ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ACCD TRUSTEE ELECTION HELD JOINTLY WITH OTHER ENTITIES ON THE UNIFORM ELECTION DAY OF MAY 4, 2024 AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2024, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Alamo Community College District ("ACCD") called a General Election to be held on May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing trustees to serve six-year terms for single-member Districts Five (5), Six 6), and Seven (7); and

WHEREAS, upon the expiration of the deadlines on February 16, 2024 at 5 p.m. for filing an application for a place on the ballot and February 20, 2024 at 5 pm for filing a declaration of write-in candidacy, Gerald Lopez was the sole candidate for Trustee position for District Five (5), and Yvonne Katz, trustee for single-member District Seven (7), was the sole candidate for Trustee position for District 7; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.052, Texas Election Code, Roxella Cavazos, ACCD Associate General Counsel and the person responsible for preparing the ballot, certified in writing to the Board that Gerald Lopez was unopposed for election to the office of Trustee for single-member District Five (5), and Yvonne Katz was unopposed for election to the office of Trustee for single-member District Seven (7); and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, as authorized by the Texas Election Code, Chapter 2, Subchapter C, the Board accepted the certification that Gerald Lopez and Yvonne Katz were unopposed for Trustee positions for Districts Five (5) and Seven (7), respectively; declared Gerald Lopez and Yvonne Katz elected to Trustee positions for Districts Five (5) and Seven (7), respectively; and cancelled the elections for Trustee for single-member Districts Five (5) and Seven (7); and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2024, a uniform election day, the General Election for Trustee position for single-member District Six (6) was conducted for ACCD by Bexar County Elections Administration, jointly with other local non-county political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, at the May 4, 2024 Joint General and Special Election, the candidates for ACCD Trustee for single-member District Six (6) were Gene Sprague (the incumbent) and Nicolette M. Ardiente; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received from Bexar County Elections Administration the unofficial election results for ACCD Trustee for single-member District Six (6) and is prepared to canvass the election results as required by the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ACCORDINGLY FOUND, DECLARED AND ORDERED BY THE ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Conduct of Election; Returns. The Board officially finds, determines, and declares that the ACCD General Election for Trustee for single-member District Six (6) was duly and properly conducted, that proper legal notice of such Election was duly given in the English language and the Spanish language (to the extent required by law), that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to the Joint General and Special Elections, that the ACCD General Election for Trustee for single-member District Six (6) was duly and legally held on May 4, 2024, that all resident, qualified voters of ACCD single-member District Six (6) were permitted to vote at the Election, that due returns of the results of the ACCD General Election were made and delivered by Bexar County Elections Administration.

Section 2. Returns; Canvass. The Board hereby CANVASSES the returns of the ACCD General Election for Trustee for single-member District Six (6), consisting of votes cast by resident, qualified voters of ACCD single-member District Six (6) for the following candidates:

Gene Sprague Nicolette M. Ardiente

From the returns, the Board hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the May 4, 2024 Joint General and Special Election by voters who were resident, qualified voters of ACCD single-member District Six (6), as indicated by the ACCD unofficial election results provided and signed by Jacqueline Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator, and attached as Exhibit "A" to this Order. Based on the signature certification provided by Ms. Callanen, the Board declares the election results totals as follows:

ACCD GENERAL ELECTION, TRUSTEE DISTRICT 6:

	TOTAL VOTES	Vote %	Election Day Votes	Absentee Votes	Early Voting Votes
Gene Sprague	1,830	53.90%	743	463	624
Nicolette M. Ardiente	1,565	46.10%	565	516	484
Total Votes Cast	3,395	100%	1,308	979	1,108

The Board has duly canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States of America, the results provided by the Bexar County Elections Administration Department, and the January 23, 2024 Order Calling the Election. The Board hereby DECLARES the unofficial election results, attached as Exhibit A hereto, as OFFICIAL based on the certification provided by Jacquelyn Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator.

- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Election Results for Single-Member District 6.</u> The Board finds and certifies that a <u>MAJORITY</u> of the resident, qualified voters of ACCD single-member District 6 voted for Gene Sprague, and Gene Sprague is hereby declared the winner and elected as trustee for District Six (6) to serve a six-year term.
- Section 4. Oath of Office. Gerald Lopez, Gene Sprague, and Yvonne Katz may be sworn in to serve new six-year terms for Trustee positions for Districts Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7), respectively, after the passage and approval of this Order. The required Certificates of Election are issued.
- Section 5. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted for the public on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the ACCD's administrative offices and posted on the Internet on the ACCD website for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that special notice of the meeting was given by telephone, facsimile transmission or electronic mail to any news media that requested special notice and agreed to reimburse ACCD for the cost of providing the special notice as required by Section 551.056 of the Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.
- Section 6. Preamble Incorporation. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.
- Section 7. <u>Inconsistent Provisions</u>. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.
- Section 8. Governing Law. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
- <u>Section 10.</u> <u>Authorization to Execute.</u> The Chair or Vice Chair of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Board; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Trustee Election. The Board declares that the canvassing of the Trustee election results is completed.
- **Section 11. Effective Date.** This Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of May 2024.

ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Clint Kingsbery, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Dr. Lorena ("Lorraine") Pulido, Secretary Alamo Community College District

Board of Trustees

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