



# BOARD UPDATE

January 19, 2021

## Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Annual Financial Audit
- Approved Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.\*
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2020.\*
- Approved Family First Coronavirus Act Benefits Extension.\*
- Approved Resolution to Update Individuals Authorized to Initiate Banking Transactions at Lone Star National Bank.\*
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Automotive and Bus Parts, Tires, Tubes, Supplies, Equipment and Repairs RFP 21-AGENCY-000082 to the following vendors: Ruben Diaz dba American Industrial Supplies & Tool Repair, Inc. – Pharr, TX; Arnold Oil Company, Inc. – Corpus Christi, TX; VOR LLC dba Border Engine Rebuilders & Diesel Services – Mission, TX; Buck’s Wheel & Equipment Co. – Fort Worth, TX; Burton Companies, LLC – Weslaco, TX; CD Starter Service, LLC – Corpus Christi, TX; Gonzalez Auto Parts, Ltd dba Gonzales Auto Parts – Laredo, TX; Kirk’s Automotive, Inc.- Detroit, MI; LMG Sales, Inc. – McAllen, TX; Oscar Esquivel dba Secure First Aid & Safety Supply – McAllen, TX; Southern Tire Mart, LLC – Columbia, MS.\*

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## Region One ESC Announces Board Election

The Region One ESC Board of Directors approved the calling of an election for three expired places which will expire on May 31, 2021. The three seats up for election are **Place 1 representing Hidalgo County**, currently filled by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, of Mission, Texas; **Place 4 representing Hidalgo County**, currently filled by Ms. Sonia Falcon, of McAllen, Texas; and **Place 7 representing Willacy County**, currently filled by Mr. Raul R. Chapa of Lasara, Texas.



Alicia E. Requenez  
Place 1



Sonia Falcon  
Place 4



Raul R. Chapa  
Place 7

ESC Board members are elected to a three (3) year term by school board members of the 38 school districts within Region One. Mrs. Requenez has served on the board since 1997, Ms. Sonia Falcon was first elected to the ESC Board in 2018 and Mr. Chapa has served on the ESC Board since 2012.

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. ❖

## Executive Director’s Report

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

- In recognition of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Gonzalez thanked the Board for their commitment and service to Region One ESC. A Zoom celebration event was held prior to the Board Meeting in which a “thank you” video was shared with the Board Members which allowed ESC staff members to share their well wishes with the Board.
- A virtual Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held prior to the Board Meeting to commemorate the grand opening of the new Region One Professional Development and Conference Center. From their Zoom location each Board Member cut a ribbon to a framed photograph of the new Region One ESC

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facility to kick off the event. A video showcasing the construction process of the new building was shared with participants. The culmination of the video was the unveiling of the dedication plaque by Region One Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. At the Board Meeting, Dr. Gonzalez invited Mr. Juan Mujica, Gignac and Associates, to present a final Construction Report to the Board. Mr. Mujica reported that the Certificate of Completion from the City of Edinburg had been delivered to Region One ESC and that the only pending items were minor punch-list details. The official date of substantial completion was December 28, 2020.

- In his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez shared the following information: Veronica Herrera, *Specialist-Business Analyst, Division of Technology for Learning*; Gloria Vela, *Specialist-Instructional/Bilingual/Special Education Support*. Dr. Gonzalez also reported on the following Retirement: Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, *Executive Director*. ❖

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- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Professional Consultant Services RFP 21-AGENCY-000089 9 to the following vendors: ACT, Inc., Iowa City, IA; C1 Fiber, LLC, McAllen, TX; Danyelle Reid dba Dany Christi Consulting, Richardson, TX; David K. Young Consulting, LLC, San Antonio, TX; Education Logistics, Inc., Missoula, MT; Ellevation, Inc., Boston, MA; ePrep, Inc., Princeton, NJ; IDE Corp., Ramsey, NJ; Infojini, Inc., Columbia, MD; LB Specialties, Inc., San Antonio, TX; Mobile Video Tapes, Weslaco, TX; National Council for Community and Education Partnerships, Washington, DC; Netsync Network Solutions, Houston, TX; New Teacher Center, Santa Cruz, CA; Qannection.com, Inc., Austin, TX; RADgov, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL; Reybotics, LLC, Mercedes, TX; Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic & Academic Development, Inc., Weslaco, TX; Seeds Training, San Diego, CA; Successful Lifestyles, Edinburg, TX; The University of Texas at Austin, Charles A. Dana Center, Austin, TX; True North Consulting Group, LLC, Waco, TX; UnboundEd Learning, Inc., New York, NY; Vision Ed Group, Mission, TX.\*
- Approved Authorization for Executive Director to Sign Loan Documents.
- Approved Announcement of Expiration of Board Member Terms and Calling of Region One Education Service Center Board Elections.
- Approved Substantial Completion of the Edinburg Office Renovations. ❖

\*Consent Agenda Items



### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings:

**February 23, 2021**

*(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)*

## Board of Directors 2020-2021

Raul R. Chapa, Chairperson  
Place 7 – Brooks County & Willacy County

Sonia A. Falcon, Vice-Chairman  
Place 4 – Hidalgo County

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

Ruben Cortez, Jr.  
Place 5 – 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. Judith M. Solis  
Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership, School  
& Community Support

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

Ali Kolahdouz  
Deputy Director  
Division of Technology for Learning



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