



# BOARD UPDATE

September 18, 2018

## Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Approved Minutes of the August 23, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting,
- Approved Policy Update 23
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report Ended August 31, 2018
- Approved 2017-2018 Annual Investment Report
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Automotive and Bus Parts, Tires, Tubes, Supplies, Equipment and Repairs RFP 16-08-19, Extension 2 of 3 to the following: Aspen Refrigerant Inc. (formerly Airgas Refrigerants, Inc.), *Long Island City, NY*; American Industrial Supplies and Tool Repair, Inc., *Pharr, TX*; AOC Holding Company, Inc. DBA Arguindegui Oil Co. II, Ltd., *Laredo, TX*; The King Corporation DBA Arnold Oil Company, *Corpus Christi, TX*; VOR LLC DBA Border Engine Rebuilders and Diesel Services, *Mission, TX*; Buck's Wheel and Equipment Co., *Fort Worth, TX*; Daniel David Polewski DBA Burgess Fabrics, *McAllen, TX*; Vaughan Interests, Inc. DBA Burton Companies, *Weslaco, TX*; CD Starter Service, LLC, *Victoria, TX*; D & R Glass Etc., Inc., *McAllen, TX*; South Texas Diesel Service, Inc. DBA Fuel Injection Service, *Pharr, TX*; Laredo Gonzalez Auto Parts DBA Gonzalez Auto Parts, *Laredo, TX*; Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. DBA Jasper Engines and Transmissions, *Jasper, IN*; Lupe Garza DBA LMG Sales, *Weslaco, TX*; Mobile Relays Partners, Ltd., *McAllen, TX*; B Partes, Inc. DBA Napa Auto Parts, *McAllen, TX*; O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC DBA O'Reilly Auto Parts, *Springfield, MO*; Rush Truck Centers of Texas, LP, *San Antonio, TX*; Kyrish Truck Center (formerly Santex Truck Center Ltd.), *San Antonio, TX*; Oscar Esquivel DBA Secure First Aid and Safety Supply, *McAllen, TX*; Southern Tire Mart, LLC, *Columbia, MS*;

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## Executive Director's Report

- A Project HEAL<sup>2</sup> program update was presented by Dr. Eliza Alvarado, Project Heal<sup>2</sup> Coordinator, at the request of Dr. Gonzalez. The Board learned that the Project HEAL<sup>2</sup> program, piloted in 2017, is the first of its kind partnership in the nation which creates a pipeline to nursing careers for high school students. Project HEAL<sup>2</sup> which was funded by a \$3 million Investing in Innovation grant by the U.S. Department of Education provides high school students interested in a nursing career the opportunity to enroll in first-year college pre-requisite courses while still in high school. Participating school districts include La Joya ISD, South Texas ISD, and PSJA ISD. The pre-requisite dual-enrollment courses are taken through South Texas College and puts the students on a path toward earning an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). Upon completion of the ADN, students are guaranteed spots toward an advanced nursing degree and employment at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance. Project HEAL<sup>2</sup> partners include Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, South Texas College, La Joya ISD, PSJA ISD, and South Texas ISD. The first cohort of students are now attending Nursing School at the South Texas College Campus; the cohort of 37 students consists of 3 students from La Joya ISD, 21 students from South Texas ISD, and 13 students from PSJA ISD.
- Dr. Alvarado informed the Board that her program is currently awaiting notification from the USDE on a \$8 million expansion grant application that would broaden the number of participating school districts. Because of the innovation and success of the Project HEAL<sup>2</sup>, Dr. Alvarado shared that other hospitals in Brownsville and Harlingen and higher education entities (RGV College, Texas A & M University, UTRGV, and Health Sciences Institute at Renaissance) have expressed an interest in collaborating with the project.
- In his Personnel Services Report, Dr. Gonzalez announced the following New Staff Additions: Roberto Castaneda, *ECI Case Manager, Office of Early Childhood Intervention*; Claudia Coronado, *Specialist-Bilingual/ESL, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*; and Vanessa Flores, *ECI Case Manager, Office of Early Childhood Intervention*. Dr. Gonzalez also reported the following Resignations: Dr. Omar Chavez, *Coordinator, Office of Migrant Education*; LeeRoy Corkill, *Administrator, Office of Adult Education*; Heriberto Cortes, *Speech Therapist Assistant, Office of Early Childhood Intervention*, Marguerite Horney, *Specialist, Office of Special Education*, and Mayra Ramos, *ECI Case Manager, Office of Early Childhood Intervention*. ❖

**Next Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 16, 2018**



T&W Tire, LLC (formerly Tire Centers, LLC), *Duncan, SC*; McAdams Group LLC DBA Texas Alternator Starter Service, *Austin, TX*; Trans Air Service Center, LLC, *Edinburg, TX*.

- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Special Needs/ Assistive Technology – Equipment, Supplies and Literacy Materials RFP 18-AGENCY-000035, Extension 1 of 3 to the following: AbleNet, Inc. - *Roseville, MN*; Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC - *Cedar Park, TX*; Independent Living Aids, LLC - *Buffalo, NY*; Lakeshore Learning Materials - *Carson, CA*; MaxiAids, Inc. - *Farmingdale, NY*; Oticon, Inc. - *Somerset, NJ*; Rifton Equipment - *Rifton, NY*; School Health Corporation - *Hanover Park, IL*; School Specialty, Inc. - *Greenville, WI*.
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Security - Equipment, Supplies, Systems and Repairs RFP 18-AGENCY-000036, Extension 1 of 3 to the following: American Surveillance Co, *Brownsville, TX*; Digital Ally, Inc., *Lenexa, KS*; GT Distributors, *Austin, TX*; Safety Vision LLC, *Houston, TX*; South Texas Communications, *McAllen, TX*
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fundraising Services RFP 18-AGENCY00037, Extension 1 of 3 to the following: Cherry Bros, LLC dba Cherrydale Farms, dba Nation Imprint, dba Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe – *Lansdale, PA*; Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc – *Evansville, IN*; Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc dba Freedom Fundraising – *Chandler, IN*.
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Audio/Video and Videoconferencing Equipment and Installation RFP 15-10-02, Extension 2 of 2 to the following: Data Projections, Inc. – *San Antonio, Texas*.
- Approved Classroom and Office Space for Region One ESC Adult Learning Program RFP 16-08-18, Extension 2 of 3 to the following: LBJ Family Limited Partnership, at a rate of \$8,000/month for the second lease term, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Building Maintenance Services RFP 18-AGENCY-000034, Extension 1 of 3 to the following: VCI Builders, Inc. – *Mission, TX*.
- Approved Region One Education Service Center On-Call Architectural, Engineering and Materials Testing RFQ 16-AGENCY-000005, Extension 2 of 3 to the following: Gignac & Associates, LLP.
- Approved the Evaluation Committee ranking and allow Administration to enter into negotiations with the highest-ranking construction firm (Summit Building & Design, Laredo, TX) and continue in order of the ranking until a contract is reached or all proposals are rejected for Region One ESC Laredo Extension Office Renovations CSP 19-AGENCY-000052. ❖

*Upcoming Events*

TAESC Conference	Nov. 2-4, 2018
Thanksgiving Break (ESC Closed)	Nov. 19-23, 2018
Board Meeting	Nov. 27, 2018

**Board of Directors  
2018-2019**

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

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

Raul R. Chapa, Secretary  
Place 7 – Willacy County

Alicia E. Requenez  
Place 1 – Hidalgo County

Laura A. McCoy  
Place 3 – Webb County

Sonia A. Falcon  
Place 4 – Hidalgo 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

Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr.  
Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership, School &  
Community Support

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

Ali Kolahdouz  
Chief Technology Officer



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