

**Sierra Blanca ISD Board Minutes
July 20, 2026**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm by President Robert Gomez

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Mary Lewis to call the meeting to order.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried

Members Present: Mary Lewis, Alicia Walker, Robert Gomez, Juanita Snyder and Jessie Ortega

Members Absent: Annette Ramirez and Marty Bustamante

II. Opening Activities

Board conducted usual opening activities

III. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

July 14, 2026 at 5:30 pm

IV. Open Forum

none

V. Consent Items

A. Approval of Financial

i. Consideration of Expenditures Since Previous Meeting

ii. Budget Expanded by Function

B. Tax Collections

C. Investment Report Monthly/Quarterly

D. Board Minutes from Board Meeting on June 15, 2026

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

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Agenda Item

VI. ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of a certification of compliance with certain laws required in accordance with TEC 39.008

Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve the certification of compliance with TEC 39.008

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried.

VII. Action: Discussion/Approval to accept the election contract with Hudspeth County

Motion made by Juanita Snyder and seconded by Alicia Walker to table until clarification of details can be verified.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried.

VIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of Region 12 contract renewals for PEIMS and Business Support.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Juanita Snyder to approve Region 12 contract renewals for PEIMS and Business Support.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried

IX. Action: Discussion/Approval for 2026-2027 school year we delegate the contractual authority to delegate the school district under TEC 11.1511 (c) (4) to the Superintendent solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC 48.257 and TEC chapter 49, subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC 49.006. This included approval for the agreement for the purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Jessie Ortega for the 2026-2027 school year we delegate the contractual authority to delegate the school district under TEC 11.1511 (c) (4) to the Superintendent solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC 48.257 and TEC chapter 49, subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC 49.006. This included approval for the agreement for the purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carries

X. Action: Discussion/Approval of the SBISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Alicia Walker to approve the SBISD student code of conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried.

XI. Discussion/Review of the Employee Handbook for the 2026-2027SY

Reviewed.

XII. Discussion/Review of Student Handbook for 2026-2027 SY

Reviewed.

XIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of Safety Audit Survey 2023-2026

Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve the Safety Audit Survey 2023-2026.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

XIV. Action: Discussion/Approval of District Wellness Policy (with Mrs. Penalosa)

Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Juanita Snyder to approve the District Wellness Policy.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

XV. Action: Discussion/Approval of Superintendent Search Firm Proposals

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Juanita Snyder to table for further information.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

XVI. Action: Discussion/Approval of salary changes for the administration positions.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Jessie Ortega to enter into closed session per 551.074 at 7:54pm.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

Board convened in Open Session at 8:19pm

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Jessie Ortega to amend Principal Salary/Truancy Manger position to \$85,000 with 2-week vacation.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

XVII. Action: Discussion/Approval of Property and Liability Insurance TASB Risk Fund

Motion made by Jessie Ortega and seconded by Mary Lewis to approve the property and liability insurance TASB Risk Fund.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried

XVIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of Proposals for purchase of truck for Ag department.

Motion to approve the purchase of ag truck with Rudolph made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Jessie Ortega.

Alicia Walker: yay

Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion Carried.

XIX. none

XX. Superintendent Report

a. Superintendent Calendar, not available

b. Staffing Updates: all positions filled. Training starts July 27, 2026

c. Board Training: Cyber security and Team of 8 training

d. TARS: Engle awarded Honorary Life Member. Concerns were discussed for small schools

XXI. Schedule Future Meetings

August 17, 2026 at 6 pm

XXII. Adjourn

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Jessie Ortega to adjourn at 8:44pm.

Alicia Walker: yay

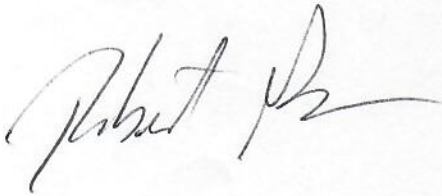
Mary Lewis: yay

Robert Gomez: yay

Juanita Snyder: yay

Jessie Ortega: yay

Motion carried.

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