

Centers for Applied Science & Technology Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 26, 2023 | 3 PM | CAST Med High School

Board Meeting Attendance

Board Members Present: Lisa Lewis, Dr. Erik Nieves, Rene Dominguez, and Jeanne

Russell

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Dr. Shari Albright, Dr. Lyssa Ochoa, and Katie Chain Amanda Sierra, Al Perez, Heriberto "Eddie" Rodríguez,

and Carol Mendenhall

Action items for board

• Sign up to attend one CAST graduation (sit on stage)

- CAST Med: Dr. Lyssa Ochoa (confirmed)
- Identify one place you can tell your CAST story with our help
- Invite a potential partner to our CAST Champions showcase at Port SA

ITEMS RELATED to the CAST Network

- 1. Welcome by CAST Med Principal Dr. Eddie Muzquiz Rodriguez
 - CAST Med will graduate its first class to include the network's first Gate's Scholarship recipient.
 - Overall, combined, CAST Med Seniors have earned over \$3MM in scholarships.
 - Dr. Rodriguez will retire at the end of the school year after 35 years in education
- 2. Opening Student Voice:
 - Presentation by Club Depot, CAST Med Students and the Speak Up Speak Out Civics Fair State Champions: Katherine Navarro, Audrie Torres, and Dennise Castillo (missing Keera Bhakta)
 - Students shared top issues identified by youth at this year's Speak
 Up Speak Out Civics Fair
 - Team also presented their winning idea, Team Depot, an student organization dedicated to ending the generational cycle of diabetes
 - CAST Med student advisory students lead a demo workshop
 - CAST Med Seniors Priscilla Rios and Ryan Alcocer led the board in creating vision boards
 - Creating visioning boards was a workshop led by Priscilla Rios at this year's Youth Rally to help students visualize and better understand their ideas.
 - CAST Med seniors reflect on their 4-year journey
 - Honor Smith, Savannah Zuniga, Saida, and Roland Garza, current members of the first graduating class from CAST Med High School shared insights into their experience
 - Honor Smith shared how she had a very large support system and access to resources.
 - Savannah shared how the CAST Med team wanted to make sure she did well.

- Saida appreciated the opportunities and highlighted her internship with at the Southwest Research Institute
- Roland shared how CAST Med helped him define his goals and will by joining the army.
- 3. Empathy interviews 1:1 with students: (record answers)
 - Board members were partnered with a current student to reflect on the following questions:
 - Questions for board members: What is one thing you wish you knew about CAST Schools so you could share it with your industry friends? What is one thing you would like CAST Schools to do that it is not doing now?
 - Questions for students: What is one thing you wish your peers knew about CAST Schools? What is one thing you would like CAST Schools to do that it is not doing now?
- 4. Objective: Review and provide feedback on enrollment plans for CAST Med

Consent Agenda

- Minutes from Feb. 2 meeting
 - Jeanne Russell presented the minutes from the February 2, 2023, meeting
 - O Lisa Lewis moved that the February 2, 2023, minutes be approved.
 - O Rene Dominguez seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Updates:
 - CAST Med Enrollment as of today
 - Jeanne Russell provided an update on enrollment and impact on staffing
 - CAST Med enrollment goal for 2023-2024 school year is 100
 - Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez shared an overview of current initiatives including ongoing partnership with San Antonio ISD
 - Dr. Anthony Khosravi, CAST Med Partnership Coordinator shared over of what the school has executed

Executive Session

Upcoming Events

- Wed. 5/3: Texas Philanthropy Circle site visit to CAST Tech, ALA & BiblioTech.edu, co-hosted by Educate Texas, CB Foundation, Hector & Gloria Lopez Foundation & Meadows Fnd, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Sat. 5/13: Monument art exhibit (Family Day) at Blue Star
- Thu 5/18: CAST Champions at Port SA
- Wed 5/31: Teacher Showcase (Shine & Share) at DoSeum
- Graduations:
 - CAST STEM 6/2 @ 10 a.m., Alamodome
 - CAST Med 6/5 @ 3:30 p.m., Alamo Convocation Center

- CAST Tech 6/8 @ 3:30 p.m., Alamo Convocation Center
 Advanced Learning Academy 6/9 @ 3:30 p.m., Alamo Convocation Center

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