



BOARD UPDATE

June 18, 2019

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Oath of Office to elected and appointed Board Members,
- Approved Re-Organization of the Board of Directors,
- Approved Minutes of the May 16, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting,
- Approved Budget Amendments for May 2019,
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of May 31, 2019,
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report Ended May 31, 2019,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative School Nutrition Program Food Items RFP 19-AGENCY-000049, Extension 1 of 3,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative Manufacturer Direct Ship to District Warehouse Commercial Products RFP 19-AGENCY-000050, Extension 1 of 3,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Dairy and Juice Products RFP 19-AGENCY-000051 – Extension 1 of 3,

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Board Members Take Oath of Office, Re-Organization Takes Place

In one of the first orders of business of the Region One ESC Board of Directors meeting, re-elected and appointed Board Members took their Oath of Office. Re-elected Board Member, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. (Place 6-Cameron County) and Roberto Moroles (appointed Charter Schools Representative) were sworn in by Region One ESC attorney, Mr. Jose Guerrero.



Re-elected Board Member, Laura A. McCoy (Place 3- Webb County) was absent.

New Executive Board Named

Immediately following the swearing-in ceremony, the Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors re-organized its officers for the 2019-2020 school year. Region One ESC Board policy mandates that the Board of Directors re-organize the slate of executive officers following the canvassing of votes in April.

Ruben Cortez, Jr. (Place 5-Cameron County) was elected to serve as Chairperson for the 2019-2020 year. Raul R. Chapa (Place 7-Willacy County) will serve as Vice-Chairperson and Sonia A. Falcon (Place 4-Hidalgo County) will serve as Secretary. Ruben Cortez, Jr. has served on the Region One Board since 2011. Raul R. Chapa was first elected to the Board in 2012, and Sonia Falcon was elected to the Board in 2018.

Out-going Chairperson, Ricardo Gutierrez, was presented a plaque in appreciation for his service. ❖



Ruben Cortez, Jr.
Chairman
Place 5



Raul R. Chapa
Vice-Chairman
Place 7



Sonia A. Falcon
Secretary
Place 4

Board Approves Adjustment to Salary Scale and Salary Increases

The Region One ESC Board of Trustees unanimously approved salary scale adjustments and salary increases for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by Administration.

In an effort to continue to retain highly qualified personnel and to ensure that Region One remains competitive in the job market with surrounding school districts, Region One Administration recommended a 2% adjustment to the salary scale. The modification to the salary scale is in line with the cost of living increase.

The Board also approved a 3% salary increase from the 2019-2020 midpoint for all pay grades. Employees who are above the established maximum for that pay grade, or for whom the increase would place their salary above the maximum, would receive half of the approved increase for the coming year.

An adjustment to the salary schedule for Part-Time positions was also approved to reflect a \$5 per day increase for pay grades S10, S20, and S30.

Region One ESC will continue to contribute \$617.58 for health and other fringe benefits for full-time employees, \$267 for SubHub/Temporary Teachers and Adult Education Part-Time Teachers. ❖

Executive Director's Report

- In his Executive Director's Report, Dr. Gonzalez invited Connie Lopez, Deputy Director, Business, Operations and Finance, to provide a Proposed Budget presentation for the Board. Lopez reported a \$64.5 million budget for the 2019-2020 year of which 60% is derived from Federal Funds, 35% from Local Funds, and 5% from State Funds. Region One receives only \$257,608 from the state.
- Lopez reviewed position comparison reports, budget comparison reports, and program budgets. The Board will officially adopt the budget at the August 22, 2019 Board Meeting following the required Public Hearing.
- In his Personnel Services Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following New Staff Additions: Veronica Araujo-Rodriguez, *Office of Early Childhood Intervention, Speech Language Pathologist*; Rachael Sanchez, *Office of College, Career, & Life Readiness, Specialist-GEAR UP Transition Support ELA*. Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following Changes: America Retana, *Office of Accounting/Finance Support, Specialist-Cooperative Purchasing* and Manuela Stangl, *Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Specialist-Instructional Support (ELAR 4-8)*. ❖

Upcoming Events

2019 TASA/TASB Convention	September 20-22, 2019 Dallas, Texas
ESC Closure Dates	July 1-12, 2019
Region One Board Meeting	August 22, 2019

Next Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Region One ESC

- Approved Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Dairy and Juice Products for Edinburg CISD RFP 19-AGENCY-000061 - Extension 1 of 3,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Bread and Tortilla Products RFP 16-05-17, Extension 3 of 3,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Dairy and Juice Products RFP 20-AGENCY-000071,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Dispensed Products RFP 16-04-15, Extension 3 of 3,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Equipment & Small Kitchen Wares, Repairs and Preventative Maintenance RFP 20-AGENCY-000073,
- Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Frozen Dessert Products RFP 16-AGENCY-000029, Extension 2 of 3,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Audiovisual (AV) Contract Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000067,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Decor Services and Merchandise RFP 20-AGENCY-000068,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Maintenance Department – Building Material, Hardware, Supplies, Equipment and Repairs RFP 20-AGENCY-000069,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Third Party Administrator Services (TPA) for the Region One Education Service Center’s Cafeteria Benefits Plan (IRC 125) Administration, COBRA Administration & 403(b) Administration RFP 18-AGENCY-000033 Extension 1 of 3,
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Group and Voluntary Insurance Products RFP 19-AGENCY-000042 Extension 1 of 3,
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Independent Auditor Services RFQ 20-AGENCY-000074,
- Approved Awarding Service Provider for ORION fiber network consortium,
- Approved Revision to the 2018-2019 Professionals Pay Plan and the 2018-2019 Part Time Positions salary schedule,
- Approved Proposed Pay Plan Adjustment and Salary Increases for the 2019-2020 School Year,
- Approved Region One ESC Employer Contribution to TRS Active Care for 2019-2020. ❖

Board of Directors 2019-2020

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Chairperson
Place 5 – Cameron County

Raul R. Chapa, Vice-Chairperson
Place 7 – Willacy County

Sonia A. Falcon, Secretary
Place 4 – Hidalgo County

Alicia E. Requenez
Place 1 – Hidalgo County

Ricardo Gutierrez
Place 2 – Jim Hogg County, Starr County & Zapata County

Laura A. McCoy
Place 3 – Webb County

Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr.
Place 6 – Cameron County

Roberto Moroles
Charter Schools Representative

Administration

Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez
Executive Director

Dr. Eduardo Cancino
Deputy Director, Instructional Leadership,
School Improvement, & College Readiness
Support

Mr. Heriberto Villarreal
Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership,
School & Community Support

Connie Lopez, CPA
Deputy Director, Business,
Operations & Finance Support

Ali Kolahdouz
Chief Technology Officer
Division of Technology for Learning



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