

El Paso Independent School District  
Minutes of Board Construction Committee Meeting  
April 20, 2004  
5:00 p.m.  
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Mr. Sal Mena, Jr., Board President, Board Construction Committee  
Chairperson  
Ms. Lisa Colquitt-Muñoz, Board Member  
Mr. Carlos Cordova, Board Secretary  
Mr. David Dodge, Board Member

Administration: Mr. Charles Tafoya, Superintendent  
Mr. Hector Martinez, Associate Superintendent, Operations  
Mr. Nick Corona, Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and  
Construction  
Mr. Juan Sandoval, Executive Director, Auxiliary Services  
Mr. Al Anderson, Director, Planning, Engineering and Construction  
Mr. James Damm, EPISD Consultant for Finance

Guests: Miss Leonor Garcia, Board Member  
Dr. Lorraine O'Donnell, Board Vice President  
Dr. Charles Roark, Board Member<sup>1</sup>  
Mr. Gerald Cheek, El Paso Council of PTAs  
Mr. Joe Gomez, Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America, El Paso  
Chapter

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Mr. Mena.

The topics discussed were as follows:

1A. Discuss Proposed Revision of EPISD Apprenticeship Program

Mr. Hector Martinez, Associate Superintendent, Operations, and Mr. Nick Corona, Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Construction, provided background information on the EPISD apprenticeship program, which follows the U. S. Department of Labor requirements.

- a. City of El Paso reduced its list of apprentice trades and requires approximately 15 identified trades for projects exceeding \$100,000.00.
- b. AGC contacted EPISD regarding trimming the District's list of apprentice trades and provided a list of recommended trades for consideration. Administration proposed taking the recommended list to the Board for approval and suggested lowering construction contract costs to \$100,000.00, similar to the City's.
- c. Monitoring contractors, enforcing apprenticeship programs, and consequences for noncompliance.

1B. Discussion of Prevailing Wage Rates Survey

- a. Reviewed law related to prevailing hourly wage rates on public works and EPISD's prevailing wage rates.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Roark arrived at 5:12 p.m.

- b. Provided comparison of prevailing wage rates among EPISD, other local school districts, and the Davis-Bacon Act.
- c. EPISD rates for 35 classifications and legal counsel recommendation to expand classifications to be more inclusive, as required by the Texas Education Code.
- d. Administration recommended another survey, with the Board to approve conducting the survey.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Date Approved: May 25, 2004