

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
April 9, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Rev. Willie Dávila, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Muñoz, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Dr. Richard Armenta, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Mr. Greg Spayd, National Coalition Building Institute program; Mrs. Linda Ard, Chairperson, Department of Human Services; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

Mr. Ray Torno, project architect, Center for Early Learning; and other interested students and citizens.

Mrs. Olga Gonzales, president of the Board, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, she requested a moment of silence.

The meeting began with Dr. Armenta recognizing several faculty members' achievements: Mrs. Rona Staberg's selection to serve on the Commission on Dental Accreditation as a site visitor; Mr. Marvin Artman, Mrs. Linda Ard, Mr. Don Craig, and Dr. Rosie Garcia's service on Field of Study committees for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and, Mrs. Bertie Almendarez and Ms. Dolores Huerta's selection as Advisors of the Year by their peers. Ms. Michelle Solocinski, a Del Mar College student and district officer of Gamma Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was nominated to the *USA Today* All-American Team. Mrs. Amy Tilton-Jones, PTK advisor, presented Ms. Solocinski with her certificate of nomination. Each of those recognized was given a small gift or token of the College's appreciation for their service.

Under Awards and Innovations, Mr. Greg Spayd provided a slide presentation related to his program with the National Coalition Building Institute. He reviewed some of the features of the prejudice reduction workshops that are provided through the program. Mr. Spayd then recognized several members of his team. He was presented with a plaque for his leadership role in the National Coalition Building Institute.

Dr. Armenta announced that Mrs. Gonzales had been nominated by the National Hispanic Council on Aging for a Luminaria award.

Public Comments were the next item on the agenda and everyone was reminded of the five minute time limit.

Ms. Vickie Fierova, speaking on behalf of the Student Government Association, reported that the Association had received an award for their Project Easter Bunny at a recent convention in Dallas. Del Mar College students had also been awarded two scholarships out of three being given.

Ms. Laurie McDaniel, a member of the Student Government Association but speaking for herself, expressed her dismay with the Board's response to her concerns about the use of Dicianna Drive. She also commented on the construction management project.

Mr. José Rivera, Dean of Student Development and speaking on behalf of himself, invited the Board, faculty, and staff to the Hall of Fame recognition program scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. to honor students for academic excellence.

Under Committee Reports, Mrs. Chris Adler reported that the Redistricting Committee met and decided to consider Plans 6 and 10, but would be receiving additional information on those plans from Ms. Natale. A meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. to allow public input.

Mrs. Spann was not present to comment on her requested agenda items.

Mrs. Linda Ard introduced Ms. Diane West, director of the Center for Early Learning, and provided an update on the Center. Mr. Ray Torno reviewed the status of the construction phase of the project and reported that work was on schedule. Mr. Torno informed the Board that the improvements to the Arcadia Lift Station and bus stop/bus shelter were being completed at no cost to the College.

After a brief discussion, College President Valadez made a few comments: (1) The Texas Workforce Commission found no discrepancies in their review of veterans=criteria and recommended approval; (2) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded \$64,605 in faculty overload compensation for the nursing program; and (3) the Faculty Council presented him with a plaque at a recent meeting. Dr. Valadez reviewed his campus/community activities for March 2002.

The first action item was approval of minutes.

Mr. Muñoz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to approve the minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, March 12, 2002; and the Regular Meeting, March 12, 2002. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next item related to redistricting of single-member districts, was postponed until the May Board meeting.

Dr. Valadez informed the Board that he had asked Ms. Guadalupe Rangel, who had been highly recommended, to assist in planning for the Board retreat. Legal counsel had reviewed her contract and made a few revisions.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Ms. Winters, to approve the contract between the College and Rangel Consulting, as presented with revisions, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was related to the appointment of a project engineer for various HVAC projects on both campuses. Three firms had applied, and it was the recommendation of the College's Facilities Committee that BMW Engineering, Inc., be selected.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the appointment of BMW Engineering, Inc., as project engineer to develop plans and specifications related to chill water flow control valve, cooling tower replacement, and various HVAC air handling unit replacements, and that the Board president be authorized to enter into a contract with the firm. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alaniz presented the quarterly investment report for the period February 2002-April 2002.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the period February 2002-April 2002 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Alaniz then presented the financial statements for February 2002.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to approve the financial statements for February 2002 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of investments for March 2002 was the next item on the agenda.

After a brief review by Mr. Alaniz, Rev. Dávila made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muñoz, to accept the Investments for March 2002 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board entered into closed session in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Government Code beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Mrs. Adler made a motion to approve settlement of the Bósquez lawsuit (Cause Number 01-5700-B) as presented by the College attorney, and authorize the Board

President to execute the settlement agreement. Mr. Muñoz seconded, and the motion carried with Adler, Dávila, Gonzales, Muñoz, Rivas, and Winters voting in favor; Arriaga and Watts abstaining.

Under Calendaring, the following events/dates were announced: planning for the Board Retreat, Friday, April 12, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Omni Marina; Board Retreat, Saturday, April 13, 2002, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Redistricting Committee, April 23, 2002, at 5:30 p.m.; Audit Committee, April 23, 2002, before the Redistricting Committee meeting; regular Board meeting, May 7, 2002.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.