

# Sierra Blanca ISD Board Minutes

February 09, 2026

## I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President Robert Gomez

Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Marty Bustamante to call the meeting to order.

Juanita Snyder: yay

Annette Ramirez: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion Carried

**Members Present:** Mary Lewis, Annette Ramirez, Jessie Ortega, Robert Gomez, Juanita Snyder and Marty Bustamante

**Members Absent:** Alicia Walker

At 8:55 pm Juanita Snyder had to leave due to an emergency.

## II. Opening Activities

Board conducted usual opening activities

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

February 03, 2026 at 3:00 pm

## IV. Open Forum

None

## V. Consent Items

### A. Approval of Financials

i. Consideration of Expenditures Since Previous Meeting

ii. Budget Expanded by Function

iii. Budget Amendments

### B. Tax Collections

### C. Investment Report Monthly/Quarterly

### D. Board Minutes from Board Meeting on January 19, 2026

Motion made by Mary Lewis seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve all consent items as presented.

Juanita Snyder: yay

Annette Ramirez: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**VI. ACTION: Discussion/Approval of the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 and Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text.**

Motion made by Marty Bustamante seconded by Annette Ramirez not to adopt the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 and Decline the Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**VII. ACTION: Discussion/Approval of the Resolution to apply for the Criminal Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program for Truancy.**

Motion made by Jessie Ortega seconded by Mary Lewis to approve of the Resolution to apply for the Criminal Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program for Truancy.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**VIII. ACTION: Discussion/Approval to Approve a Contract to Hire a Tax Firm for Protesting Property Values.**

Motion made by Jessie Ortega seconded by Mary Lewis to approve a Contract to hire a tax firm for protesting property values for the years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**IX. ACTION: Discussion/Approval of new Truancy Manager Position**

Motion made by Mary Lewis seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve of new Truancy Manager Position half of the salary would come from the Grant and the other half from the Front Office General Fund.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: abstain  
Motion Carried

**X. ACTION: Discussion/Approval to Accept the Laso 4 TEA PREP Mentorship Program Grant.**

Motion made by Annette Ramirez seconded by Mary Lewis to accept the Laso 4 TEA PREP Mentorship Program Allotment. It was allotted to pay \$3,000.00 to Teacher mentor Teachers but the two-year Teachers and under the two-year it was allotted to pay \$1,000.00 maybe more to Teacher mentor.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**XI. ACTION: Discussion/Approval of the Recommendations for Administrator Contract Renewals of the Principal.**

**XII. ACTION: Discussion/Approval of Superintendent Evaluation and Contract Renewal/Extension.**

**XIII. Closed Session:** Discussion if needed regarding personnel under Texas Govt. Code 551.074. The board may need discussion regarding employee resignation, contract renewals and/or the Superintendent contract renewal.

**The Board moved to Closed Session:** Motion made by Mary Lewis seconded by Marty Bustamante to enter into closed session per Code 551.074 at 7:03 pm for Discussion/Approval for Action XI and Action XII.

Juanita Snyder: yay  
Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

**The Board moved to convened in open meeting:** Motion made by Jessie Ortega and seconded by Marty Bustamante at 8:53 pm

Juanita Snyder: yay

Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Jessie Ortega seconded by Marty Bustamante to approve the recommendation of Paula Gimer 2026-2027 School year Administrator Contract Renewal of the Principal.

Juanita Snyder: Left the meeting due to emergency so did not vote

Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay  
Marty Bustamante: yay  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Marty Bustamante seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve of Superintendent Ronni LeeAnn McGraw Evaluation.

Juanita Snyder: Left the meeting due to emergency so did not vote

Annette Ramirez: yay  
Robert Gomez: yay  
Mary Lewis: yay  
Jessie Ortega: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion Carried

Motion made by Marty Bustamante seconded by Mary Lewis to approve of Superintendent Ronni LeeAnn McGraw February 9, 2026-June 30, 2029 Contract Renewal/Extension.

Juanita Snyder: Left the meeting due to an emergency so did not vote

Annette Ramirez: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion Carried

**XIV. Superintendent Report**

a. Bond Update – moving quickly and getting quotes

b. Safety and Security

c. Board Training SLI deadline is March meeting

d. Property Value Protest

**XV. Schedule Future Meetings**

March 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm

**XVI. Adjourn**

Motion made by Annette Ramirez seconded by Jessie Ortega to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Juanita Snyder: Left the meeting due to an emergency so did not vote

Annette Ramirez: yay


Robert Gomez: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion Carried



3/23/24