

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District
May 7, 2002

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Student Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, with the following present:

From the Board

Mrs. Chris N. Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Rev. Willie Dávila (arrived at 2:00 p.m.), Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Muñoz, Mr. Gabriel Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Dr. Richard Armenta, Vice President for Instruction and Student Development; Mr. José Alaniz, Vice President for Business and Finance; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations, and staff from the College Relations Office; Mr. Bud Harris, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development; Ms. Cydney Farrar, Director of Customized Training; Ms. Sharon White, Coordinator of Customized Training; Ms. Sandra Pair, Executive Secretary to the President; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

Commander Robert McGrath, Executive Officer of the Mine Warfare Training Center, Naval Station–Ingleside; Mr. Bruce Krahenbuhl, Director of Local Training Authority; Naval Station–Ingleside; Master Chief John Scott, Mine Warfare Training Center, Naval Station–Ingleside; and Mr. Marvin Leary, delinquent tax office.

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 Ms. Claudia Jackson and the “dream team” of the College Relations Office for capturing the imagination of those the College serves through “*What’s Your Dream?*” This campaign had received numerous accolades and awards, and was the subject of a presentation by Ms. Jackson at a recent American Association of Community Colleges conference. A token of appreciation was presented to Ms. Jackson and her staff.

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Ms. Jackson recognized faculty members and students from various departments:

- students of Professor Harold Teel's Architectural Drafting-Commercial class, who prepared the schematics of homes displayed in the Corpus Christi Buildings Association 2002 Parade of Homes publication: Arnaldo Benavides, Christopher Brunette, Jack Gaines, Jennifer Laing, Mark Lara, Marcos Perez, Nathan Swinney, and Robin Van Cleave;
- nine music students of Assistant Professor Andrew Russell, recently named chair of the Texas Community College Band Directors Association which sponsors an All-State Community College Band competition at the Texas Music Educators Association annual conference, who had been selected as members of the All-State Community College Band and also were invited to perform with the United States Army Field Band at its performance at Richardson Auditorium on May 1, 2002: Lisa Lance-piccolo, Valerie Ortiz-flute, Jaime Padilla-horn, Gino Hernandez-trombone, Matt Ochs, percussion, Victor Gonzalez-percussion, Mark Ramón, percussion, Sharon McAlwee-clarinet, and Marta Vela-clarinet;

Mr. Russell presented Dr. Valadez with a framed photograph of the United States Army Field Band, which was a gift to Del Mar College from Colonel Finley Hamilton, conductor of the Army Field Band.

- dental assisting students of Associate Professor Rona Staberg who took top awards in dental clinics at the 67th annual Texas Dental Association and Texas Dental Assistants Association competitions:

1 st place	Dental Association	Dee Dee Ortiz Sylvia Sanchez
1 st place	Dental Assistant	Michelle Falcon Cynthia Hatton
2 nd place	Dental Assistant	Isabel Trujillo Laura Lee Gutierrez

Under Awards and Innovations, Dr. Armenta introduced Mr. Bud Harris, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, who explained that the purpose of customized training was to work with employers to develop customized training services that addressed their unique training needs. In providing background information on the College's relationship with the Navy, Mr. Harris reported that in August 1999 Del Mar College was certified as a non-traditional training site for the Navy. Currently, Del Mar College is one of seven such designated sites in the nation; one in six sites providing general mess specialist training; and one of two sites providing anti-terrorism force protection training. He then introduced Ms. Cyndey Farrar, Director of Customized Training, and Ms. Sharon White, Coordinating of Customized Training. Ms. Farrar stated that teamwork and trust were the ingredients making their department so successful. She then introduced the staff members

in the department: Debora Emerson, Christina Salas, and Angie Alonzo. Ms. White provided information on the development of the collaborative effort with the Navy and current and future plans. Commander Robert McGrath, Executive Officer of the Mine Warfare Training Center, Mr. Bruce Krahenbuhl, Director of the Local Training Authority, and Master Chief John Scott, Mine Warfare Training Center, all from Naval Station–Ingleside, were introduced. Mr. Harris then read the inscription on plaques of appreciation which Board President Gonzales presented to Ms. Farrar and Ms. White for their leadership in the development of agreements and programs to meet the diverse training needs of the United States Navy. Mrs. Gonzales thanked Commander McGrath for attending the meeting and reiterated that Del Mar College was here to serve the Navy.

One person had signed to address the Board under Public Comments. Ms. Laurie McDaniel, a student and single parent, distributed and discussed a paper outlining three options that could help alleviate the current shortage of parking spaces in student lots. She pointed out that each of these options could be implemented rather quickly and with minimal cost to the College, taxpayers, and students. She had talked with Mr. Fred Haley, Director of Service Development with RTA, who had indicated his willingness to work with the College on any or all of the options presented by Ms. McDaniel. Dr. Valadez indicated that Ms. McDaniel would be invited to serve on an ad hoc committee to consider the parking situation if such a committee were formed.

Under Committee Reports, Mrs. Gonzales reported that the Board retreat provided valuable information and beneficial discussion. She indicated that a formal report would be developed for action on the recommendations discussed. She also expressed appreciation to Susie Kaspar for her hard work in preparing for the retreat.

Ms. Muñoz, chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the committee had met and made the following recommendation:

The Audit Committee recommends that the auditing firm of Fields, Nemeck & Associates be employed to perform the audit for fiscal year 2002, with an additional amount of \$6,000 necessitated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requested changes in reporting. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Adler, chair of the Redistricting Committee, reported that the committee had met several times and read the following Resolution:

Resolved by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District to redivide the District in accordance with redistricting Plan 11 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), which the Board of Regents hereby approves and adopts, effective with the first regular Regents election to be held in November 2002.

The Board of Regents further resolves that Regents in office at the time of redistricting shall serve out the remainder of their terms as permitted by Texas Higher Education Code Section 130.0826.

Mrs. Adler moved that the above Resolution be approved. After a second by Mr. Rivas, the Resolution received unanimous approval. (This Resolution will be recorded as Document #02-3 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mr. Watts pointed out that the Board Bylaws, part B under I. Board Duties and Responsibilities, incorrectly stated that elections would be held on the third Saturday of January. The need for a correction was duly noted.

Under Regents Reports and Comments, Mrs. Spann spoke first about her concern about the parking situation and questioned when the movement of students from East to West Campus would take place. If the movement of students would not be taking place for a while, she asked that every consideration be made to accommodating the students until that occurs. Particular attention should be paid to parking for physically challenged students and faculty. Dr. Valadez responded that upon his arrival at Del Mar College short- and long-term plans were begun. He had asked the deans to start working on a schedule that would offer more classes in the afternoons, and this will be reflected in the Fall 2002 class schedule. Her next concern was the movement of commencement to the Memorial Coliseum, and she asked for clarification. Dr. Valadez replied that repairs to the Auditorium were anticipated, thereby making the Richardson Auditorium unavailable. The repairs have not been started and are contingent upon the hiring of an architect, which has been delayed several months. At this time, it is anticipated that the August 2002 commencement will be held at Richardson Auditorium.

Rev. Dávila arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Valadez reviewed his April activities and assured the Board he would continue to provide monthly reports of his activities in the community as well as on-campus. He reminded the Board of commencement on Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m.; the presidential reception honoring Ms. Nelda Martinez, guest speaker, at the Yacht Club from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; availability of a shuttle for transport between the Coliseum and the Yacht Club; assistance of Dr. Louis Agnese, president of the University of the Incarnate Word, in the issuance of baccalaureate degrees to the 12 graduates who had started their education at Del Mar College and then had completed their studies with UIW on the Del Mar College campus; praised the Friends of the Music Department faculty recital and hoped to be able to use this community involvement in bringing in funds for additions to the current Music building; announced the established of the Dr. Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence, of which Dr. Creighton will be the first recipient to be awarded at Convocation; and announced that

he understood the Commissioner had submitted a budget for community colleges to the Legislative Budget Board which reduces funding by 34%.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes.

Mr. Muñoz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to approve the minutes of the Redistricting Committee, April 9, 2002; Regular Meeting, April 9, 2002; Board Retreat; April 12-13, 2002, with a correction to indicate that Rev. Dávila voted in favor of the motion for the April 13 portion of the Retreat; Audit Committee, April 23, 2002; and Redistricting Committee, April 23, 2002; and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 2 on the agenda relating to redistricting of single-member districts and Item 3 pertaining to the hiring of an external auditor had been acted upon during Committee Reports.

The next item for consideration was a request by Mr. Ron Forner for an unpaid leave of absence.

On a motion by Mr. Rivas, with a second by Mrs. Arriaga, the Board approved by unanimous vote Mr. Forner's request for an unpaid leave of absence for personal/family reasons for the period of May 11, 2002, through July 31, 2002.

Concerning the item on revision of the Board Bylaws revision concerning censure of Board members, Rev. Dávila explained that the matter had been discussed by the Ethics Committee. He had expressed concern that such a serious matter should be considered by the entire Board and not taken lightly, with possibly a two-thirds vote necessary before action could occur. Mrs. Spann requested that the matter be laid on the table; however, after further discussion, she withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Arriaga moved that the Board bylaws revision pertaining to censure of Board members be taken to the Policy Committee for consideration. Mrs. Spann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously

Agenda items 6 and 7 were considered in open session rather than the Board going into closed session. Item 6 was the next item for consideration. Mr. Alaniz announced that Mr. Marvin Leary, Linebarger Gogan Blair Peña & Sampson, was present and would provide information an offer made for tax resale property.

Mr. Muñoz moved that the Board of Regents convey its interest in the property located on Padre Island to Nueces County with the County paying the delinquent

taxes owed. Rev. Dávila seconded the motion, and it passed with Regents Adler, Dávila, Gonzales, Muñoz, Rivas, Watts and Winters voting in favor; Regents Arriaga and Spann abstaining.

Item 7 pertained to authorizing Nueces County to sell property for delinquent taxes. Mr. Leary was present to address any concerns.

On a motion by Mr. Muñoz, with a second by Mrs. Spann, the Board accepted by unanimous vote the offers on properties that have delinquent taxes against them as presented by Linebarger Googan Blair Peña & Sampson, LLP.

Mr. Alaniz presented the financial statement for March 2002.

Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muñoz, to approve the financial statement for March 2002 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Alaniz presented the investment report for April 2002 and stated the most of the funds were in pool or sweep accounts as they were paying the highest rates available.

Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to accept the Investments for April 2002, as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Gonzales announced that the Board of Regents would be going into closed session in accordance with Sections 551.071 and 551.072, Government Code, beginning at 2.45 p.m.

Mr. Watts left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.. No action was taken.

Under calendaring, a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. and a Policy Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002. The next regular meeting of the Board was moved to June 4, 2002.

A question was raised as to what was meant by Dr. Rey García's mention of a new system of requesting funding for community colleges. Dr. Valadez stated that he would get that information. As there was no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.