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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 25, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on June 25, 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; Dr. Reynaldo García, Adela G. Garza, Ramon Champion Hinojosa and Art Rendon. Absent was 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 5:39 p.m.

2. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

3. Mission Statement

Chairman Rendon read the mission and role and scope for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

Mission:

Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities.

Role and Scope:

Texas Southmost College's mission is guided by our commitment to provide:

- University transfer, career, and technical programs leading to an associate degree or certificate along with courses specializing in college preparatory and developmental education, workforce training, adult literacy, and continuing

education to support the evolving needs of citizens, industry, and economic development initiatives within Cameron and Willacy Counties.

- High-quality instruction and learning opportunities in the classroom, online, and through other delivery methods; a supportive and innovative faculty and staff; appropriate technology, equipment, and learning resources; and advising and assessment services to promote transfer to a four-year baccalaureate institution, entry or advancement in the workforce, or lifelong learning.
- A learning-centered, service-oriented environment that celebrates diversity and inclusion; facilitates growth and development; fosters social responsibility, critical thinking, communication, and innovation; and empowers and engages students, faculty and staff to achieve personal and professional goals.
- Institutional effectiveness that embraces individual accountability, data-informed decision making, change, and an unending pursuit of excellence.

4. President's Report

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero announced new staff members: Thelma Gonzalez Sullivan, Coordinator of Transfer, Career and Employment Services, Student Services; Gilbert Carlos Sanchez, Building Maintenance Worker, Facilities and Physical Plant; Maria Lillian Morales, English Adjunct Instructor, Humanities; Gilberto A. Castillo, Speech Adjunct Instructor, Humanities; Andrew Keating, English Adjunct Instructor, Humanities; Richard Camarillo, Adjunct Instructor, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Health Care, Career and Technical Education; Leticia Garcia, Adjunct Instructor, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Health Care, Career and Technical Education; Nilda Mora, Administrative Accounting Clerk, Business Services, David Torres, Administrative Accounting Clerk, Business Services; Severiano Escobar, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Facilities and Physical Plant and Rosalinda Morales, Coordinator of Admissions and Records, Admissions and Records.

Dr. Tercero announced that a TSC student, Delia de Anda, received a Paralegal Scholarship in the amount of \$500 from the Cameron County Bar Association. Ms. De Anda has just completed her first year in the Paralegal Studies program at TSC and is scheduled to graduate in the Spring 2016 semester. TSC wants to congratulate Ms. De Anda and wish her continued success! TSC also thanked the Cameron County Bar Association for encouraging and supporting students pursuing a career in the legal field. This association provides a scholarship annually to a student enrolled in the Paralegal Studies Program at TSC.

Dr. Tercero announced that a press conference was held to announce an upcoming collaboration between TSC and the Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academy.

This innovative co-enrollment partnership will seek to provide students living within TSC's service area with an opportunity to complete their first two years at TSC and finish their engineering degree at Texas A&M University. TSC students will be able to pursue one of 16 majors within the college of engineering.

5. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Consideration and Approval of Minutes of
the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Purchased Laptops

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Regarding Purchased Laptops**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero stated that staff is recommending that the laptops that were purchased be reduced by \$100 from the original price of \$350, bringing the cost to \$250 for students and that administration also be allowed the use of these laptops.

A motion was made by Dr. García to Authorize the President to offer a discount of a \$100.00 to students and to allow for use of the laptops for on-campus use as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa. Mr. Mendez opposed from the vote. *Exhibit "A"*

7. Consideration and Approval for Contracting Campus Security Services

**Consideration and Approval for
Contracting Campus Security Services**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Lewis gave an overview of the history of the security services on the campus. He stated that the Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program (Purchasing CO-OP) is available for the use of the College in securing such services. He stated that four companies have been identified through this Purchasing CO-OP.

A motion was made by Mr. Hinojosa to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza and carried unanimously.

8. Report of the Third Quarter Financial Statements and Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2015

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to give the report. Mr. Lewis provided a brief report on the Third 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 "B"*

9. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071 and 551.072.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:52 p.m.

10. 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 Real Estate Issues, Section
551.072, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

11. Proposed Meeting Dates

Tuesday, June 30, 2015
Special Board Meeting – Board Workshop
Thursday, July 23, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 6:53 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 June 25, 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.