



# BOARD UPDATE

September 22, 2020

## Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting\* Approved Policy Update 25\*
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report ended August 31, 2020\*
- Approved 2019-2020 Annual Investment Report\*
- Approved Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative Emergency Supplemental School Nutrition Program RFP 21-AGENCY-000087\*
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Promotional Bottled Water RFP 21- AGENCY-000085\*
- Approved Substantial Completion of the Laredo Extension Office Renovations
- Approved Region One ESC - Edinburg Training Room Names

\*Consent Agenda Items

## Executive Director's Report

Dr. Gonzalez presented the following items in his Executive Director's Report:

- Dr. Gonzalez invited Mr. Juan Mujica, Gignac & Associates, to provide an update on the two on-going construction projects. Mujica reported the Laredo construction project is considered substantially complete. Summit Construction has received a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Laredo and the Region One Laredo staff is moved into the facility and it is ready for use. The Edinburg construction project is progressing and is 75% complete; Mujica anticipates a late November 2020 completion date.
- Dr. Gonzalez provided Board Members with an update regarding the Executive Director Search. He advised the Board that the Commissioner of Education authorized the use of the Region One ESC Human Resources Department to conduct the search for the next organizational leader. Additionally, in following Board Policy BJB (Local), Dr. Gonzalez advised that a Search Committee must be established to perform an initial screening of applications before forwarding applications to the full Board for consideration. The make-up of the Search Committee must consist of three Board Members; the option of adding two superintendents to the Search Committee is up to the discretion of the Region One Board. The purpose of the Search Committee must be appointed, if the Board so chooses, to screen applicants. Upon completion of the screening process, the Search Committee will forward applications to the full Region One Board of Directors for consideration. As Board Chairperson, Mr. Roberto Chapa, named himself, Ricardo Gutierrez, and Alicia E. Requenez to service on the committee. The application deadline for the Executive Director position is November 6, 2020.
- Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following New Additions, Changes, and Retirements/ Resignations in his Personnel Matters update: **New Additions:** Vilia Garcia, *Coordinator, Library Services & Instructional Resources, Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, & College Readiness Support.* **Resignations:** Mr. Heriberto Villarreal, *Deputy Director, Division of Administrative Leadership, School, and Community Support.* ❖

## Board Approves Names for New Meeting Rooms

With the pending completion of the Region One Edinburg meeting room addition, the Board of Directors took action to officially name the new meeting rooms, based on Administration recommendations.

In keeping with the tradition of naming meeting rooms after the counties represented by Region One ESC, the new meeting rooms in the Laredo Extension Office will be named Webb County Room, Zapata County Room, and the Jim Hogg County Room.

The five new meetings rooms created by the Edinburg facility expansion project will continue to bear the names of the counties served primarily by the Edinburg location (Hidalgo County Room, Cameron County Room, Starr County Room, Willacy County Room, with the addition of the Brooks County Room), and landmarks found within the Region One ESC area. The new meeting rooms will be named Rio Grande Room, Laguna Madre Room, Arroyo Colorado Room. ❖



### Next regularly scheduled Board Meetings:

**October 20, 2020**

*(tentatively scheduled as in-person meeting  
at the Region One Education Service Center, Edinburg, Texas.)*

**November 17, 2020**

*(tentatively scheduled as in-person meeting  
at the Region One Education Service Center, Edinburg, Texas.)*

## 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

Mr. Heriberto Villarreal  
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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