

**Sierra Blanca ISD Board Minutes  
November 18, 2024**

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Robert Gomez, Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to open meeting at 6:06 pm. Motion carried unanimous.

Members Present: Juanita Snyder, Annette Ramirez, Alicia Walker, Robert Gomez, and Marty Bustamante

Members Absent: Tyler Elam and Mary Lewis

**II. Opening Activities**

Board conducted usual opening activities

**III. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.**

November 14, 2024 at 4:10pm

**IV. Approval to certify the canvass of the 2024 election held on November 5, 2024 and make official the results of the Sierra Blanca ISD trustee election positions.**

Robert Gomez read the vote count at: 712 votes cast

Cristal Gonzalez 71

Alicia Walker 191

Robert Gomez 160

Juanita Snyder 151

Jessie Ortega 139

Motion made by Marty Bustamante and seconded by Annette Ramirez to certify the canvass of the 2024 election held on November 5, 2024 in which Alicia Walker, Juanita Snyder and Robert Gomez will take office.

Motion passed unanimous.

Juanita Snyder yay

Annette Ramirez yay

Robert Gomez yay

Alicia Walker yay

Marty Bustamante yay

**V. Oath of office for newly elected officials.**

Juanita Snyder, Robert Gomez and Alicia Walker all repeated the oath and signed papers along with notary Samanda Cervantez.

**VI. Election of Officers**

**A. Board President**

**B. Board Vice President**

**C. Board Secretary**

Motion made by Marty Bustamante and seconded by Annette Ramirez to keep officers as is: Board President Robert Gomez, Board Vice President Tyler Elam, Board Secretary Alicia Walker. Motion passed unanimous.

**VII. Open Forum**

Ben from Gallagher passed out paper with progress of the CTE and gym addition. Hoping to hand over the CTE addition before Christmas and the gym in March. The grade by the CTE building was adjusted for drainage.

**VIII. Consent Items**

**A. Discussion/Approval of Financial**

- a. Consideration of Expenditures Since Previous Meeting
- b. Budget expanded by function
- c. Budget amendments

**B. Tax Collections**

**C. Investment Report Monthly**

**D. Discussion/Approval of Board Minutes from Board Meeting  
November 4, 2024**

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Marty Bustamante to approve all consent items presented excluding the budget amendment. Motion carried unanimous.

**IX. ACTION: Presentation/Approval of Financial Independent Auditors report for fiscal year 2023-2024 by Singleton, Clark and Company.**

*Robert Gabilia*

Name presented the findings and opinion of the audit. He explained that opinion is labeled unmodified, which means the letter was not changed and the District received a clean opinion. There was no findings and no recommendations for the previous year to add and none to add this year as well. The general fund reserves are at about 7.4 months and within the level of standard. There were two adjustments made on the part of tax appraisal office having missed some payments.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Marty Bustamante to approve the audit for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by Singleton, Clark and Company. Motion passed unanimous.

**X. Presentation/Overview of the 2024 Sierra Blanca ISD School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)**

Powerpoint presentation stating the questions answered and ratings of the questions. The district received an 86/100 resulting in a B. All will receive presentation via email.

**XI. Action: Discussion/Approval of quote from El Paso Electric for the Ag Barn**

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to approve the budget amendment and quote from El Paso Electric for Ag Barn. Motion carried unanimous.

**XII. Action: Discussion/Approval of quote form Saucedo and Company for door key card installations.**

Money coming from safety grant. Motion made by Marty Bustamante and seconded by Annette Ramirez to approve the quote from Saucedo and Company for door key card installations. Motion carried unanimous.

**XIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 Athletic Handbook.**

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to approve the proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 athletic handbook with corrections. Motion passed unanimous.

**XIV. Action: Discussion/Approval of setup of an activity account for the future purchase of an Ag truck**

Motion made by Marty Bustamante and seconded by Alicia Walker to setup activity account for the purchase of an Ag Truck. Motion carried unanimous. Money from bus sale can begin account.

**XV. Closed Session:**

None.

**XVI. Action:**

None

**XVII. Superintendent Report**

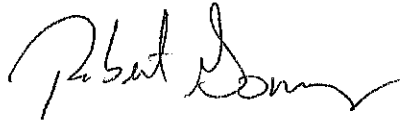
- a. Curriculum and Instruction: Fall LAR Interim Results and plans of action
- b. Land Sale: no new updates waiting on call backs
- c. Internet: No new quotes
- d. Fleet: New bus doing well and teachers completed training

**XVIII. Schedule Future Meetings**

December 16, 2024 at 6pm

**XIX. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez, Motion carried unanimous.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.