

WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 12:00 PM Central

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WESLACO ISD Board Room
319 West Fourth Street
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Benjamin Castillo: Present
Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Present
Marcos De Los Santos: Present
Isidoro Nieto: Present
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Present
Eduardo Serna: Present
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED



1. CALL TO ORDER

- **THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, AT 12:03 PM**

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 12:03 PM**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS BY:**
 - **EDWARD MEJIA (ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON FILE)**
 - **RE: AGENDA ITEM 5.A.1.**
 - **DIANA GARZA (ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON FILE)**
 - **RE: AGENDA ITEM 5.A.3.**
 - **CRAIG ALANIZ (ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON FILE)**
 - **RE: WEHS CLASS OF 2007 CLASS REUNION (ITEM ON ON AGENDA)**

4. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

4.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDER CALLING FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Marcos De Los Santos, Carried.

Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, MENTIONED OTHER ELECTION LOCATIONS**

5. CLOSED MEETING (PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION: §551.074)

- **AT 12:20 PM, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ISIDORO NIETO, PRESIDENT, ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY, AND TRUSTEES, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, AND EDUARDO SERNA, CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION**

5.A. PERSONNEL MATTERS (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074)

5.A.1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT, DR. RICHARD RIVERA

5.A.2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

5.A.3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NAMING OF AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

6. RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING

- **AT 12:42 PM, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ISIDORO NIETO, PRESIDENT, ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY, AND TRUSTEES, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, AND EDUARDO SERNA, RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION**

6.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT, DR. RICHARD RIVERA

TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT DR. RICHARD RIVERA'S RETIREMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2026. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Carried.

Jaelyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- **TRUSTEE, BEN CASTILLO, COMMENTED THAT DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, HAD SUBMITTED HIS RETIREMENT LETTER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2026**
- **DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, COMMENTED ON THIS ITEM**
- **ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, COMMENTED ON THIS ITEM**
- **ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, COMMENTED THAT IN ANOTHER BOARD MEETING THEY WILL DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE PLANS FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

6.B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

- **ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, STATED THAT THIS ITEM WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 17TH**
- **NO ACTION TAKEN**

6.C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- **NO ACTION TAKEN**

7. ADJOURNMENT

- THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, AT 12:46 PM



WESLACO ISD - Board of Trustees
Executive Administrative Assistant

September 21, 2026

Date