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**Institute For School and Community Partnerships**  
**Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2025**

# May 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM – Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Members of the Public may participate, please join us in person at **The Burleson School for Innovation and Education, 534 Cordelia St. Building #2, San Antonio, Texas 78237.**

Public comments should pertain to the agenda items only and must be turned in prior to the start of the board meeting.

## Agenda

### 1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 4:06 pm

#### 1.A. **Roll Call**

- Dr. Carolina Gonzalez, Board Member - Present
- Dr. Juan Jasso, Board Member - Present
- Leroy Vidales, Board Chair - Present
- Dr. Catherine O'Brien - Absent

#### **ISCP**

- Dr. Todd Landry, Senior Director, Operations and Systems Alignment Early Matters SA, ISCP
- Betty Jean Villegas, Administrative Coordinator, Institute for School, and Community Partnerships
- Dr. Sonia Sanchez, Chief Academic Officer, Institute for School, and Community Partnerships

#### 1.B. **Pledge of Allegiance to US and Texas Flag:** Leroy Vidales, Board Chair can we please stand for the Pledge of Alliance

#### 1.C. **Moment of Silence:** Leroy Vidales, Board Chair stated can we have a moment of silence

### 2. **Communication from Citizens:** Dr. Todd Landry informed Board Chair Leroy Vidales that there are two citizens who wish to address the Board

- Ms. Agapita Jaramillo addressed parents' concerns regarding bullying at Gus Garcia University School. She suggested that the district consider implementing metal detectors as a safety measure. While acknowledging the availability of school vouchers, she expressed concern over declining student enrollment. Ms. Jaramillo also

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recommended increased staff training, the hiring of additional support personnel, and the presence of more police officers on campus to help address and manage bullying issues.

- Ms. Melody Herrera, Community Advocate, emphasized the importance of increased transparency through the recording of sessions for public access. She also expressed concerns regarding conditions at Gus Garcia University School, particularly the need for more proactive efforts to provide resources for students. Additionally, she highlighted ongoing issues related to bullying at the school, noting that the CEO has been made aware of these concerns.

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### 3. Chief Executive Officer's Report:

- Update of current events, information, operations, and programs
- Dr. Todd Landry noted that Dr. Henrietta Muñoz is attending a training session and indicated that he would begin with the ISCP mission statement.

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#### 3.A. Burleson School for Innovation and Education – Ghisallo Presentation

- Dr. Sonia Sanchez provided an update on Performance Measure #1 Attendance, Target: 85% enrollment 38 students, current ADA 87.8%
- Performance Measure #2 IEP Student Progress target 90%. Dr. Sanchez goals for each individual stents at 100%- 38% progress.
- Question from Board Member, Dr. Juan Jasso Measure #2 to conduct observation/skills assessment.
- Performance Measure #3 student-Led IEP'S, target 75%, student progress 83%
- Performance Measure #4 Access to services target 75%, all community services
- Ms. Gabriella Villegas spoke about Burleson projects for 2025-2026, 43 students, 4 scheduled assessments, MAC referral one.
- Flower Shop Sales- Valentine's Day 69 arrangements, Mother's Day- 20 arrangements
- Project Search 7 graduates, two job offers at Baptist and eight potential candidates.

Ghisallo Presentation from Cristina Solorzano and Derek Hudson

- Together students assembled over twenty bikes for use in the community. It was a wonderful way to develop student employment and independent living skills with experts in the cycling community.
- Question asked by Board Member, Dr. Juan Jasso has school district contacted Walmart and other stores for donation for bikes at Christmas time

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#### 3.B. Fund Development – Information Only

- Dr. Todd Landry provided an overview of all recent funding developments.
- Lauren Kate & Peter J. Holt Foundation has awarded \$500,000 over two years to support operations for Fiscal Years 2026–2027.
- Additionally, the Lauren Kate & Peter J. Holt Foundation has awarded \$1,000,000 over three years for Fiscal Years 2026–2028, allocated as follows:
  - \$500,000 to support Teachers for Tots in partnership with Pre-K SA
  - \$500,000 to support the implementation of the Impact Plan

#### Grant and Funding Opportunities – School Operations Update

- **HEB Trees for Texas** – Schools Initiative Amount: TBD Purpose: To increase tree canopy coverage by up to 30% in urban school areas.
- **Union Pacific** – Community Ties Giving Program Amount: \$30,000 Focus: Education and workforce development use: Project SEARCH Job Coach
- **Impact SA** – Project SEARCH (Burleson) Amount: \$100,000 Purpose: Support for Project SEARCH – Round 2 Application Due Date: May 30

- **Gupta Family Foundation** – Self-Reliance Program Amount: TBD (subject to funding availability at portal opening) Application Portal Opens: July 1 Use: Project SEARCH (Burlison site)
- **HEB Trees for Communities** – in partnership with Gardopia Gardens Amount: TBD (based on the scope of Project Rolling application) Use: ECISD/Pecan Valley Family Resource Center
- **Texas Commission on the Arts** – Project Grant Amount: TBD (based on project scope) Project: Theatre Arts Expansion at Gus Campus Application Due Date: July 15
- **Deed – Online Giving Platform** Overview: Enterprise-level social giving platform for managing donations, time contributions, and other philanthropic gifts
- **Federal Funding Cuts – Humanities Texas Grants** Impact: The Humanities Texas Grants program has been suspended due to the loss of federal funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Notice: Available on the Humanities Texas website

#### **Early Matters Legislative Update**

- HB 500- \$100 million of state funding to help address waitlist for childcare subsidies/scholarships has passed the Senate.
- SB 462- Subsidies/ Scholarships Priority for Childcare Teachers
- SB 2- ESA’S vouchers- private PreK eligibility
- HB 2 Full day PreK funding
- San Antonio Mayoral and City Council Runoff Forums – Opportunities for public engagement and dialogue with local leadership candidates.

**4. Closed Session (If Needed) – Texas A&M San Antonio Institute School board will go into closed session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.071/551.074.**

#### **No Closed Session**

**5. Consent Agenda – Texas A&M San Antonio Institute School board reviewed and discussed any consent agenda items prior to any decision.**

- Consent item listed 5A.
- Motion 1<sup>st</sup>- Juan Jasso, Board Member
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>- Carolina Gonzales, Board Member
- No discussion
- All in favor say “aye.”
- All in opposed say “nay.”
- Motion passes

#### **5.A. ISCP April Meeting Minutes**

**6. Information Items:**

Monthly Financial Report

**7. Adjournment:** 4:46pm

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  - Motion passes