



BOARD UPDATE

October 20, 2020

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of the September 22, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting*
- Approved Policy Update 26 (including Local Policies BED, DAA, DGBA, DHA, EF, EG, FA, FBA, and FC).*
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Regional Improvement Plan, 2020-2021.*
- Approved No Cost Construction Change.*
- Approved Budget Amendments for September 2020.*
- Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2020.*
- 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:

- He invited Mr. Juan Mujica, Gignac & Associates, to provide a construction update on the on-going Edinburg facility. Mr. Mujica reported that work is continuing and the building is 85% complete. The General Contractor has requested a 60-calendar day extension on the project, due to COVID-related delays on the manufacturing and shopping of glazing materials. With that, the expected substantial completion date is December 28, 2020.
- An overview of the Region One Regional Improvement Plan was presented to the Board by the team of Region One Deputy Directors. Each Deputy reviewed planned initiatives that focus on the identified needs of the school districts served by Region One and on the internal needs of Region One ESC. The full Regional Improvement Plan is posted on the Region One ESC Intranet ([Region One Regional Improvement Plan, 2020-2021](#)). Dr. Gonzalez shared the updated Region One Organizational Chart for the 2020-2021 year.
- Dr. Gonzalez provided an update on the Executive Director Search process. He advised that the initial screening committee comprised of Mr. Roberto Chapa, Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Region One Board Members, and school district superintendents Dr. Priscilla Canales, Weslaco ISD and Dr. Kristen Brown, Lyford CISD, will meet on November 11 to screen applications. The committee will then forward the applications of selected candidates to the full membership of the Region One Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on November 17, 2020. Interviews for the Executive Director position are scheduled for December 7-9, 2020. The selection of a finalist is expected on December 10, 2020 and the announcement of the successful candidate will be January 12, 2021.
- In his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez shared the following: **Additions:** Leo Saenz, *Specialist-Career and Technical Education, Division of School Improvement, Accountability, and Compliance*. **Changes:** Ali Kolahdouz title change to *Deputy Director, Division of Technology for Learning*, Michael Dante Fox title change to *Coordinator-Network and Data Center, Division of Technology for Learning*, and Humberto Acevedo title change to *Specialist-Operations Technology, Department of Facilities and Operations*. ❖



Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings:

November 17, 2020

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)

December 15, 2020

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)

Board Approves Names Final Meeting Rooms

During last month's Board of Directors meeting the Board took action to officially name the new meeting rooms of the Edinburg facility based on Administration recommendations. However, one room was not named because of concerns by the Board that the suggested name, Laguna Atascosa Room, resulting in two "Laguna" rooms would cause confusion. A new name was presented and approved by the Board; the final meeting room will be named the Boca Chica Beach Room.

The new meeting rooms will be assigned a room name and signage will be installed in the final days of construction. The rooms will be named the **Rio Grande Room, Laguna Madre Room, Arroyo Colorado Room, and the Boca Chica Room.**

The renovated meetings rooms in the Edinburg facility 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. ❖



New training rooms with retractable partition in place.



New consourse at existing rotunda



Eastern view of new addition

A Sneak Peek at the new ESC Edinburg facility

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

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Place 1 – Hidalgo County

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

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Place 3 – Webb County

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Place 5 – Cameron County

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