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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 22, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on January 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; and Ed Rivera, Secretary; Adela G. Garza, Dr. Reynaldo García, and Ramon Champion Hinojosa. Absent was Art Rendon. 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. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

3. Mission Statement

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

“Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities”

4. President's Report

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero reported on the new hires of faculty and staff members: Blas Brecedo, Adjunct Instructor Economics; Jena Campbell, Adjunct Instructor Biology; Benjamin Garcia, Adjunct Instructor Mathematics; Ramiro Roberto Garza, Adjunct Instructor Mathematics; Jim Mills, Adjunct Instructor History; Carlos Pecero, Controller; Donald Wilt, Jr., Instructor Auto Body Repair Technology; and Crystal Yanez, Adjunct Instructor Speech.

Dr. Tercero provided an update on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) process. She stated that TSC has now received official notification of action taken by SACSCOC at the December 14 meeting to authorize a visit to TSC. She said Dr. Claudette Williams, SACSCOC, has been assigned as the staff representative. Dr. Williams will be making a staff advisory visit to TSC on March 3rd – 5th, 2015.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Rendon and carried unanimously.

6. Consideration and Approval on Adopting a Resolution Granting Certain Tax Exemptions to Certain Historic Sites Under the 2015 Heritage Plan

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Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Lewis introduced Mr. Roman McAllen, City of Brownsville Heritage Officer, and Mr. Peter Goodman, City of Brownsville, to present the item. Mr. McAllen made a presentation and presented the resolution granting certain tax exemptions to certain historic sites under the 2015 Heritage Plan. He stated that this would be the 28th year of continued commitment to the restoration and preservation of historic properties in Brownsville. The financial implications to the District would be a total of \$13,519.39 in tax forgone for the 70 properties.

A motion was made by Mr. F. Rendon to adopt the resolution granting certain tax exemptions to certain historic sites under the 2015 Heritage Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried. Mr. Mendez and Mr. Hinojosa abstained from the vote. Dr. García voted against the motion. Motion passed. Exhibit "A"

7. Consideration and Approval of Selection of a Bank to provide Depository Services for Texas Southmost College

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Services for Texas Southmost College**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis stated that TSC conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) process seeking qualified banks to provide Depository Services for TSC. The newspaper advertisements were published on November 13th and November 20, 2014. The RFP deadline was December 9, 2014.

He said the RFP document called for a list of general requirements and qualifications including ability to provide services to TSC, qualifications, company information, representative services, and references. Proposals were received from two banks; BBVA Compass Bank and Lone Star National Bank, both with local representation in Brownsville, Texas.

The scope of services included to provide institution's account maintenance, on-line banking, deposit services, disbursement services, electronic fund transfers, wire transfer transactions, credit and debit payments, account analysis, check cashing and vault services among others. An evaluation committee reviewed technical aspects of the aforementioned proposals and criteria required for these services.

The standard contract terms are one (1) year plus three (3) - one (1) year renewable options and an additional one (1) year renewal at the College's discretion.

A motion was made by Mr. Hinojosa to table the item till the next meeting. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Dr. García to Select BBVA Compass Bank as the bank to provide Depository Services for TSC and authorize the President to enter into a contract with the selected bank for one year with three additional one year options as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

8. Report of the First Quarter Financial Statements and Investments for FY 2015

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis provided a brief report on the First Quarter Financial Statements and Investment Report for FY 2015. Mr. Lewis stated that the reports are provided for informational purposes only, and no action is required by the Board. *Exhibit "C"*

9. Construction Project Update

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis updated the Board on the relocation of the TSC Nursing and Allied Health Labs.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on the Campus Master Plan

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis stated that TSC is currently in negotiations with the firm that was approved by the Board. He said that TSC has been working to obtain a reasonable price. If an agreement is not reached, staff will begin negotiations with the next firm on the list based on the Board's rankings.

No action was taken.

11. Update on Board Committees and Board Workshops

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero updated the Board on the committees and workshops that have been scheduled.

Exhibit "D"

No action was taken.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Funding Request for TSC Innovative Workforce Technology Center

Chairman Rendon called Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero stated that United Brownsville's legislative agenda includes support for additional funding for TSC. United Brownsville is strongly supporting a separate allocation of \$6 million dollars in supplemental line item funding for TSC's Innovative Workforce Training Center, which is over and beyond formula funding, for the program equipment and existing infrastructure renovation.

She said the TSC Innovative Workforce Training Center will offer workforce and skills training to address the needs of the new aerospace industry, foundry and machining, and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) energy exportation facilities relocating to the Valley.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to adopt the supplemental line item funding request for TSC's Innovative Workforce Training Center as a supplement to the Board's previously adopted legislative agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried unanimously.

13. Update on Brownsville Day and Legislative Session

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give an update. Dr. Tercero informed the Board that some of the members of our local legislative delegation have advised TSC that they will be seeking funding support for TSC at the upcoming legislative session. She said that no other details have been provided, but the Board will be apprised as information becomes available.

14. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:26 p.m.

15. 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.

16. Proposed Meeting Dates

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Board Retreat

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2015

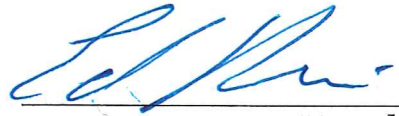
Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:27 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Ed Rivera
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on January 22, 2015, 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, Senior 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.