



BOARD UPDATE

January 23, 2018

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Approved Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting,
- Approved Budget Amendments for December, 2017,
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2017,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Copy Paper, Envelopes, Tabs, Labels, Binding, Printing— Equipment and Supplies Proposal 16-01-04, Extension 2 of 2,
- *Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair RFP 16-AGENCY-000014, Extension 1 of 3,
- *Approved 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,
- Approved Contingency Agreement for Awarding Vendor Selected by RFP for Regional Fiber Network Project,
- Approved Consider Procurement Method, Selection Criteria, Review and Ranking Committee, Prevailing Wage Rate and Authorization to seek Competitive Sealed Proposals for Construction Projects,
- Approved Announcement of Expiration of Board Member Terms and Calling of Region One Education Service Center Board Elections,
- Tabled Evaluation of the Executive Director and Discussion of Contract. ❖

Executive Director's Report

In his Executive Director's Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following items:

- The Region One ESC Board of Directors were the guests of honor at a reception held prior to the Board Meeting in celebration of School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Gonzalez and staff members shared with Board Members their appreciation for the Board's support of ESC programs and staff members.
- Dr. Gonzalez advised Board Members that on-going meetings with the ESC Architect, Gignac & Associates have been held to discuss ideas about an expansion to the Region One Edinburg building and the Laredo Satellite Office. The initial plans are to create a larger meeting room space at the Edinburg site to accommodate up to 1,000 persons with the capability to divide the room into smaller meeting spaces, if necessary. With the purchase of the Laredo Satellite Office complete, Dr. Gonzalez reported that much needed improvements, including adding new meeting room space and parking lot renovations were discussed with the architectural group. Representatives from Gignac & Associates shared preliminary artist renderings of the two facilities. Due to a last minute discovery of a water line on the Edinburg property, further action on the Edinburg project would be delayed, according to Gignac. Later in the meeting, the Board took action to approve steps that would allow Administration to seek competitive sealed proposals for the construction projects in Laredo.
- In his Personnel Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following new staff additions: Betty Cardenas, *Specialist-Instructional/Bilingual/Special Education, Brownsville Satellite Office*; Adan Mares, *Business Analyst, Office of Information Technology*. ❖

Upcoming Events

February 22-25	2018 MASBA Annual Conference
April 7-9	78th Annual NSBA Conference
February 19	ESC Inclement Weather Day/ESC Closed
February 27	ESC Board of Directors Meeting to be held at Brownsville Satellite Office
March 12-16	Spring Break/ESC Closed
March 30	Easter Holiday/ESC Closed

Region One ESC Announces Board Election

The Region One Board of Directors approved the announcement of the expiration of terms for three seats on the ESC Board. Those expired terms are Place 1 representing Hidalgo County, currently filled by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, of Mission, Texas, Place 4 representing Hidalgo County, currently filled by Mr. Pete Garcia, Jr., of San Juan, Texas, and Place 7 representing Willacy County, currently filled by Mr. Raul R. Chapa or Lasara, Texas.

Mrs. Requenez has served on the board since 1997, Mr. Pete Garcia was first elected to the ESC Board in 2015 and Mr. Chapa has served on the ESC Board since 2012. ESC Board members are elected to a three (3) year term by school board members of the 37 school districts within Region One.

Applications for ballot places may be obtained at the Region One ESC Executive Director's Office, 1900 West Schunior, Edinburg, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, February 1, 2018. Notice of filing must be at the headquarters office in person or by certified mail no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Any citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age, a resident in the county area represented by the seat, who is not engaged professionally in education or who is not a member of a school district board of trustees, a county board of trustees, or a board of an institution of higher education, may be elected to the Board of Directors membership.

If additional information is desired, contact Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director at (956) 984-6001. ❖

**Next Board of Directors Meeting
February 27, 2018
at the Brownsville Satellite Office**

Board of Directors 2017-2018

Alicia E. Requenez, Chairperson
Place 1 – Hidalgo County

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

Pete Garcia, Secretary
Place 4 – Hidalgo County

Raul R. Chapa
Place 7 – Willacy County

Ruben Cortez, Jr.
Place 5 – Cameron County

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

Laura A. McCoy
Place 3 – Webb County

Rey Hernandez
Charter Schools Representative

Administration

Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez
Executive Director

Dr. Eduardo Cancino
Deputy Director, Instructional, 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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