



## Texas Southmost College District

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## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 11, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; Ramon Champion Hinojosa; Dr. Reynaldo García and Dr. Tony Zavaleta. Absent were Adela Garza, Chair; Ruben Herrera, Secretary; and Art Rendon. Also present was Mike Shannon, Interim President of Texas Southmost College.

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mendez at 5:34 p.m.

### 2. Review of the Texas Southmost College District Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Vice Chairman Mendez called on Mr. Shannon to present the item. Mr. Shannon called on Mr. Carlos Pecero, Controller to give the presentation. Mr. Pecero provided an overview of the proposed FY2016-2017 budget and responded to questions by the Board. He stated that the Board will have another opportunity to review the budget at the meeting on August 31, 2016. *Exhibit "A"*

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

#### Consideration and Approval of a Proposed Tax Rate and Schedule of Public Hearings

Vice Chairman Mendez called on Mr. Shannon to present the item. Mr. Shannon called on Mr. Pecero to make the presentation. Mr. Pecero stated that the TSC property tax rate consists of two key items: Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate and the Debt Service Rate. Mr. Pecero 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.

**A motion was made by Dr. García that a 2016 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.112892 and a debt tax rate of \$0.045332 per \$100 valuation be placed on the agenda for adoption at the August 31, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zavaleta and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"***

#### **4. Proposed Meeting Dates**

**Thursday, August 31, 2016**  
Regular Board Meeting  
(Second Reading of Budget,  
Adoption of the Budget,  
Adoption of Tax Rate)

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Mendez at 5:56 p.m.

**NOTE:** The tape of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on August 11, 2016, 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.