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**Texas Southmost College District**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

May 15, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on May 15, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Adela G. Garza, Vice Chair; Trey Mendez, Secretary; René Torres, Dr. Reynaldo García, Ed Rivera and Ramon Champion Hinojosa. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:35 p.m.

**2. Announcements**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to make the announcements. Dr. Tercero said there were no announcements.

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Torres to make his announcement. Mr. Torres expressed his deepest gratitude to the TSC family for their support while serving on the Board. He also thanked his colleagues on the TSC Board for their commitment in working to secure the return of TSC, as a comprehensive community college, and thanked the UT System for their continued support.

**3. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion**

Mrs. Jennifer Martinez, TSC student, on behalf of herself and her fellow classmates of the TSC Diagnostic Sonography Program, thanked the Board of Trustees for their continue support.

#### **4. Mission Statement**

Chairman Rendon read the existing mission for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

“Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities”

#### **5. President’s Report**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero reported that the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce asked her to serve as a guest speaker at their quarterly public affairs luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that on May 16, 2014 the First Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic will be held on campus at the Gazebo area. She stated that Spring Commencement is Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. She reported that there are 262 students anticipated to graduate this spring semester. She reminded everyone of the TSC Arts Center Renaming and Dedication Ceremony, which is scheduled for May 30, 2014, from 6pm-8pm.

Dr. Tercero announced the hiring of Ms. Melinda Rodriguez, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. She also announced Guadalupe Meza, Admissions Specialist; Alejandro Para, Admissions Specialist; Alicia Berthal, Administrative Assistant for Human Resources; and Diane Weinberg, Administrative Assistant for the Vice President of Instruction.

#### **6. Report on TSC’s Community Service Activities**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero called on Mr. Donald Crouse, Dean of Humanities; Mr. Mario Ortiz, Director of Educational Technology and Curricular Innovation; Dr. Murad Abusalim, Architecture Instructor; and Mary Loo Rodriguez, Health Care, Career, and Technical Education Department to make the presentation. Staff presented on numerous community activities that staff, faculty, and students have participated throughout the year. The Board and Dr. Tercero thanked all the faculty, staff and students that participated in the activities and events. *Exhibit “A”*

#### **7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

##### **Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried. Mrs. Garza abstained from the vote.

## **8. Construction Project Update**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Lewis gave an update on the Relocation of the Nursing and Allied Health from LHSB to ITECC. He reported that they are in the demolition phase. He said the projected completion date is August 22, 2014. *Exhibit "B"*

## **9. Approval of Canvassing the Results of the Texas Southmost College District Elections**

### **Consideration and Approval of Canvassing the Results of the Texas Southmost College District Elections**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis presented the election results for the TSC District Trustee election held on May 10, 2014, for Places 1, 2 and 3. Mr. Lewis announced that Adela G. Garza unopposed was duly elected to Place 1 with 2,159 votes; Art Rendon unopposed was duly elected to Place 2 with 2,104 votes; and Ed Rivera was duly elected to Place 3 with 1,772 votes. All candidates received the majority of votes cast. Mr. Lewis stated that the canvassing information in the board packet is unofficial until it is approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Hinojosa to approve the Canvass as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"*

## **10. Approval of Order Declaring Results of the Texas Southmost College District Election**

### **Consideration and Approval of Order Declaring Results of the Texas Southmost College District Election**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis presented the Order Declaring Results of the Texas Southmost College District Election held on May 10, 2014.

A motion was made by Dr. García to approve the Order Declaring Results as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "D"*

**11. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071, and 551.074.**

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.**

**12. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session**

**Consultation with Attorney on  
Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section  
551.071, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

**Consultation with Attorney on  
Pending Personnel Issues, Section  
551.074, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

**13. Proposed Meeting Dates**

**Thursday, June 19, 2014**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Mr. Francisco G. Rendon  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
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Trey Mendez, J. D.  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on May 15, 2014, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KBSD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.