

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 18, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mr. Al Velarde, President
Ms. Leah Hanany, Secretary¹
Dr. Josh Acevedo, Member
Ms. Isabel Hernandez, Member
Mr. Israel Irrobali, Member
Ms. Diana Sayavedra, Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Daniel Call, Vice President

Others: Ms. Cezy Collins, General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Board President Velarde.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

Board President Velarde led the Pledges of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

4. Recognitions

A. April 2023 Student & Staff Recognitions

The Board recognized Arnav Tonde, student at Wiggs Middle School, for winning the Regional Spelling Bee. The Board also recognized students from Herrera Elementary for winning First Place in the Robotics Competition at Chapin High School. Lastly, the Board recognized Keithley Stanley, Teacher at Franklin High School, for being named a Women of Impact finalist in El Paso.

5. Public Forum

Board President Velarde read the protocol to be observed during Public Forum. The following individuals requested to address the Board:

Ms. Carin Galanter, Librarian, addressed the Board expressing her concerns with the District's standards for librarians.

Ms. Janet Anaya, Librarian, addressed the Board expressing the importance of full-time librarians.

Ms. Jennifer Brownel, Librarian, addressed the Board expressing her concerns with the structure of librarians.

Mr. Richard Dayoub, Community Member, addressed the Board sharing information on the Proposition K Charter Amendment, which will be on the May 6, 2023, Election Ballot.

Ms. Norma De La Rosa, President of El Paso Teacher's Association, addressed the Board expressing her concerns with school safety and proposed changes to the structure of librarians.

Ms. Sandy Hernandez, Teacher, addressed the Board expressing her concerns with the water line breakage that occurred earlier in the week at Bliss Elementary School.

¹ Trustee Hanany arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m. during discussion of Item 6.A.