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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 7, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 7, 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; Ed Rivera, Secretary; Dr. Reynaldo García; and Art Rendon. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College. Absent were Adela Garza and Ramon Champion Hinojosa.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:41 p.m.

2. Review of the Texas Southmost College District Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero reminded the Board of the previous workshop held as part of the budget planning process. She called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration to give the presentation. He provided an overview of the proposed FY2015-2016 budget and responded to questions by the Board. He stated that the Board will have another opportunity to review the budget at the meeting of August 27. *Exhibit "A"*

3. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Tax Rate and Schedule of Public Hearings

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Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero stated that the TSC property tax rate consists of two key items: Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate and the Debt Service Rate. She called on Mr. Lewis to make the presentation. Mr. Lewis stated that the M&O portion of the tax rate

helps pay for day-to-day operations, such as, salaries, utilities and other expenses. The Debt Service Rate portion of the tax rate can only be used to cover the interest and principal on bonds secured by property tax revenues.

Mr. Lewis provided two options for consideration:

- Option A: If the Board proposes the Current Tax Rate, the Board records a vote a vote, publishes notice in the local newspaper, and schedules public hearings.
- Option B: If the Board proposes a rate above the Effective Tax Rate, the Board records a vote, the Board records a vote and no other action is needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to propose the same total tax rate as the prior year which is a 2015 total tax rate of \$0.164094 per \$100 of valuation, consisting of a 2015 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.107905 and a 2015 debt tax rate of \$0.056189, and schedule Public Hearings as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"*

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

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

5. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Consultation with Attorney on
Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section
551.071, Texas Government Code.**

A motion was made by Dr. García to accept the settlement on the lawsuit titled Texas Southmost College et al. vs. Mary Ann Fore et al. and to authorize Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of TSC, to execute the settlement document in duplicate and to authorize Frank E. Perez, TSC attorney to execute and file a motion to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice upon execution of the settlement document. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried unanimously.

6. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Special Board Meeting –
First Public Hearing

Monday, August 24, 2015

Special Board Meeting –
Second Public Hearing

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 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Ed Rivera
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on August 7, 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.