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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

November 13, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on November 13, 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, Art Rendon, Dr. Reynaldo García, and Ramon Champion Hinojosa. Absent were Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; and Ed Rivera, Secretary. 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 5:34 p.m.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit for Texas Southmost College District for FY Ending August 31, 2014

Consideration and Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit for Texas Southmost College District for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2014

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration to present the item. Mr. Lewis reported that the final Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Audit for Texas Southmost College District for FY Ending August 31, 2014, was included in the Board packet. He also stated that the audit has been completed earlier than normal because the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requires a completed audit of the most recent fiscal year as part of the application for membership. He introduced Mr. Carlos Pecero, who is from the independent auditing firm of Pattillo, Brown, & Hill.

Mr. Pecero reported that the District has completed the process for Board approval and for submission to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The College has received the award on its last six submissions.

Mr. Pecero reported that Pattillo, Brown & Hill has completed this year's audit and is pleased to report that the District has once again earned an unmodified opinion. He gave thanks to the TSC Finance Office and College Staff for all their time and assistance in completing the report:

A motion was made by Dr. García to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit for Texas Southmost College District for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried unanimously.

Exhibit "A"

3. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

Mr. Robert Uresti, TSC student, gave his thanks to Pedro Saldana, Coordinator of Veterans and Military Services, for the TSC Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Mr. Edward Camarillo, Volunteer for Alzheimer's Association, thanked the Board, Dr. Tercero and TSC staff for allowing them use of the campus for their event.

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 TSC has been working with Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) to develop a formal articulation agreement that will provide TSC students with better defined transfer opportunities. This agreement will provide TSC students a seamless experience in transferring to OLLU. It also will provide students with the opportunity to save time and money if their goal is to complete a bachelor's degree at OLLU. She stated that the formal announcement will be held on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gorgas Board Room.

She announced that the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Gorgas Hall. She stated that TSC will be conducting an Angel Tree Project during December. Toys will be collected for Pre-K and Kindergarten students attending the Reynaldo Garza Elementary School. This is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to give back to the community.

She reported that TSC has been working on a memorandum of understanding with the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). She stated that this MOU will provide students with a seamless transfer experience to the UTRGV.

Dr. Tercero reminded the Board that TSC's Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Jacob Brown Memorial Auditorium

6. Status Report on Fort Brown Condos

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis reported that TSC owns 65 condos. He stated that TSC owns 21 units within the Fort Brown Villas I and 44 units within the Fort Brown Villas II. He said that there are a total of 6 units that have not been refurbished.

7. Consideration and Approval of the 5-Point Campaign: Legislative Priorities as approved by the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT)

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Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero stated that every year when the Legislative session meets, the TACC gets together to develop funding strategies and key priorities for the fifty community colleges districts in the state of Texas. She said this year the CCATT has become active and involved in developing these priorities. She stated that Mr. Francisco Rendon was invited to serve on the State Association Committee that developed these priorities, which allowed TSC to have a voice at the table regarding this important initiative.

She stated that on behalf of TACC and CCATT, staff recommends approval of this item, which will be presented at the legislative session.

A motion was made by Mr. Hinojosa to adopt the 5-Point Campaign: Legislative Priorities as approved by the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 13, 2014 and Regular Meeting of October 16, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. A. Rendon to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 13, 2014 and Regular Meeting of October 16, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried unanimously.

9. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A"; Delegating the Authority to the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration to Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering into a Bond Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto

Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A and Maintenance Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B"; Delegating the Authority to the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration to Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering into a Bond Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis stated that the market has been very favorable for the refinancing of three of the bond series. Staff is requesting review of the resolution that will authorize Dr. Tercero and Mr. Lewis to be pricing officers so the College can move forward with this particular transaction. He introduced the financial advisor, Mr. Jorge Garza, of Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc., and the bond counsel, Mr. Daniel Martinez, of Windstead PC. The financial advisor updated the Board with the current conditions of the market and the elements of the transaction. The bond counsel informed the Board of all the legal requirements and the resolution.

Mr. Lewis stated that there are significant savings for TSC based on the current market conditions and this item will allow staff to move forward prudently with this transaction in case the market changes.

The bond counsel advised the Board that item number 9 and 10 of the agenda be combined and approved in one motion.

Chairman Rendon opened the floor for both items 9 and 10 to be approved.

Chairman Rendon advised the bond counsel that the pricing officers should include the following; Board Chair and Secretary, TSC President and Vice President of Finance and Administration.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Rendon to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A and Texas Southmost College District Maintenance Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B"; Delegating the Authority to the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration to Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering into a Bond Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"*

- 10. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College District Maintenance Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B"; Delegating the Authority to the President and Vice President of Finance and Administration to Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering into a Bond Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto**

This agenda item was approved with item number 9.

11. 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. *Exhibit "D"*

- 12. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071.**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

13. 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.

14. Proposed Meeting Dates

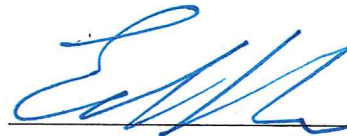
Thursday, December 18, 2014
Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:17 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 November 13, 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, 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.