

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
October 8, 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 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 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, 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; Mr. August Alfonso, Chief Information and Technology Officer, and staff from Information Technology; Computer Science faculty; Mrs. Pat Townsend, Director, Office of Development; 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:

Mr. Alan Bligh and Ms. Elsa Munoz, City of Corpus Christi; Ms. Sylvia Whitmore, Del Mar College Foundation; Mr. Ron Wheaton, BMW Engineering, Inc.; 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: Dr. Roel Carmona for representing the College at the Corpus Christi Sesquicentennial event and collecting items for the time capsule; Dr. Manuel Flores for authoring an article which appeared in "The Journalist"; Mr. Mike Dunton for writing an article which appeared in the Corpus Christi Caller Times Forum pertaining to long-term leases and bayfront development; and the Department of Computer Science for being a finalist for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Texas Star Award.

Under Awards and Innovations, Mr. Jose Alaniz announced that the Department of Information Technology, under the leadership of Mr. August Alfonso, would be presented at today's meeting as the Program of Excellence and Innovation. Mr. Alaniz gave a brief summary of the history of the department, and then Mr. Alfonso provided a slide presentation for the Board. He reviewed several

areas in which the department provides assistance to the faculty, staff, and students: search engine on the Website; CoaCHES program for counselors, ID badges, InterFASE to assist the placement office, wireless network to access Internet, WatchMeGrow system for the day care center, Quickplace which provides on-line work space, Tracker to aid student retention, and the Help Desk. Mr. Alfonso acknowledged Ms. Gaye Roberts, Ms. Laura Montemayor, and Mr. Jim Stapleton for their support. Mrs. Gonzales expressed the Board's appreciation for their hard work and presented a plaque to Mr. Alfonso for the department.

Under Public Comments, Mr. Alan Bligh, chairperson of the Leadership Committee for Senior Services, and Ms. Elsa Munoz, both representatives from the City of Corpus Christi, requested that the Board and the City appoint a joint committee to consider a name for the newly built Central Kitchen on the West Campus. Ms. Munoz stated that their goal would be to arrive at one name for the facility that would reflect the partnership between the City and the College. Mrs. Gonzales told them that the issue would be brought before the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board.

Mr. Howard Karsh, speaking on behalf of himself, commented on several concerns he has with the operation of the Richardson Auditorium. He requested a chance to speak to the Board about his concerns.

Mrs. Spann addressed the Board as an individual and not as a Regent. She commented on Mr. Dunton's article, and suggested that everyone get all the information on the issue before making a decision.

(Rev. Davila arrived.)

Under Regents' Reports and Comments, Mrs. Arriaga, Ms. Winters, Mr. Watts, and Mrs. Gonzales provided an update on the ACCT annual convention they recently attended. Mr. Rivas arrived and reviewed the information he received in several sessions he attended. The Regents all agreed that the convention was beneficial and informative.

Mrs. Spann announced that she had received the information that she had requested from Mrs. Jackson.

Under Staff Reports, Mrs. Pat Townsend provided an update on the Power Up Campaign through the Del Mar College Foundation. Mrs. Sylvia Whitmore commended various groups and individuals working on the campaign and reviewed some of the pledges they have received.

Dr. Valadez reported on his September campus and community activities. Dr. Valadez reported that his realignment program would be reviewed by a committee comprised of chairpersons, faculty, administrators, and students; the ad for the Vice President of Instruction and Student Development should be out in December; he is considering hiring a consultant to assist with the strategic planning process; he will be spending a lot of time in Austin, remaining active in legislative issues which affect

the College; he met with Vilma Luna and Chuy Hinojosa to discuss legislative priorities; and he is working on a collaborative agreement with Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Texas A&M Kingsville on a doctoral program in academic leadership.

The first item of business was approval of minutes.

Mrs. Spann made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 10, 2002, with a correction to delete the third paragraph on page a2 related to her comments. Mrs. Arriaga seconded, and after a brief discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Alaniz reported that he had received notification from the Nueces County clerk, Mr. Ernest Briones, of a change in the polling location for precinct 63 from Parkway Presbyterian Church, 3707 Santa Fe, to First Christian Church, 3401 Santa Fe.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to approve the change in location for precinct 63, and to pass the Resolution to that effect. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was related to conveyance of the College's interest in property located at 7601 Leopard. Mr. Alaniz recommended that the Board approve the conveyance as requested by Tuloso-Midway Independent School District. He informed them that the details of the arrangements would be brought back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to pass a resolution supporting the conveyance of its interest in the property located at 7601 Leopard Street to Tuloso-Midway Independent School District.

Mr. Hilmy clarified that he was working on an interlocal agreement between the College and TMISD, and that administration was asking that the Board convey interest to TMISD in exchange for use of their facilities, contingent upon Board approval of the agreement if that is the desire of the Board, articulating the specific terms of the facilities use agreement and property interest conveyance, and subject to the conveyance of other taxing entities' interest in that property to TMISD. Mr. Hilmy informed the Board that they also had the option of authorizing the College president to sign the agreement.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the agreement be returned to the Board for approval. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

On the next agenda item, Mr. Alaniz informed the Board that the action they would be taking today was to accept the proposal for the purchase of four air handling units to be installed in the Library and

Science Building. He reported that the awarding of the construction contract for installation would follow.

Mrs. Spann made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by Trane in the amount of \$82,434 for the purchase of four air handling units for the Library and Science Building, East Campus.

Several questions were asked of Mr. Alaniz and Mr. Ron Wheaton related to the specifics of the units, the two bids received, and the warranty offered.

Rev. Davila seconded the motion to accept the proposal submitted by Trane, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Review of the College's Investment Policy was the next item for discussion. Mr. Alaniz reminded the Board that the Texas Public Funds Investment Act required annual review of the investment policy. He pointed out that there was a change to section V.3, changing the weighted average maturity from 365 days to 180 days. Mr. Alaniz recommended that, in the best interest of the College, the Board approve the policy as revised.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to accept the Investment Policy as revised. The motion carried with Adler, Arriaga, Davila, Gonzales, Rivas, Spann, Watts, and Winters voting in favor; none opposing. Mr. Munoz was not present during the vote.

Mr. Alaniz pointed out that there was a list of brokers attached to the policy. For clarification, Mr. Alaniz informed the Board that a Resolution Adopting Investment Policy was included with the Investment Policy, and as such, adoption of the Resolution would be included in the motion accepting the Policy. (This Resolution will be recorded as Document #02-15 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

The Public Funds Investment Act also requires that a quarterly investment report be submitted to the governing body for approval. Mr. Alaniz briefly reviewed the report for the period June 1, 2002, through August 31, 2002.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Winters, to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the period June 1, 2002, through August 31, 2002, as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was related to the investment report for September 2002. Mr. Alaniz reported that no investments had been made during the month.

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

Mrs. Gonzales announced that the Board would enter into closed session under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Government Code beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Arriaga left the meeting at 3:26 p.m. Mrs. Spann left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. No action was taken.

Under Calendaring, a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting was scheduled to be held at 11:00 a.m., immediately before the next regular Board meeting. The Regents' election would be held on November 5th, and a called meeting would need to be scheduled to canvass the votes. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 12, 2002, at which time the newly elected Regents would be sworn in, and reorganization of the Board would occur.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.