



TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

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**Texas Southmost College District**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**September 23, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on September 23, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Dr. Roberto Robles, Vice Chair; Adela G. Garza, Secretary; Trey Mendez; Dr. Robert A. Lozano; David Oliveira and René Torres. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:37 p.m.

Chairman Rendon gave an opening statement to the public regarding the partnership between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College (UTB/TSC). He opened the floor for comment for other Board members. Dr. Robles, Ms. Garza, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Torres, Dr. Lozano and Mr. Oliveira commented on the statement.

**1. Announcements**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Alan Artibise, Provost to make an introduction. Dr. Artibise introduced the new Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Carol Radle. The next introduction is the new Executive Director for the Office of Global Engagement, Dr. Alla Paroiatnikova. Then he introduced the new Chief Information Officer, Dr. Clair Goldsmith. The last introduction was the Director of Space Management, Ms. Emma Miller.

space for growth for the special collections as well as an exhibit space. Dr. Moore said that he needs a motion for substantial completion to close the project.

**A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to accept Substantial Completion of the Oliveira Library renovation and authorize the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning to close the project upon completion of the punch list items as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garza and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"***

## **6. Executive Session**

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

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:35 p.m.**

## **7. Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

### **Contract and Resolution for purchase of Lot 12, Block 13, Paredes Track Addition, Brownsville, Texas**

**A motion was made by Ms. Garza to approve of the earnest money contract and resolution for the acquisition of Lot 12, Block 13, Paredes Track Addition in the amount of \$45,000 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"***

### **Discussion regarding possible purchase of 9.4 acres of Land in River Center Plaza**

There was no action given for further research on this item. Mr. Mendez stated that he will be abstaining on this issue when it comes to a vote.

### **Discussion with TSC District Counsel Regarding The University of Texas System and Texas Southmost College Educational Partnership Agreement**

Chairman Rendon mentioned that the current partnership agreement and the proposed partnership agreement will be available online.

**A motion was made by Dr. Lozano to place the working draft of the partnership agreement and the current partnership agreement out to the public for their information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously.**

**Discussion and possible action on search  
for Associate Vice President for Administration  
and Partnership Affairs**

Chairman Rendon requested Dr. García to give the Board recommendations for staffing the TSC District office and not necessarily the position mentioned above.

**8. Committees of the Board**

**Appointment of Trustees to Partnership Committees**

Chairman Rendon appointed the following Board members to the Partnership Committees:

**Academic Affairs Partnership Committee**

Dr. Robert A. Lozano  
Dr. Roberto Robles

**Business Affairs Partnership Committee**

Adela G. Garza  
David Oliveira

**Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Committee**

Dr. Roberto Robles  
René Torres

**Student Affairs Partnership Committee**

Trey Mendez  
Dr. Robert A. Lozano

**Physical Facilities Committee**

David Oliveira  
René Torres

**Partnership Advisory Committee**

Francisco G. Rendon  
Dr. Roberto Robles  
Trey Mendez

**Audit Committee**  
René Torres  
Adela G. Garza

**9. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements and Investment Reports**

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Moore. Dr. Moore provided a brief report on the third Quarter Financial Statements and Investment Report for FY 2010. Dr. Moore stated that the reports are provided for informational purposes only, and no action is required by the Board.

**10. Budget Amendment**

**Consideration and possible action on the  
Restriction of Budget Item 24 Library Development**

There was no action taken. This item was tabled.

**11. Revision of Audit Committee Policy**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Dan Rentfro, TSC Attorney. Mr. Rentfro stated that it was requested by the Chairman that an amendment to allow two community members not affiliated with UTB/TSC in addition with the three Board members to be on the Audit Committee. Mr. Rentfro mentioned that this was the first reading of the amendment to the Audit Committee Policy. Mr. Rentfro stated that the new revision is to add removal language as the other committees and the community member is required to be a resident of the TSC service area.

**12. President's Report**

*Dr. García reported the following:*

- The campus enrollment has increased by seven percent and there are 852 more students enrolled at UTB/TSC. It is the largest freshman class of 2, 500 students. Dual enrollment has decreased about half.
- Scorpion Endowed Scholarship dinner. It was the first annual dinner. It is connect the donors with the recipients of their scholarship. Board members present were Chairman Rendon, Dr. Robles, Ms. Garza, and Dr. Lozano. The event honored donors who have established the endowed scholarship. She thanked the staff of Institutional Advancement for their assistance with the event.

- The Distinguished Lecture Series will be in October. It will feature Blake Mycoskie, founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS shoes. She stated Mycoskie founded TOMS shoes four years ago after competing in the Amazing Race reality show. While in Argentina for the show, he took note of the numerous children without shoes so he founded his company. For each pair of shoes TOMS Shoe Company sells it donates a new pair of shoes for a child in need.
- The fall athletics programs are at midpoint. She encouraged the public to watch the games. She mentioned that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and that the athletes will be wearing pink uniforms.
- UTB/TSC Distinguished Alumni recipients will be honored in Homecoming in November. UTB/TSC has selected the following Distinguished Alumni recipients Alma Cardenas-Rubio, the Del Castillo Band, Ruben Edelstein and Jose "J.J." Guajardo.

### 13. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 21, 2010

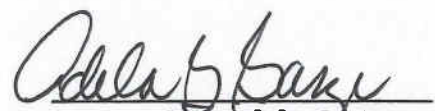
Thursday, November 18, 2010

Thursday, December 16, 2010

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 9:31 p.m.

  
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Mr. Francisco G. Rendon  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
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Ms. Adela G. Garza  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on September 23, 2010, 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 Secretary. Video taping 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.

