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## **Texas Southmost College District**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 19, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on July 19, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Adela G. Garza, Vice Chair; Trey Mendez, Secretary; Dr. Robert Lozano; Ramon Hinojosa and Dr. Reynaldo García. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College. Board member absent was René Torres.

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:40 p.m.

#### 2. Announcements

Chairman Rendon announced the appointment of Frank Perez, TSC Attorney, by Governor Rick Perry to the Commission on Uniform State Laws. This commission studies and recommends which areas in of law should be consistent across all 50 states. Mr. Perez was one of three Texas attorneys appointed. He was also appointed as a member of the Study Committee on amending the Uniform Athlete and Agents Act by the President of the Uniform Law Commission, Michael Houghton on April 3, 2012.

# 3. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

### 4. Mission Statement

Chairman Rendon read the existing mission for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

"Texas Southmost College is a comprehensive open admissions public community college whose mission comports with Texas Statute Subchapter A, Section 130. Texas Southmost College offers programs leading to certificates of completion and associate degrees, developmental education to prepare students for college-level work, occupational and technical programs to prepare students for immediate employment, academic courses of study to develop the core skills, understandings, and knowledge appropriate for baccalaureate programs, and continuing education, counseling, guidance, adult literacy and personal enrichment.

Texas Southmost College advances economic and social development, enhances the quality of life, encourages respect for the environment, cultivates personal enrichment, and expands knowledge in service to its community. It convenes the cultures of its community and fosters an appreciation for the unique heritage of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It provides academic leadership in the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic life of the region it serves.

Texas Southmost College places excellence in teaching and learning at the core of its commitments. It seeks to help students at all levels develop the skills which will sustain life-long learning while respecting the dignity of each learner and the needs of the entire community."

# 5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

# Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 21, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 21, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinojosa and carried. Dr. Lozano abstained.

# 6. Update on Transition Process

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero reported that nine position postings for TSC will be advertised. The positions are as follows: Associate Vice President of Student Services; Dean of Health Care, Career and Technical Education; Director of Admissions and Records; Director of Financial Aid; Director of Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness;

Director of Marketing and Community Relations; Controller; and two Senior Administrative Assistants. Dr. Tercero reported that as TSC develops interim operating agreements with UTB, additional staff will be hired.

Secondly, she reported that the Strategic Planning Committee will meet to discuss all the data that was accumulated and collected from the Community Summits held earlier this year. The Strategic Planning Committee will work to draft a strategic plan, which will then be brought forth to the Board in a retreat to review and finalize in August.

Mr. Rendon asked where the positions will be posted. Dr. Tercero reported that they will be posted on the TSC website, the local newspaper, and the Texas Association of Community Colleges website.

## 7. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, August 16, 2012

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Francisco G. Rendon Chairman, Board of Trustees

Trey Mendez, J. D. Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on July 19, 2012, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at UTB/TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, 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.