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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 23, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on April 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; Ed Rivera, Secretary; Adela G. Garza, Dr. Reynaldo García, Ramon Champion Hinojosa and Art Rendon. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mendez at 5:32 p.m.

2. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

Mr. Fernando Champion, community member provided comments to the Board of Trustees.

3. Mission Statement

Vice Chair Mendez read the mission and role and scope for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

Mission:

Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities.

Role and Scope:

Texas Southmost College's mission is guided by our commitment to provide:

- University transfer, career, and technical programs leading to an associate degree or certificate along with courses specializing in college preparatory and developmental education, workforce training, adult literacy, and continuing

education to support the evolving needs of citizens, industry, and economic development initiatives within Cameron and Willacy Counties.

- High-quality instruction and learning opportunities in the classroom, online, and through other delivery methods; a supportive and innovative faculty and staff; appropriate technology, equipment, and learning resources; and advising and assessment services to promote transfer to a four-year baccalaureate institution, entry or advancement in the workforce, or lifelong learning.
- A learning-centered, service-oriented environment that celebrates diversity and inclusion; facilitates growth and development; fosters social responsibility, critical thinking, communication, and innovation; and empowers and engages students, faculty and staff to achieve personal and professional goals.
- Institutional effectiveness that embraces individual accountability, data-informed decision making, change, and an unending pursuit of excellence.

4. Presentation on the Medical Office Management Program

Vice Chair Mendez called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero introduced Mr. Jeffrey Gregor, Dean of Health Care, Career, and Technical Education. Mr. Gregor gave an overview of the Medical Office Management Program along with, Ms. Mari C. Rodriguez, faculty member. TSC students Mrs. Damaris Palacios, Erika Martinez and Natalia Lancaster gave testimonials on the program. *Exhibit "A"*

5. President's Report

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero announced new staff members: Marisol Deluze, Admissions Specialist, Admissions & Records; Juana Graciela, Administrative Assistant, Business Services; Farhart Iftekharuddin, Adjunct Instructor, English; Deborah Kay Losoya, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources; Ramon Padilla, Building Maintenance Worker, Facilities & Physical Plant; Alejandro Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, Marketing and Community Relations; and Jessica Sanchez, Admissions Specialist, Admissions and Records.

Dr. Tercero announced that the Bougainvillea Ball will be held on April 25, 2015, from 7-11 p.m., at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. She stated that students and staff have been working to make this a very special and memorable event. Students will select King and Queen of the Bougainvillea Ball.

Dr. Tercero stated TSC will be participating in the Pedal to Padre Event on Sunday, May 3. This will be the second year in row that TSC has participated in the event. Proceeds from the Pedal to Padre entry fees benefit the Cameron County Children's Advocacy Center.

Dr. Tercero stated TSC is finalizing all the details regarding the upcoming Commencement Ceremony, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m., at the Fort Brown Memorial Center. TSC's Commencement Speaker, Mr. John Fallon, Chief Executive of Pearson Education, and one of the most recognized and influential voices in global education, is going to join us on Friday afternoon, May 15, for a special town hall event and evening reception. Staff is currently finalizing the details for these two events. Mr. Fallon will be coming from London, England, to Brownsville, Texas.

Dr. Tercero announced that Dr. Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, with the U.S. Department of Education, made a visit to TSC on Tuesday of this week. He toured TSC's One-Stop Student Services Center and met with students, attended a session with faculty and staff regarding TSC's College Preparatory Studies division to learn about TSC's accelerated and specialized programs for underprepared students, toured the ITEC Center, and met with students and faculty from the Health Care, Career and Technical division. Dr. Tercero stated that he was very impressed with TSC and its focus on innovation within our academic, health care, career and technical programs. She thanked the students, faculty and staff that helped make this visit a success.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Rendon and carried. Mr. Mendez abstained from the vote.

7. Update on the Community College Association of Texas Trustees Legislative Committee

Chairman Rendon gave an update to the Board on the Community College Association of Texas Trustees Legislative Committee (CCATT). Mr. Rendon stated that the Senate and the House have passed their budget. He said that the state is giving more money to the universities than to the community colleges. He stated that the association is requesting that community colleges should be treated as fairly as universities and has asked the Chief Executive Officers of all the colleges

to meet with legislators regarding this issue. He stated that CCATT is supporting TSC's funding request for its new Innovative Workforce Training Center.

8. Update on Excess Windstorm and Hail Insurance

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, gave an update to the Board on Excess Windstorm and Hail Insurance. Mr. Lewis stated that based on the proposals received, and the existing eligibility option to renew for one additional year, the staff will exercise the renewal option with Shepard Walton King. He said this company will provide Excess Windstorm and Hail Insurance for fiscal year 2016. *Exhibit "B"*

9. Consideration and Approval of a One-Year Contract Extension with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P.

Consideration and Approval of a One-Year Extension with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P.

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis stated that back in 2010 there was a bid opening for request for qualifications (RFQ) for auditing services. The Board approved a one year contract on May 17, 2010, with four one-year renewal options, to Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. Mr. Lewis stated that due to the status of the College's accreditation process, another audit may be required and continuing with the current auditors will expedite this process. He stated that staff recommends extending the contract with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. for one year under the current terms with the intent to conduct a new RFQ for auditing services next year.

A motion was made by Dr. García to approve a One-Year Extension with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. and authorize the President to Execute the Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:42 p.m.

11. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

**Deliberation on Personnel Matters,
Section 551.074, Texas Government Code. The
deliberation may include a discussion of the evaluation
and employment contract of the President**

No action was taken.

12. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, May 21, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:43 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Ed Rivera
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on April 23, 2015, 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.