



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
July 13, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gary Gandara, Board President; Paul Guerra, Board Vice President; Cynthia A. Najera, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Michael A. Najera; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Angelica Rodriguez

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Board President Gary Gandara. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**FACILITY ASSESSMENT, LAND ANALYSIS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY UPDATE**

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer and VLK Architects, provided an update of the Facility Assessment, Land Analysis and Demographic Study for the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this item.

**RECESS**

A brief recess was observed at 7:12 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

**NON-TRADITIONAL ATTENDANCE TEA WAIVER FOR OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL**

Following a presentation by Cory Craft, Academic Compliance Officer, regarding the request for approval of the non-traditional attendance day for Options High School during the 2016-2017 school year; this schedule includes an 8:00 AM-12:00 PM shift and a 12:00 PM-4:00 PM shift for students, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL POLICY GKB**

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding revisions to local policy GKB, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:38 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel regarding the status and possible settlement of the El Paso Electric Rate 41 case before the State Office of Administrative Hearings; for discussion regarding termination of term contract for A.O. from SPC Rafael Hernando School and to consider administrative recommendation for Principal of Paso Del Norte School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC RATE 41 CASE BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to authorize Administration and legal counsel to complete all the necessary documents to approve the settlement of the Rate 41 Case as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**TERMINATION OF TERM CONTRACT OF A.O. FROM SPC RAFAEL HERNANDO SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to propose the termination of term contract of A.O. for good cause for the reasons discussed in Closed Session and to authorize Administration to issue all necessary notices and appropriate documentation. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Nathan Ballard to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Paso Del Norte School. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 26, 2016.**