

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
June 3, 2003

The Called 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 2:42 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Bill Martin, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Mr. José Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs and Vice President of Student Development and Community Learning; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

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.

No one signed up or requested to address the Board under Public Comments.

The first item on the agenda was related to the possibility of offering courses in Sinton.

Mr. Bud Harris provided the Board with an overview of the current and past off-site locations where classes are or have been offered. He gave the Board an update on administration's efforts to offer classes at the Sinton location, and reviewed the potential services that could be offered in addition to the classes.

Dr. Ann López presented a review of the courses that would be offered and the possibility of having distance learning classes available. Dr. López informed the Board that adjunct faculty who reside in the area would be hired, thus saving on travel expenses. Mr. Harris pointed out that a coordinator is currently in place within his division, and the Sinton site would only be another location in those duties. He reviewed the possible related expenses, but was not able to provide hard numbers because of the unknown factors. The Board discussed the need to have a presence at some locations

within the service area in the event the district expansion bill is approved. Discussion followed, and some Board members expressed concern that, due to current budget conditions, it was not appropriate to budget for a Sinton expansion. Mr. Harris pointed out that the courses to be offered in Sinton had already been included in the fall schedule of classes. A lengthy discussion ensued on other aspects of the issue. Mrs. Adler expressed her concern that, as a Board member, she was not informed of the plans for a Sinton site, and Dr. Valadez apologized for the exclusion. Discussion continued and several Board members expressed their concerns related to the issue.

Mrs. Spann suggested that the Board consider a resolution that states that the Board supports a presence in San Patricio County with core curriculum courses, and that it be put on a fast-track for a successful negotiated agreement, commencing no later than the spring semester.

No action was taken, and after further discussion, Mrs. Spann requested that the proposed resolution be considered under Calendaring. Mrs. Arriaga seconded to have the resolution included as an agenda item. Mr. Watts amended the proposed resolution to include the statement that the Board supports a presence in San Patricio County and Aransas County. The resolution will be included on the June 10th regular meeting agenda. Mrs. Gonzales reminded the Board that item #3 from the earlier Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting would also be included on the June 10th agenda.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.