



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
August 23, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Guerra, Board President; Cynthia A. Najera, Board Vice President; Michael A. Najera, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub; Angelica Rodriguez arrived at 5:48 p.m.; Gary Gandara; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Board President Paul Guerra. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADVISE TX MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Following a presentation by Tammi Mackeben, Director of Guidance and Counseling, regarding the renewal of this ongoing MOU among Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), The University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin), and Socorro Independent School District (SISD) relating to the Advise TX College Advising Corps Program, 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 5:38 p.m. for discussion regarding status and employment of A. Licon to include recommendation from administration to suspend without pay and terminate employment for good cause; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendation for Principal position at Mission Early College High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT OF A. LICON**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to accept the recommendation of the administration to suspend A. Licon without pay pending discharge of teacher for good cause as discussed in closed session; the suspension without pay should be effective immediately and the administration shall issue proper notice to A. Licon as required by policy DFBA. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion as made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to accept the recommendation of the administration and issue notice of the district’s proposal to terminate the term contract of A. Licon for good cause as discussed in closed session; the administration shall issue proper notice to A. Licon as required by policy DFBA. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT, AS PURCHASER AND RANCHOS REAL XV, LLC, OR RANCHOS REAL HOLDINGS XV, LLC AS SELLER**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to authorize the administration on behalf of the District to enter into and perform obligations under that certain real estate contract between the District, as purchaser and Ranchos Real XV, LLC, or Ranchos Real Holdings XV, LLC, as seller, for the acquisition of real estate property for District use in line with the terms discussed during closed session; to authorize Paul Guerra, as President, and Thomas A. Eyeington, AIA, as Chief Operations Officer of the District and each of them acting alone to sign such agreements, documents, instruments as may be required under the Contract, and to authorize the Secretary and Vice President of the Board of the District to execute the Certificate of Resolutions as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Veronica Reyes to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal at Mission Early College High School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**GOVERNANCE TEAM TRAINING**

At this time, the Board of Trustees, Superintendent and Cabinet Members participated in a Team Building Session facilitated by Dr. Bill Mitchell.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017.**