



TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 24, 2009

The Board of Trustees of Texas Southmost College convened in open session on August 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College. Board members present included David Oliveira, Chair; Eduardo A. Campirano, Vice Chair; Dr. Roberto Robles, Secretary; Chester Gonzalez; Adela G. Garza; Rosemary Breedlove; and René Torres. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliveira at 5:36 p.m.

1. Tax Rate

**Consideration and Possible Action
Texas Southmost College District 2009
Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

Dr. David Pearson, Vice President for Partnership Affairs, reported that the operating budget for the District is funded by ad valorem tax revenues and that a budget has been drafted to cover the District's needs for the upcoming fiscal year. He said the tax rate necessary to cover the proposed budget is equal to the effective tax rate and requires Board approval. The District's operating budget funds scholarships, capital improvements, property acquisitions deferred maintenance, insurance, and administration.

Dr. Pearson introduced Melba Sanchez, Assistant Vice President for Finance, to make a presentation regarding the proposed 2009-10 tax rate for the District. Ms. Sanchez said that the effective tax rate was adequate to fund the District budget for fiscal year 2009-10. The effective tax rate is the rate needed to raise the same funds as during the previous fiscal year. The effective tax rate for fiscal year 2009-10 included a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$0.108949 per \$100 of property valuation and a Debt Tax rate of \$0.052975 per \$100 property valuation.

Dr. Robles made a motion that the current tax rate be placed on the Board of Trustees' agenda for adoption at its August 27, 2009, meeting. The motion was not seconded, and the motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Campirano that the effective tax rate, which reflected a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$0.108949 per \$100 of valuation and a Debt Tax rate of \$0.052975 per \$100 valuation, be placed on the Board of Trustees' agenda for adoption at its August 27, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and carried unanimously.

2. Setting Dates for Public Hearings

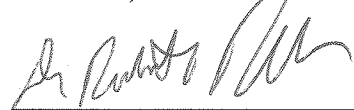
No action was necessary for public hearings because the recommendation to the Board was to adopt the effective tax rate. The District was not required to hold public hearings to adopt the effective tax rate, and could adopt this rate at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Oliveira at 6:16 p.m.



David G. Oliveira
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Dr. Roberto Robles
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on August 24, 2009, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Administrative Secretary. 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.