

Region One ESC Board Swears in New Members and Elects New Executive Slate



Ricardo Gutierrez, Place 2-Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata Counties

Two members of the Region One ESC Board of Directors were sworn into office as the first order of business of the Region One ESC monthly board meeting held on June 21, 2011. Board member, **Ricardo Gutierrez**, (Place 2-Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata Counties), and **Ruben Cortez, Jr.** (Place 5-Cameron County) were sworn in by Region One ESC Counsel, Jesus Guerrero. Gutierrez, who ran unopposed for his Place 2 Seat representing Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata Counties, was first appointed to the Board in 2010. Cortez, who faced two opponents including incumbent Dora I. Ruiz, was elected to the Board in April 2011.

Immediately following the swearing-in ceremony, the Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors reorganized its officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Region One ESC Board policy mandates that the Board of Directors re-organize the slate of executive officers following the ESC Board election.

Richard R. Cantu (Place 4-Hidalgo County) was elected to serve as Chairperson. Cantu was first elected to the Region One Board in 1982 and is beginning his 30th year of service as an education service center board member. **Alicia E. Requenez** (Place 1-Hidalgo County) was elected to serve as the Board's Vice-Chairperson and has served the Board for 14 years. Newly re-elected Board member **Ricardo Gutierrez** (Place 2 - Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata Counties), was elected to the Secretary position. Mr. Gutierrez was first appointed to the Board in 2010.

In his first action as newly elected Chairperson, Cantu thanked outgoing Board Chairperson, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr. (Place 6-Cameron County) for his service.