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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 2, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 2, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Mr. Ruben Herrera, Secretary; Dr. Antonio Zavaleta; Mr. J.J. De Leon, Jr. Board members not present were Mr. Trey Mendez, Vice Chair, Mr. Art Rendon, and Ms. Eva Alejandro. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adela Garza at 5:30 p.m.

2. Review of Texas Southmost College District Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019

Ms. Garza introduced Dr. Gisela Figueroa, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to lead the workshop discussion. Dr. Figueroa provided a summary of estimated revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019. She stated that there are two options for the Board's consideration. The first option keeps staff and faculty salaries at FY2018 levels and the second option allows for a two percent salary increase to all employees. She clarified that both options can be funded without a transfer from the General Fund Balance to balance the budget.

3. Consideration and possible action on the Proposed Tax Rate and Schedule of Public Hearings

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Dr. Figueroa presented the Effective Rate of \$0.157680, Rollback Rate of \$0.172260, and the Prior Year Rate of \$0.162407. She stated that the recommendation is to adopt the Prior Year Rate in order to appropriately fund the FY2019 Operating Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to propose that a 2018 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.115248 and a debt tax rate of \$0.047159 per \$100.00 valuation be placed on the agenda for adoption at the August 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zavaleta and carried unanimously.

4. Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:09 p.m.

5. Action on Executive Matters

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

No action was taken.

b. Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

No action was taken.

c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

i. Instrument for Evaluation of the President

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to approve the instrument for evaluation of the President as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Leon, Jr. and carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting Dates

Monday, August 13, 2018 1st Public Hearing

Thursday, August 16, 2018 2nd Public Hearing

Thursday, August 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Herrera. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Leon, Jr. and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Adela G. Garza Chair, Board of Trustees

Ruben Herrera, J.D. Secretary, Board of Trustees

The video recording of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on August 2, 2018, is available on the TSC.EDU website. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Cristina Garcia, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996.