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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

December 12, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on December 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Mr. Ruben Herrera, Vice Chair; Dr. Tony Zavaleta, Secretary; Ms. Eva Alejandro; Mr. J.J. De Leon; Mrs. Delia Saenz; and Mr. Arturo Rendon. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Garza, at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

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

3. Public Comment

There were no speakers.

4. Consideration and possible action on approval of Budget Amendment 20-002 to fund the Oliveira Student Services Project

Chair Garza called on Dr. Gisela Figueroa, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Dr. Figueroa began the presentation by proposing a consideration of budget amendment 20-002 in the amount of \$950,000.00 for the Oliveira Student Services Project. Dr. Figueroa stated as approved in the last Board Meeting, the RFP for the construction was presented with a total cost of \$476,600 with a \$30,000 contingency for construction cost. It did not include furniture nor a possible abatement that might be coming into play for this project. Thus, the project estimate is \$950,000.

Dr. Figueroa mentioned the Board approved the sale of the Port Mansfield Property the previous month and had received those funds of \$650,000 but the Board had not

recognized these funds in the budget. Dr. Figueroa recommended that the Board recognize the \$650,000 as part of this project and an additional \$300,000 coming from fund balance to fund the total project.

Chair Garza questioned if this was to recognize the \$650,000 from the sale which Dr. Figueroa replied it was, plus \$300,000 from fund balance to meet the overall project cost of \$950,000. This estimate was based on the input received from the Student Government in what they want to see in that space and Student Services and Administration working with them.

A motion was made by Mr. De Leon to approve the Budget Amendment 20-002 to fund the Oliveira Student Services Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera.

In further discussion, Dr. Zavaleta stated he had previously voted against this item and in keeping with this position, he would have to vote against.

The motion was carried with six votes in favor and one against.

5. Executive Session

- a. Consultation with Attorney on Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section 551.071 Texas Government Code**
- b. Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072 Texas Government Code**
- c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code**

6. Action on Executive Session Matters

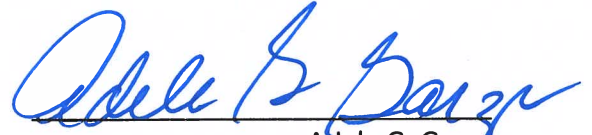
- No matters

7. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

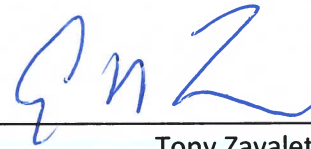
- a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Herrera seconded by Mr. Rendon. The motion was carried with seven votes in favor.



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Chair, Board of Trustees



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Secretary, Board of Trustees

The video recording of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on December 12, 2019, is available on the TSC.EDU website. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Claudia L. Cortina, Interim Chief of Staff and Board Liaison. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996.