



## **White and Quezada Elected to PESD Board Leadership Positions**

*Award-winning board continues to “bee-lieve” in the students, staff, families and communities it serves*

*January 13, 2021 - Phoenix, Arizona* – By state statute, board elections are held during the first board meeting in January of the New Year. To honor that, [The Pendergast School District](#) conducted board elections at the January 12, 2021 board meeting. At the meeting, Jete White was elected as board president, and Senator Martin Quezada elected as vice-president by unanimous 5-0 votes by their peers. Jose Arenas, Hilda Ortega-Rosales, and Susan Serin complete the five member board.

President White, a high school math teacher, has lived in the district since 2013. He has a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education and a Master’s in Administration and Supervision. In addition to math, he is also certified to teach social studies, English, American government, and holds a principal certificate. He and his wife Mary are the parents of two young daughters, one who attends school in Pendergast District. He is a strong supporter of public education.

Vice-president Quezada, an attorney, is committed to social justice in Arizona and State Senator, representing Legislative District 29. Martín is a native of Phoenix and is a product of Arizona public education. He believes in the impact of a great education on individual lives because of the significant role it has played in his own life. Martín holds a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from Arizona State University’s College of Public Programs and a Juris Doctorate.

Additionally, three board members, Jose Arenas, Hilda Ortega-Rosales and Jete White, were sworn in at the meeting for four-year terms by Judge Joseph "Pep" Guzman of the Agua Fria precinct.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast superintendent, shares, “This board comprised of dedicated public servants who are fully committed to the students, staff, families and communities of the Pendergast District. They are supportive and always celebrate the achievements of the district. We are so fortunate to have them as community leaders and education advocates.”