

Leadership Advisory Committee  
La Joya ISD  
February 17, 2016  
Agenda

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Leadership Advisory Committee was held on February 17, 2016 at La Joya ISD. It began at 9:00 AM and was presided over by Dr. Velma Menchaca.

**Attendees**

*Attendees: Rosalva Silva, Irma Castillo, Orlando Farias, Dr. Annabelle Palomo Rodriguez, Anthony Limon, Virginio Gonzalez, Dr. Raul Cantu, Dr. Alda Benavides,, Dr. Jose Gonzalez, Albert Canales, Dr. Paula Garcia, Debbie Aliseda, Luis Garza, Lizette Longoria, Fernando Ramirez, Belinda Vega , Dr. Miguel de los Santos, Dr. Velma Menchaca, and Dr. Roberto Zamora*

**Agenda Items**

1. Dr. Velma Menchaca, Chair, UTRGV and Dr. Alda Benavides, Superintendent
  - Welcome
  - Introduction of Committee Members
  - Introduction of UTRGV Faculty
  
2. Dr. Velma Menchaca
  - Presented new UTRGV Program Admission Standards– Admission standard changes: Graduate GPA has increased, Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
    - New Master's Program Requirements – Increase in GPA to 3.0 (if not met, applicant may appeal to an admission committee).
    - New Principal Program Requirements – Increase in GPA to 3.5 (if not met, applicant may appeal to an admission committee), Option for students who have already obtained a Master's Degree and would be interested in principal certification, & applicant must have 5 years of teaching experience.
    - There was much discussion on the GPA (3.5) for admission into the principal program. It was made clear that the GPA for the master's degree was 3.0, not 3.5. Students may write a letter of appeal to the department Admissions Committee for review. If the students have shown evidence of successful teaching and leadership experiences, those are taken into account.
  
3. Dr. Roberto Zamora - **Critical Issues Conference for fall 2016**– The goal is to have an international conference. Superintendents voiced the importance of having the ability to participate in a conference such as this to better prepare school leaders to face issues they work with daily and allow the time to create team-building within the administrative staff.