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**Texas Southmost College District** 

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees

### August 13, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 13, 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. Tony Zavaleta, Mr. Art Rendon, Ms. Eva Alejandro and Mr. J.J. De Leon, Jr. Board member not present was Mr. Trey Mendez, Vice Chair. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

#### 1. Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chair, Adela Garza at 5:30 pm.

#### 2. Pledges of Allegiance

Dr. Tony Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Texas Southmost College District

Ms. Garza stated that this is a Public Hearing to give the taxpayers an opportunity to express their views on the Board's proposed tax rate. The Board is proposing a Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate of \$0.115248 and a Debt Tax Rate of \$0.047159 for a Total Tax Rate of \$0.162407 per \$100 valuation. Ms. Garza stated that this rate is the same as the current rate and will not increase taxes for a property if its appraised value remained the same.

The notice of proposed increase was published in the newspapers on August 6, 2018. Ms. Garza open the floor for any speakers. There were no speakers.

Ms. Garza also stated that there will be a second Public Hearing on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in this Board Room. The Regular Board meeting to vote on the tax rate is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. also here in the Gorgas Board Room.

Adela G. Garza Chair Trey Mendez, J.D. Vice Chair Ruben Herrera, J.D. Secretary J. J. De Leon Art Rendon Tony Zavaleta, Ph.D. Eva Alejandro

TSC President Jesus Roberto Rodríguez, Ph.D.

## 4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Mr. Herrera. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rendon and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Ms. Adela G. Garza Chair, Board of Trustees

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

The video recording of the Public Hearing meeting held on August 13, 2018, is available on the TSC.EDU website. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Irma Abrego, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996.