



TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE and TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 26, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on October 26, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Mr. David Oliveira, and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent was Dr. Roberto Robles. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

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UTB/TSC President

Juliet V. Garcia, Ph.D

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Chester Gonzalez at 5:30 p.m.

I Executive Session

As provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072

Real Estate

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort Brown Villa Phase II, Unit 1F, Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort Brown Villa Phase II, Unit 15F, Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase Of Rear ½ of Lot 5, Block 7, Paredes Addition, 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

Legal Matters

**Discussion and Possible Action on Abs 6 – Y
Treviño Share 6 E 78.724 Acres
Discussion and Possible Action on Property
Leases**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:45 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 1F, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villa Phase II, Unit 1F, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "A"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Fort Brown Villa Phase II, Unit 15F, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villa Phase II, Unit 15F, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Rear ½ of Lot 5, Block 7, Paredes Addition, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Rear ½ of Lot 5, Block 7, Paredes Addition, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"*

**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 Treviño Share 6 E 78.724 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Property Leases**

No action was taken.

3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of
Regular Meeting September 14, 2006**

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2006 as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously.

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

Mr. Fernando Ruiz commented critically on his concerns with the university's policies.

5 2006 Budget

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Dr. Moore reported that the following budget amendments are to adjust expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2006:

Budget Amendment #06-013 is to set up revenue and expenses accounts for office supplies, travel, printing and media expenses.

Budget Amendment #06-014 is to adjust for miscellaneous, copier, condominium, Fort Brown Memorial Center, and recognizes a transfer from the general fund.

Budget Amendment #06-015 is to adjust additional campus improvement expenses and to reduce M-1 building expenses.

Budget Amendment #06-016 is to adjust for maintenance tax notes and REK center expenses.

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the TSC District Budget Amendments #06-013, #06-014, #06-015, #06-016 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. "Exhibit D"

6 Bond Projects

Consideration and Possible Action on Schematic Designs for Center for Early Childhood Studies

Ms. Veronica Mendez, Assistant Vice President for Construction, explained that the schematic design phase is the first phase of the construction document development that is used by contractors to build the facility. Ms. Mendez explained that Wells Janousek Architects are based in Dallas, Texas. They are a small firm that specializes in the design of creative and nurturing environments for children and families. Mr. Wells is the principal person in charge of the project and Mr. Janousek is the project manager for the Center for Early Childhood studies.

Ms. Zimmerman, Trustee Liaison for this project, reported that the Board Bond Advisory Committee for the Center for Early Childhood Studies met on Monday, October 2 to review the schematic design that Mr. Janousek presented. The meeting was well attended with members of the faculty, staff as well as community members. Also in attendance was Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chairman.

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to approve the Schematic Design for Center for Early Childhood as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "E"

Consideration and Possible Action on Schematic Designs for Music Education Building

Ms. Mendez reported that the Board Bond Advisory Committee for the Music Education Building met on Wednesday, October 11 to review the schematic design by Studio Red managed by Garrett Wood. The meeting was well attended. Present were UTB/TSC students, faculty, and staff representatives as well as community members. Also present was Chairman Gonzalez.

Ms. Mendez mentioned that the Music Campus Advisory Committee traveled to Houston to tour the Kindaid School Theater, the model for the Music Education building project. Dr. Sue Zanne Urbis, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, reported on the programmatic use of the facility and stated that the rehearsal halls will provide appropriate space for concert bands, wind ensemble, jazz bands, master chorale, University Choir, symphony orchestra and string orchestra. In addition, the teaching

studios will provide suitable acoustics and design for all applies lessons, section rehearsals, duets, trios, and quartets.

Mr. Gonzalez explained that the facility will serve as a community outreach and recruitment tool as the Fine Arts Department intends to host the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) competitions for the lower valley. In addition the Music department plans to host festivals and camps for the community.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez to approve the Schematic Design for Music Education Building as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "F"

7 Student Affairs Partnership Committee Report

Ms. Zimmerman reported that the Student Affairs Partnership Committee met on October 24, 2006. Members present were Dr. Hilda Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs, Karen Fuss-Sommer, faculty member, Minnie Lucio, community member, Abraham Ponce, student member, and Mary Manzano, staff, member.

Ms. Zimmerman reported that Dr. Silva provided an update on the Athletics program. She reported that the Volleyball team is performing very well and is poised to go to regional competition this year. Dr. Silva stated that the men and women's golf team are competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the first time. She also reported that the Baseball program under Coach Barta, has signed 10 local student athletes. The program currently has a roster made up of 39 student athletes of which 6 are from Puerto Rico, 5 from Canada, 1 from Illinois and 27 from Texas. The students mentioned that University's affiliation with the NAIA has allowed them to continue to compete as well as continue with their studies on this campus.

Ms. Zimmerman explained that 35% of the Athletics program's funding comes from the Student Services Fee. A student referendum is schedule for November 14 and 15. The referendum will ask students to vote on an Athletic Fee of \$7 per semester credit hour to go in effect in Fall 2008. This fee will allow the Athletics Program to increase its support services and continue to grow.

Ms. Zimmerman announced that beginning in Spring 2007, the Student Union, International Education, Medical Services and Student Recreation fees will be waived for students taking their courses online and live outside of Cameron and Willacy counties.

Ms. Zimmerman reported that Mr. Vince Solis, Assistant Vice President for Student Development, provided an update on Phase II of the Student Housing. The project is currently in the architect selection stage. The staff is recommending that the Student Affairs Partnership Committee serve as the Board Bond Advisory Committee for

Phase II of the Student Housing project. Staff is currently reviewing the architect proposals to decide on a short list of about 3 to 5 firms to invite for interviews.

8 Fourth Quarter Financial and Investment Report

The First Quarter Financial and Investment Reports for TSC were presented by Melba Sanchez, TSC District Comptroller. The report was for informational purposes only and required no action. *Exhibit "G"*

9 Construction Report

Dr. Moore reported the following:

- Construction has begun for the new entrance to the Physical Plant which will be located between the levee and the armory with a new parking lot for the Physical Plant employees and equipment. This project will be finished by January 2007.
- Landscaping and paving is in process for the George Truan's Sculpture Garden. Oak trees will be planted which will beautify the garden.
- Seven trees were planted between the parking spaces in front of Mary Rose Cardenas South Hall to add some shade along the sidewalk.
- Dr. Moore reported in lieu of Ms. Mendez on the REK Complex. There have been 15 days of rain and it has delayed the process for the REK Complex. However, the machines are working now and once the compaction of the soil has been completed they will be placing peers for the foundation for the REK Center.

10 President's Report

Dr. Garcia reported the following:

- The School of Health Sciences hosted an open house for all programs on October 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. and the 50th birthday of nursing education in the lower Rio Grande Valley on October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life and Health Sciences building courtyard as part of the year-long celebration of the 15th anniversary of the UTB/TSC partnership. Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chairman of the TSC Board of Trustees, will be honored at the event. The public was invited to take part.
- The Bahia Grande Restoration Team was nominated for its ongoing work restoring the hydrology of the Bahia Grande system and has been selected to receive a 2006 Coastal America Partnership Award for their outstanding efforts to restore and protect the coastal environment.

- On Monday, October 23, the Department of Engineering unveiled the latest collaboration with Lockheed Martin which brought a \$40,000 centrifuge to campus that will help engineering faculty and students with research and laboratory experiments.
- The UTB/TSC School of Education will be hosting guest speaker Dr. Rainer Enrique Hamel, Professor of Linguistics at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, in Mexico City, as part of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Lecture Series at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9 in the Student Union El Gran Salon.
- The UTB/TSC campus is providing Early Voting services from Monday, October 30 through Friday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The General Election is on November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Department of Defense (DOD) informed the Vice President for External Affairs that the agency intends to award \$273,500 in a cooperative agreement with UTB/TSC. The funds will be used to continue assisting small businesses and manufacturers in selling their products or services to government agencies. The objective of the program, operated by the Valley Procurement Technical Assistance Center (VPTAC), is to help businesses in the region to expand and add jobs.

11 Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, November 30, 2006
Thursday, December 21, 2006
Thursday, January 25, 2007
Thursday, February 22, 2007
Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the dates with the Board.

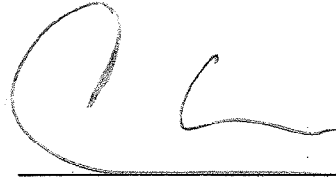
12 Announcements

- On October 27, Mr. Victor Fuhro, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs will have a retirement farewell at Set-B third floor with colleagues and friends.
- Mr. Hector Castillo, Executive Assistant to the President accepted the position of Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs beginning November 1.
- Dr. Marilyn Woods, Assistant to the President accepted the position of the Executive Assistant to the President beginning November 1.

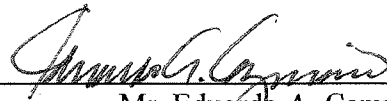
- Ms. Melba Sanchez was re-hired as the District Comptroller at TSC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 8:10 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 October 26, 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.