



Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 17, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session August 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent were Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, and Mr. David Oliveira. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Chester Gonzalez at 5:33 p.m.

1 Executive Session

As provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072

Real Estate

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Fort Brown Villas Phase II, Unit 10F,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Fort Brown Villas Phase II, Unit 3B,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Fort Brown Villas Phase I, Unit 5004,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lots 33-34, Block 22, Colonia Alta Vista,
Brownsville, Texas

Board of Trustees

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Dolly Zimmerman

UTB/TSC President

Juliet V. Garcia, Ph.D

- Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of
Brownsville Original Townsite Lots 10, 11, and
12, Block 117, Brownsville, Texas
- Discussion** and Possible Action on
Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2 and
Lots 1-10, Block 4, University Park
- Discussion** and Possible Action on
Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres
- Discussion** and Possible Action on
Abs 6 – J Y Trevino Share 6 E 78.7240 Acres

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:19 p.m.

2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort Brown
Villa Phase II, Unit 10F, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villas Phase II, Unit 10F, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "A"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort Brown
Villas Phase II, Unit 3B, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villas Phase II, Unit 3B, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort Brown Villas Phase I,
Unit 5004, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villas Phase I, Unit 5004, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Lots 33-34
Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lots 33-34, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Brownsville Original
Townsite Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 117**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2 and Lots 1-10,
Block 4, University Park**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Abs 6 – J Y Trevino Share 6 E 78.7240 Acres**

No action was taken.

3 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

**Consideration and possible action on
Minutes of Regular Meeting June 22, 2006**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2006, as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously.

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

5 Board Briefing**Hurricane Preparedness Planning**

This item was tabled.

6 Administering of Oath of Office of Elected Member

Mr. Campirano reminded the Board of the results of the May 13, 2006 Trustee Election. The members elected were Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza, Place 1, Dr. Roberto Robles, Place 6, and Mr. David G. Oliveira, Place 7.

Mr. Campirano stated that Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Esparza were sworn in at the June 22 Board Meeting. Dr. Robles will be sworn in tonight by Honorable Judge Hilda G. Tagle, United States District Judge.

Dr. Robles stated that it is an honor to serve on the Board. He thanked the community for entrusting him to continue serving on the board. His wife Pearl and their two children along with other family members attended the ceremony.

7 Business Affairs Partnership Committee

Mr. Campirano reported that the Business Affairs Partnership Committee met on August 7, 2006 and discussed the following items:

**Consideration and possible action on
Bid for Physical Plant Road Entrance**

Mr. Campirano explained that due to the construction of the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Complex (REK), the entrance to Physical Plant will be relocated. He stated that this bid is for the construction of the new road entrance. Three bids were received with the lowest bid from R&R Paving Company in the amount of \$242,576.44.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the contract with R&R Paving Company for the Physical Plant Entrance Road in the amount \$242,576.44 as presented; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "E"

**Consideration and possible action on
General Liability, Educators Legal, Crime and
Auto Insurance Policy Renewal**

Mr. Campirano explained that the policy renewal provided by our insurance agent, Shepard, Walton, King through Texas Political Subdivisions and Public Educators Association of Texas for Crime, General Liability, Automobile and Educator's Legal

policies is \$55,442. This amount presents a decrease of about \$5,766 over last year's premium.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the General Liability, Educators Legal, Crime and Auto Insurance Policy Renewal for \$55,442 as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion was carried unanimously. Exhibit "F"

**Consideration and possible action on
TSC District Budget Amendments for
Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006**

Mr. Campirano explained that Amendment #06-011 is to adjust for additional end-of-year expenses and Amendment #06-012 is to adjust for additional condominium revenues and additional Golf Courses expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the TSC District Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 #06-011 and #06-012 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion was carried unanimously. Exhibit "G"

8 Tax Rate

**Consideration and possible action on
TSC District 2006 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

Dr. Wayne Moore, Interim Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, made a presentation regarding the tax rate for the Texas Southmost College District. He reported that because of the increase in the property valuation, the TSC District tax rate will see a decrease in the total tax rate. Dr. Moore explained that in order to fund the fiscal year 2007 TSC District budget as approved by the board at the June Board meeting, the tax rate that the board should consider for tax year 2006 is \$0.109955 for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.051134 for the debt rate.

The proposed rate exceeded the effective rate and the rollback rate and requires two hearings.

The Board discussed the possible impact on the community by setting the tax rate as proposed by staff. After much discussion the Board concluded that it was necessary to fully fund the fiscal year 2007 TSC District budget as approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to propose that a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.109955 and a total Debt tax rate of \$0.051134 per \$100 valuation be placed on the agenda for adoption at the September 14th Board meeting as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "H"

Consideration and possible action on

Set Date for Public Hearings

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to Set the Dates for the Public Hearings for August 28, 2006 and August 31, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorgas Board Room; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "I"*

9 TSC District Board Policies

Consideration and possible action on First Reading: Policy IV – C.1: Sick Leave

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this was the first reading of the policy and no action was necessary.

10 Bond Projects

Ms. Veronica Mendez, Assistant Vice President for Construction, reported on the progress of the bond projects. Ms. Mendez explained that the Construction Office is currently working with the different architectural firms to continue with the development of schematic designs for each project. Ms. Mendez stated that Dr. Robles and Mr. Oliveira joined the architects and staff for a tour of fine arts and library facilities in Houston. She explained that the tour was very productive because it allowed the trustees to visualize what might be included in a Music Education Complex and New Library.

Ms. Mendez narrated a video of the projects that are currently under construction. She explained that a new reinforced slab was poured at the site of the Thermal Plant at the ITEC Campus to make a room for the new chiller. The new 1,000 ton chiller will replace two chillers. The chiller is scheduled to be operational by the end of October. The final completion of this project is planned for February 2007.

Ms. Mendez explained that the demolition phase of the Recreation Education and Kinesiology (REK) center is near completion. She explained that the former USDA buildings have been demolished. Ms. Mendez announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the REK scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the site.

11 Construction Report

Dr. Moore reported the following:

- The space in the Rusterberg building that formerly housed the A/C Technical Education Shop is being refurbished by Physical Plant to house the Infrastructure Technology and Networks (ITNet) Department.

- New trees were planted along University Boulevard near the Village at Fort Brown.
- The compress area is being renovated. Staff is looking for external sources to fund the renovation of this facility and make it a historic site.
- The Print Shop will be relocating to the Rusteberg Building in the area that previously housed the Diesel Shop. There will be a room for the printing equipment, paper cutting, storage supplies, a reception and a supervisor's office.
- Two new greenhouses were built at Physical Plant. One of the greenhouses is being used for the Bahia Grande Revitalization Project. The other one is being used by Physical Plant to grow plants for the UTB/TSC campus.

12 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- 106 students in the University's Scorpion Scholar's program have been awarded a four-year scholarship to attend UTB/TSC. The \$30,000 scholarship will cover tuition, fees, book and housing. This is the first year that UTB/TSC is able to provide this scholarship to so many students.

13 Proposed Meeting Dates

Public Hearing Dates:

August 28, 2006

August 31, 2006

Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Thursday, November 30, 2006

Thursday, December 21, 2006

14 Announcements

- Dr. José Martín, Provost, introduced Dr. Shihong (Steve) Chen as the first Chief Information Officer at UTB/TSC. Dr. Chen served as the first VP for Information Technology at the South Texas College of Law and as the first Chief Information

Technology Officer and Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at Utica College of Syracuse University. Dr. Chen will provide leadership in creating and maintaining a fully integrated and secure Information Technology environment for higher learning

- Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean of the School of Education, introduced Dr. Steve Rosales, Assistant to the Dean for P-16 Initiatives. Prior to joining UTB/TSC, Dr. Rosales was the Principal at Resaca Middle School in Los Fresnos. He has been a teacher for over 15 years and Administrator for the last 6 years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:07 p.m.



Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 17, 2006 is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Mari Montelongo, Administrative Secretary. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KISD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.