

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 15, 2021
11:00 A.M.**

Present: Mr. Al Velarde, Vice President
Dr. Josh Acevedo, Member¹
Mr. Daniel Call, Member
Ms. Leah Hanany, Member
Ms. Isabel Hernandez, Member
Mr. Freddy Khlayel-Avalos, Member
Mr. Vince Sheffield, Interim Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Charles Taylor, Member

Others: Ms. Cezy Collins, General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m. by Board Vice President Velarde. Board Vice President Velarde established that a quorum of the Board of Trustees was present for the meeting through videoconference.

Board Vice President Velarde announced that pursuant to Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws, issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting would be conducted via videoconference, which would be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. He certified that notice for this meeting was posted online for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and that a quorum of the Board members was present for the meeting. Additionally, he provided direction for those individuals signed up to speak during Public Forum, as well as contact information for the Office of the Attorney General in the event anyone had questions regarding the suspended laws.

Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed for Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

2. Meeting to be Closed under Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.129 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- A. Termination of Term Employment Contract – Teacher, Andress High School; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074
- B. Consultation with Legal Counsel Concerning Legal Issues Relating To:
 - 1. Proposed Agreement between El Paso Independent School District, Merchants Bonding, and F.T. James Construction, Inc., with Regard to the General Construction Agreement Dated November 13, 2018, between F.T. James Construction, Inc., and El Paso Independent School District for Project #17-625, El Paso High School RFCSP #18-082; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.129
 - 2. Angel S. Lopez v. El Paso Independent School District, in the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, El Paso Area Office; EEOC Charge Number 453-2021-00309; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071
- C. Grievance Appeal - Christopher Rodriguez (Former Employee); Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 12:58 p.m.

¹ Trustee Acevedo departed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. during discussion of Item 2.B.2 and reconnected to the meeting at 12:19 p.m. during discussion of Item 2.B.2.

3. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Termination of Term Employment Contract – Teacher, Address High School

It was moved by Trustee Khlayel-Avalos and seconded by Trustee Hernandez, that the Board terminate Ms. Leticia Pimentel's Term Employment Contract as a teacher, effective immediately. A roll-call vote was taken with Trustees Acevedo, Call, Hanany, Hernandez, Khlayel-Avalos, and Velarde voting in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Proposed Agreement between El Paso Independent School District, Merchants Bonding, and F.T. James Construction, Inc., with Regard to the General Construction Agreement Dated November 13, 2018, between F.T. James Construction, Inc., and El Paso Independent School District for Project #17-625, El Paso High School PFCSP #18-082

It was moved by Trustee Hanany and seconded by Trustee Call, that the Board enter into the Agreement with FT James Construction, Inc., and Merchants Bonding Company, as discussed in Closed Session. A roll-call vote was taken with Trustees Acevedo, Call, Hanany, Hernandez, Khlayel-Avalos, and Velarde voting in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Angel S. Lopez v. El Paso Independent School District, in the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, El Paso Area Office; EEOC Charge Number 453-2021-00309

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Grievance Appeal - Christopher Rodriguez (Former Employee)

It was moved by Trustee Acevedo and seconded by Trustee Hanany, that the Board uphold the Superintendent's designee's decision and deny this grievance appeal. A roll-call vote was taken with Trustees Acevedo, Call, Hanany, Hernandez, Khlayel-Avalos, and Velarde voting in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

President

Secretary

Date Approved: _____