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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 9, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on October 9, 2019, at 12:04 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair, Mr. Ruben Herrera; Vice Chair, Dr. Tony Zavaleta; Secretary, Mr. Art Rendon, Ms. Eva Alejandro, Mr. J.J. De Leon, and Ms. Delia Saenz. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chair, Adela Garza at 12:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Tony Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment. No presentation will exceed three minutes

There were no speakers.

4. Consideration and possible approval of Agreements between Alliance Safety Council and Texas Southmost College

Madam Chair called Dr. Zavaleta to present the item.

Dr. Zavaleta reported that the Academic Committee Meeting met today, October 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. and recommends approval of the agreements between the Alliance Safety Council and Texas Southmost College, offering to answer any questions concerning the agreements.

Mr. Rendon questioned why Texas Southmost College needed to be in a relationship with this Council. Dr. Angelica Fuentes replied the Safety Alliance Council is the second largest provider of training for manufacturing and other industries, offering 1,300 sessions for post-employment training. Currently there is no such training in this region. She explained that there is a need for the city, the region, the Port and the State to send employees for these types of trainings, and TSC would provide the training in partnership with the Alliance Safety Council.

In response to a question from Mr. Rendon, Dr. Fuentes explained that Dr. Fleishman and Dr. Kile would proceed with contacting local businesses to determine training needs upon approval from the Board for the partnership.

Mr. Rendon asked if there was any data or survey indicating a need by external agencies, students, etc. Dr. Fleishman answered that every industry at the Port will be required to meet a variety of safety training standards and TSC could be the provider of choice to meet their OSHA training or industry specific post-employment training and address the training need in regions like New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Mr. Rendon asked for a projection for the program in the next two years. Dr. Fleishman replied that the program would be the largest provider of safety training in the Rio Grande Valley within two years.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to approve and allow the President to sign the two Licensing Agreements, Host Site Agreement, and Data Sharing Agreement between alliance Safety Council and Texas Southmost College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rendon and carried unanimously.

5. Consideration and approval of the Resolution to Nominate and Vote for the Position Eight (8) Representative on the Cameron Appraisal District

Ms. Garza presented the item stating she did not recall there being representation from Texas Southmost College on the Appraisal District Board. This position is filled by an election process. Mr. Rendon expressed interest in doing the work required and agreed to the nomination for the position.

Mr. Rendon thanked the Board for their support adding Texas Southmost College has not had a representative in over 25 years. He indicated that he has started making calls to the small districts represented by the position to garner support and asked for the Board's support in the best interest of the College.

Ms. Garza encouraged the Board members to contact colleagues in the small districts represented to support Mr. Rendon for the position.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to approve the resolution to nominate and vote for Mr. Rendon to hold position eight (8) on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zavaleta and carried unanimously.

6. Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive Session at 12:14 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 12:54 p.m.

7. Action on Executive Matters

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

No action was taken in open session.

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

- Consideration and possible action on the Port Mansfield property

A motion was made by Mr. Rendon for Texas Southmost College to accept the offer made by Willacy County Navigation District to purchase the Port Mansfield property as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera and carried unanimously.

c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code

- Consideration and possible action on FY 2019-2020 Salary Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Rendon for Texas Southmost College to accept the salary schedule as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Leon and carried unanimously.

8. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

Chair Garza announced the following proposed meeting dates:

Thursday, October 24, 5:30 p.m.

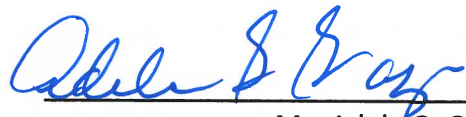
Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Herrera. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Leon and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Ms. Adela G. Garza
Chair, Board of Trustees



Tony Zavaleta, Ph.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees

The video recording of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on October 9, 2019, is available on the TSC.EDU website. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Adelina Young, Chief of Staff and Board Liaison. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996.