

# EPAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2020  
DSC Meeting Rooms A & B  
4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:32 p.m.

## Members Present:

Juan Garcia	Maria Belinda Arnold	Jarrold Aguirre	Lindsay Taylor
Dianna Rios	Gilberto Barrera	Consuelo Torres	Patsy Valadez
Gabriela Shimshock	Sherry Lewis	Amanda Ayala	William Barde
Leo Saldivar	Veronica Villanueva	Araceli Lara	Jasmine Holder
Ericka Flores	Grace Fierro	Sherri Pena	Cynthia Dominguez
Arleen Mendez	Danahe Hernandez	Linda Flores	Jessica Rodriguez
Amanda Garay	Ida Leza	Cristina Acosta	Denise Rendon
David Justo	Veronica Chavez	Juan Ibarra	Mary Ann Kalnas
Luis Garcia	Hector Herrera	Sonia Ponce	Marcy Sparks
Mary Helen Cholka	Claudia Cervantes	Lori Anaya	Anna Lozano
Cecilia Lizaola	Rayleen Carbajal	Angie Peña	John Kaudaissy
Maria Ayub	Stephanie Morales	Derek Beets	
Carolina Gandara	Elizabeth Garcia	Melanie Tobias	

**Cabinet/Staff:** Dr. José Espinoza, *Superintendent of Schools*; Lucia Borrego, *Chief Academic Officer - Academic Services*; Carmen Crosse, *Assistant Superintendent - Secondary Education*; Daniel Escobar, *Chief Communications Officer - Public Relations*; Tom Eyeington, *Chief Operations Officer - District Operations*; Marivel Macias, *Assistant Superintendent - Administrative Services*; Melissa Parham, *Assistant Superintendent - Elementary Education*; Cynthia Retana, *Assistant Superintendent - Secondary Education*; Hector Reyna, *Chief Technology Officer - Technology Services*; Tony Reza, *Chief Financial Officer - Financial Services*; Alisa Zapata, *Assistant Superintendent - Elementary Education*; Elva Chavez, *Director of Secondary Personnel - Human Resources*; Angelica Herrera, *Director of Elementary Personnel - Human Resources*; Jessica Macias, *School Improvement Officer - Academic Services*; Veronica Reyes, *Director of Bilingual/ESL Education*; Dr. Adam Starke, *Director of State and Federal Programs*; Celina Stiles, *Director of Support Personnel - Human Resources*; Sergio Maldonado, *District Testing Coordinator - Research & Evaluation*; Hilda Miranda, *Coordinator of Information Systems - Technology Services*; Miguel Moreno, *Coordinator - Instructional Technology*; Elizabeth Rios, *Systems Team Leader - Technology Services*; Oscar Leza, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*

## I. Welcome –Mr. John Kaudaissy, Dr. Adam Starke and Dr. José Espinoza

Mr. Kaudaissy greeted members, thanked them for attending, and handed the meeting over to Dr. Starke, who then introduced Dr. Espinoza. Dr. Espinoza shared a few announcements with members. He spoke about charter schools opening additional campuses in the area and about the importance of educating parents regarding the services that Socorro ISD offers, unmatched by these charters. He stated that the “Stand and Deliver” event will occur on Saturday, May 16, 2020, held to notify parents and community members about how SISD is the better choice for students. He asked members to please begin planning for the event with their campus teams and to use Twitter to spread the word about the strength of the district. Dr. Espinoza also reminded members about the upcoming Robocom, Western Day, and Teacher of the Year events, then took a few moments to introduce Ms. Melissa Parham, the district’s newest Assistant Superintendent. He spoke about how Socorro ISD is contending for “Raise Your Hand Texas”



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funding in support of blended learning. Ms. Borrego provided some information regarding the process, including how Socorro ISD is the only Region 19 district in contention. Dr. Espinoza's final piece of information was about the district's effort to provide a security officer for each campus. He thanked members and handed the meeting over to Mr. Kaudaissy.

**II. Consider Approval of EPAC Minutes for September 19, 2019 – Mr. John Kaudaissy**

Mr. Kaudaissy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September EPAC meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

**III. 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 Calendars – Ms. Alisa Zapata**

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Zapata shared the proposed calendars for the next 2 years with EPAC members. She illustrated how the calendars greatly mirror the current calendar, including intersession and planning dates. Holiday breaks, end dates, and teacher workdays are similar as well. She stated that a balance between planning and staff development was consciously sought in the creation of these calendars. Members relayed general consensus and had basic questions related to items such as “job-a-like” day and early dismissal that were addressed by Ms. Zapata. Members voted and approved the calendars, allowing Ms. Zapata to move forward with the process.

**IV. Bond 2017 Progress Report – Mr. Tom Eyeington**

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Eyeington shared about construction projects that are currently being planned for and carried out, related to the 2017 bond funds. He provided visuals and expenditure projections, by campus, to clarify how the funding is being utilized. He also shared about the new stadium and where it will stand in relation to the existing SAC facility.

**V. School Improvement Team Issues – Mr. John Kaudaissy**

Mr. Kaudaissy opened the floor for members to share any issues raised by School Improvement Teams at campuses.

The member from Slider Middle School asked about the possibility of having the sports fields leveled and maintained for better use. Mr. Eyeington stated he would look into it.

The member from Rojas Elementary asked about resurfacing the basketball court area for safety. Mr. Eyeington stated that a program is underway, studying various campuses for such items. He will check about Rojas.

No other concerns were shared at this time.

**VI. Closure – Mr. John Kaudaissy**

Mr. Kaudaissy reminded members about the February EPAC meeting, thanked members, and closed the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.



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