

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
August 13, 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, 101 Baldwin, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2001, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Rev. Willie Dávila, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Interim Vice President of Instruction and Student Development; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Secretary to Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

Students in the Kinesiology program, and other interested 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.

Ms. Claudia Jackson began the meeting with the recognition of several faculty and staff: Pat Townsend, director of development, who was elected president of the Texas Association of Community College Foundations; Bob Ard, Jodi Turetzky, and Mark Carpenter, who led the Culinary Arts program in its awarding of five-year accreditation; Lee Sloan, Dee Salmon, Antonio David, Sherry Niolet, Cheryl Pfoff, Mohammad Pasha, Denise Rector, and Dean Thorpe who conducted the South Texas Advanced Technology Education (STATE) summer institute which described methods for reforming technical education programs; Linda Ard and Irma Woods for their authoring and publication of chapters *Using Space* and *Science* which appeared in the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children's book, *Room to Grow: How to Create Quality Early Childhood Environments*, 3rd edition; and Eileen Russell for publication of her article *Attending to Tomorrow* which appeared in the *Southwestern Musician--Texas Music Educators*. Mrs. Gonzales expressed her appreciation to all those recognized.

Under Awards and Innovations, Mr. José Rivera announced that the Del Mar College Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Shawnee Jones Bonnette, would be presented at today's meeting as the Program of Excellence and Innovation. Dr. Ann López, Dean of Division of Arts and Sciences,

provided an introduction to the dance program. She pointed out that, because of the eagerness and willingness of the faculty and the support of the chairperson, Dr. Gordon Hilley, they were able to offer a variety of programs. Dr. López, along with Mrs. Gonzales, presented a plaque to Ms. Bonnette in recognition of her leadership of the dance ensemble. Ms. Bonnette gave a brief summary of the inception of the dance ensemble and the various events in which they perform. She also commented on the courses that may be added to the curriculum. Ms. Bonnette reported that the students were currently raising funds to attend the American College Dance Festival. Without further adieu, Ms. Melanie Martinez, Ms. Mallory Johnson, and Ms. Laura Murphy performed a dance for the Board.

(Rev. Dávila arrived at the meeting at 1:25 p.m.)

Under Public Comments, Mrs. Lenora Keas, representing the Council of Chairs, expressed their appreciation to Dr. Valadez for meeting with the Council to discuss the proposed realignment of programs.

Mr. Guy Watts, speaking on behalf of himself, addressed the Board on the need to promote educational excellence by providing adequate faculty salaries and recruiting and retaining bright students. Mr. Watts also stressed the need for the Board to consider the idea of upward expansion at some point in time.

No one else signed up or requested to address the Board.

Dr. Valadez reported on his July campus and community activities. He then reviewed revisions made to several administrative policies. These revisions were in reference to developmental education, travel procedures, and the loaning of College property. Dr. Valadez announced that the commencement ceremony would be held August 16, with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m., and convocation was scheduled for August 26.

The first item of business was approval of minutes.

Mr. Gabe Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 9, 2002; Called Meeting, August 6, 2002; and Called Meeting, August 7, 2002. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Gonzales informed the Board that there was a proposed addition of section XI. Censure of Board Members to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. Rev. Dávila explained that the Board already had the authority to censure according to Robert's Rules of Order, but it was not specified in the Bylaws. He pointed out that by including it in the Bylaws, the public would also be informed of how the Board operates. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Watts made a motion to table the issue to add section XI. Censure of Board Members to the Bylaws. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Those voting in favor: Rivas, Spann, Watts, Winters; opposing: Adler, Dávila, Gonzales; abstaining: none.

Rev. Dávila made a motion to discuss the issue of adding section XI. Censure of Board Members to the Bylaws at the next meeting when the full Board is present. Mr. Watts then requested an amendment that the issue be postponed until December, after the Board of Regents election in November. Rev. Dávila declined the amendment. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Those voting in favor: Adler, Dávila, Gonzales, Winters; opposing: Rivas, Spann, Watts; abstaining: none.

The Board moved on to the next item related to the public hearing for the 2002-2003 budget.

Mrs. Adler read the Order Calling for the Public Hearing on the 2002-2003 budget to be held on Friday, August 23, 2002, at 5:15 p.m., and made a motion to approve the Order as presented. Mr. Rivas seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. (This Order will be recorded as Document #02-8 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mr. Alaniz reviewed the draft Election Services Contract between the College and the County Election officer for the conduct and supervision of the joint election of November 5, 2002.

After a brief discussion of election costs, Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to approve the Election Services Contract for the November 5, 2002, Regent election as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Competitive sealed proposals were requested for the East Campus Central Plant Cooling Tower Replacement. Mr. Alaniz reported that the proposals were reviewed by the Physical Facilities review committee and BMW Engineering, Inc. It was their recommendation that the proposal submitted by Ceramic Cooling Tower in the amount of \$134,387 be approved.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Winters, to accept the proposal submitted by Ceramic Cooling Tower for the replacement of the cooling tower and associated test in the amount of \$134,387. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Alaniz reviewed the financial statements for the month of June 2002.

Ms. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to accept the financial statements for June 2002 as presented, and after a brief discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was related to the investment report for July 2002.

Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Winters, to accept the investments for July 2002, as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Under Calendaring, Mrs. Gonzales suggested that the Ethics Committee schedule a meeting. Rev. Dávila commented that the issue should be brought back to the full Board for consideration.

Dr. Valadez told the Board that updates to the policy manual had been provided to each. He also announced that he had been selected President Elect of the state TACHE this year and would become the state president in the year 2004.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.