- II. Moment of Silence led by Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President.**
- IV. Roll Call. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President announced that all Trustees are present for the exception of Denise Garza.**
- V. Recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, April 23, 2026, with any corrections/deletions.**

**Motion made by Neida Ruth Grantland, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the agenda of the Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, April 23, 2026 with no corrections as stated by administration. (6-0-0)**

- VI. **Recommend approving the minutes with any corrections:**
- A. Minutes of Rescheduled Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 16, 2025.
  - B. Minutes of Rescheduled Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

**Motion made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the Minutes of Rescheduled Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 16, 2025 and Minutes of Rescheduled Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, as stated with no corrections. (7-0-0)**

- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
No public speakers signed up.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Roberts Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for three minutes on the first speaking opportunity and two minutes on the second opportunity.

- VIII. **CLOSED MEETING:** as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084. 5:07 p.m.

*Note: Denise Garza arrived at 5:39 p.m.*

A. **ATTORNEY CONSULTATION**

- 1. Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to Superintendent Search, Application, and Job Posting.

*Note: Mr. Elizondo left meeting during Executive Session*

- IX. **BOARD RECONVENES - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session. 5:56 p.m.**

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve Superintendent Job Posting and open the Position of Superintendent of Schools.

**Motion made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approval of Superintendent Job Posting and open the Position of Superintendent of Schools. (6-0-0)**

- X. **Announcement(s):**

- XI. **Adjournment.**

**Motion was made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to approve to adjourn the Special Called Board Meeting at 5:58 p.m. (6-0-0)**

- **There being no further business appearing before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.**

**(HANDOUTS ADDED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES)**

**(AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OF THE OPEN MEETING AND THE WRITTEN CERTIFIED AGENDA  
OF THE CLOSED MEETING ARE ON FILE)**

**Approved by:**

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**Daniella Lopez Valdez, President of the Board**

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**Date**

**Attested by:**

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**Minerva Pena, Secretary of the Board**

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**Date**

**Notes: Font style designation**

Board of Trustees  
**Administration**  
*Board Attorney*  
***Staff Attorney***  
Speaker/Presenter

**(Minutes presented at Special Called Board Meeting of May 26, 2026)**