



## Texas Southmost College District

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## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 23, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on July 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Ed Rivera, Secretary; Dr. Reynaldo García; Adela G. Garza; Ramon Champion Hinojosa; and Art Rendon. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College. Absent was Trey Mendez, Vice Chair.

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:31 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. Presentation on United Brownsville**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. She introduced Mr. Mike Gonzalez, Executive Director of United Brownsville. Mr. Gonzalez gave an overview of the services provided through United Brownsville and the different entities that comprise United Brownsville. *Exhibit "A"*

#### **5. President's Report**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero announced new staff members: Rosalinda Morales, Coordinator of Admissions and Records, Student Services; and Dolores Orozco, Administrative Assistant, Admissions and Records, Student Services.

Dr. Tercero reminded the Board that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Onsite Visiting Committee will be on the TSC campus from August 18-20, 2015. She stated that the College continues to prepare for the visit.

**6. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings****Consideration and Approval of Minutes of  
the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2015  
and Special Meeting of June 30, 2015**

**A motion was made by Dr. García to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2015 and Special Meeting of June 30, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried. Mrs. Garza and Mr. Rivera abstained.**

**7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Funding of United Brownsville****Discussion and Possible Action  
Regarding Funding of United Brownsville**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero stated this item was brought forth, as requested by the Board, for discussion and possible action regarding the continued funding of United Brownsville.

**A motion was made by Dr. García to discontinue funding to United Brownsville. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza. Mr. F. Rendon, Mr. Rivera and Mr. A. Rendon voted against the motion. Motion failed.**

**8. 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 an available option for the use of the College in securing such services. He stated that four security companies are available, for the Board's consideration, to secure security services through a Purchasing CO-OP option.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hinojosa to enter into contract negotiations with American Surveillance to provide Campus Security Services and to authorize the President to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza and carried unanimously.**

*Exhibit "B"*

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

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:15 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**

**Thursday, July 30, 2015**  
Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**  
Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop  
**Friday, August 7, 2015**  
Special Board Meeting –  
(First Reading of Budget)  
Special Board Meeting – Tax Rate  
**Thursday, August 20, 2015**  
Special Board Meeting – Tax Rate  
(1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing, if needed)  
**Monday, August 24, 2015**  
Special Board Meeting – Tax Rate  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing, if needed)  
**Thursday, August 27, 2015**  
Regular Board Meeting – (Second Reading  
of Budget, Adoption of the Budget,  
Adoption of Tax Rate)

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:16 p.m.



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Mr. Francisco G. Rendon  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



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Mr. Ed Rivera  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on July 23, 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.