



BOARD UPDATE

December 15, 2020

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of November 17, 2020,*
- Approved Budget Amendments of November 2020,*
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2020,*
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report Ended November 30, 2020,*
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Building Maintenance Services RFP 18-AGENCY-000034, Extension 3 of 3 to VCI Builders, Inc. – Mission, TX.,*
- Approved Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative Food Service Uniforms and Marketing Items RFP 19-AGENCY-000063, Extension 2 of 3 to the following: Ace Promotions – San Benito, TX; Elite Promotions – Brownsville, TX; Lugra, Inc. dba Specialty Advertisers – Brownsville, TX; The Happy Chef, Inc. – Butler, NJ.,*
- Approved Dr. Eduardo Cancino as the Interim Executive Director, effective February 1, 2021,
- Approved the Revised Timeline for the Search of the New Executive Director,
- Approved the Revised Job Description for the Position of Executive Director,
- Approved the Official Brochures for the Search of the New Executive Director,
- Approved the Letters to Applicants to the Position of Executive Director. ❖

*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 a construction update for the Board Members. Mujica reported that finishing touches are being completed and a final punch list should be completed by the end of December. An inspection walk-through is scheduled with the City of Edinburg to receive a Certificate of Occupancy which will allow move in to the new building.
- Under his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following new hires: Thelma Longoria, *Accountant, Office of College, Career, and Life Readiness*. Dr. Gonzalez also reported on the following staff changes: Sebastian Barron, *Coordinator, Application Development; Division of Technology for Learning*. ❖

Board Approves Interim Executive Director

Dr. Eduardo Cancino Selected to Lead ESC Staff

With the pending retirement of current Region One Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, on January 29, 2021, and the extension of the Executive Director Search Timeline, the Board of Directors took action to name an Interim Executive Director to oversee the operations of the ESC until a permanent Executive Director is selected. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of Dr. Eduardo Cancino to take on the role, effective February 1, 2021.



Dr. Eduardo Cancino

Dr. Cancino has served as an educator for 32 years and currently serves as Deputy Director for the Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, and College Readiness Support. His areas of expertise are focused in effective teacher development, curriculum alignment, data-driven improvement approaches, effective instructional and intervention approaches, and large scale systemic continuous improvement and transformational strategies. During his tenure as Deputy Director, Dr. Cancino has led his team in ongoing improvement efforts focused on providing quality support to educators in the Region One educational community.

"I am very humbled by the action of the Board to allow me the opportunity to serve as Interim Executive Director until the time that the position is filled," says Dr. Eduardo Cancino. "Dr. Gonzalez has done an outstanding job as the leader of this educational agency and while we are sad to see him go, we are happy for him as he now embarks on a new chapter in his life. His legacy will remain with us forever." ❖

Executive Director Search Process Revised

The process for the search of a new Executive Director to fill the vacancy following the retirement of Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, effective January 29, 2021, has been revised. The revisions to the process include a timeline extension, an appointment of an Interim Executive Director, and updates to the Executive Director Job Description.

During the Board Meeting on November 17, 2020, the Board voted to extend the timeline for the search of the new Executive Director until the end of the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Texas Education Commissioner. The extension would allow more candidates the opportunity to apply, suggesting that the current pandemic may cause interested candidates from leaving their school district mid-year. The new schedule includes the posting of the vacancy on January 4, 2021, until filled. The tentative start date for the new Executive Director is July 1, 2021.

With the extension of the Executive Director Search Timeline, the Board took action to appoint an Interim Executive Director to fill in until a permanent Executive Director is announced. Dr. Eduardo Cancino, current Region One Deputy Director for Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, and College Readiness Support, was appointed to this post.

Revisions to the Executive Director Job Description were made to include a minimum of three (3) years campus administrator (principal/vice-principal experience), minimum of three (3) years Superintendent experience, and a minimum of three (3) years school teacher experience. Other revisions to the job description included expanded Knowledge/Skills and Responsibilities added by the Texas Education Agency. ❖



Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings:

January 12, 2021

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)

February 23, 2021

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)



Region One ESC will be closed for the Christmas holidays December 18, 2020 until January 1, 2021. The ECI Office will be closed December 24 & 25. Staff will be available on other days throughout the 2-week period.

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