

**Sierra Blanca ISD Board Minutes
May 18, 2026**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Robert Gomez

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

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay Marty Bustamante: yay

Annette Ramirez: yay

Motion carried

Members Present: Annette Ramirez, Mary Lewis, Alicia Walker, Marty Bustamante and Robert Gomez

Members Absent: Juanita Snyder and Jessie Ortega

II. Opening Activities

Board conducted usual opening activities

III. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

May 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm

IV. Open Forum

Melissa Rivera: concerns about graduation speech

A. Public Notice: Sierra Blanca ISD plans to apply for the School Year 2026-2027

Title IA, Title IIA and Title IV A and apply the funds for Teacher Salary for PK.

V. Consent Items

A. Approval of Financial

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 April 20, 2026.

Motion to approve all consent items as presented made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Alicia Walker.

Robert Gomez: yay Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried

VI. ACTION: Discussion/Approval to accept the election contract with Hudspeth County.

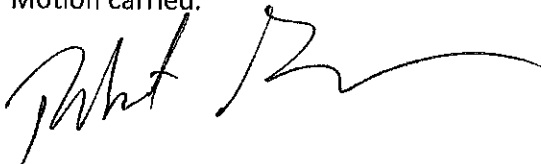
Motion made by Marty Bustamante and seconded by Alicia Walker to table pending lawyer's advisement.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried.



VII. Action: Discussion/Approval of the resolution to outline investment policies and strategies.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to adopt the resolution to outline investment policies and strategies with Region 12.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried.

VIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of bond quotes for the stage curtains and lighting.

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Alicia Walker to approve quotes for stage curtains and lighting as presented.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried.

IX. Action: Discussion/Approval of the SBISD Athletic Handbook with the edits from last meeting

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to approve the SBISD Athletic Handbook.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried

X. Action: Discussion/Approval to approve the resignation of Paula Geimer as Principal/Tuancy Manager.

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Mary Lewis to approve the resignation of Paula Geimer as Principal/Tuancy Manager.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried.

XI. Action: Discussion/Approval of new hire recommendation for Norman Candelaria as Principal/ Tuancy Manager.

Motion made to go into closed session under 551.074 at 6:32 pm made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Marty Bustamante.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried

Board Convened at 6:45 pm.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Marty Bustamante to approve the new hire Norman Candelaria as Principal/Tuancy Manager.

Robert Gomez: yay Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried

XII.

XIII. Superintendent Report

- a. Superintendent Calendar and newsletter available
- b. Safety Audit Updates: Vulnerability audit from TEA had no findings
- c. Staffing Updates: Kinder position filled, dual credit position filled, opening for Social Studies (8-12)
- d. Training Team of 8: Around end of July beginning August
- e. EOY Truancy Update: Court was held and credit recovery is beginning for summer school
- f. Summer School: May 26- June 11, 3 Weeks. HS June 18

XIV. Schedule Future Meetings

June 15, 2026 at 6 pm

XV. Adjourn

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Mary Lewis to adjourn at 6:53 pm.

Robert Gomez: yay

Annette Ramirez: yay

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Marty Bustamante: yay

Motion carried.