

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
August 19, 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 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Mr. Jose Alaniz, Acting President and Vice President, Business and Finance; Dr. Rosie Garcia, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs; Mr. Jose Rivera, Vice President of Student Development and Community Learning; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; 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.

Mr. Gabe Rivas, president of the Board, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 minutes**

Mr. Ray Madrigal, 1113 18<sup>th</sup> St., expressed his concern with called meetings, posting of notices for meetings, and the numerous meetings being held by the Board.

Mr. Rowland Andrade questioned his status as a student since he was enrolled at the College, but did not have access to the Student Government Association office until September, and why he had to follow College policies.

Mr. Joe O'Brien stated that he would like to address the tax rate issue, and Mr. Jose Alaniz informed him that the public hearing on the tax rate would follow the public hearing on the budget. Mr. O'Brien opted to wait until the tax rate hearing to make his comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COLLEGE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 (#1)**

Mr. Alaniz reviewed the recommendations for the operating budget for fiscal year 2003-2004:

- Approve current operating budget of \$55,072,020
- Adopt effective tax rate of .235661
- Approve debt service budget of \$6,632,907

- Approve auxiliary budget of \$1,225,357
- Approve current restricted funds budget of \$15,067,299
- Approve step adjustment for APT, classified, and support staff
- Approve implementation of steps, promotions, and educational increases provided by salary schedule for faculty
- Transfer \$500,000 of surplus operating funds to plant fund for equipment replacement reserve if available

Mr. Joe O'Brien commented that all entities were raising taxes, and suggested that the College reduce the budget.

Mrs. Dorothy Spann talked about the reductions in state appropriations, which affect the budget, and the Board's need to be more aggressive at that level.

Mr. Ray Madrigal questioned where Dr. Valadez' buyout of his contract was reflected within the budget. Mr. Alaniz explained that those types of expenses are paid from the fund balance account and did not affect the operating budget.

Mr. Gamboa, 2630 Cloyd, commented on the 383% increase in health insurance. Mr. Alaniz explained that as one of the state's cost-cutting measures, the state reduced funding for coverage of physical plant employees, so the College will cover those employees. Any dependent coverage will be at the expense of the employee.

**CALENDAR (#2) -- No items**

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.