

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
November 23, 2004

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Student Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 11:27 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2004, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Mr. Bill Chriss, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Gabe Rivas.

From the College:

Dr. Carlos Garcia, College President; Dr. Rosie Garcia, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs; Ms. Barbara Kimball, Assistant to the Vice President for Business Services; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

Others:

Mr. Augustine Rivera, firm of Dunn, Weathered, Coffey, Rivera, Kasperitis & Rodriguez, P.C.; and other interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 -- None

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES (#1)

Mrs. Minnie Arriaga reported that she and College president Garcia, Mr. Jose Alaniz, and Mr. Mike Westergren met and negotiated a contract for outside legal counsel.

Mrs. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Olga Gonzales, to approve the Contract for Legal Services with the firm of Dunn, Weathered, Coffey, Rivera, Kasperitis & Rodriguez, P.C., as presented. The motion carried with Adler, Arriaga, Dawod, Gonzales, McCampbell, and Rivas voting in favor; none against; and Chriss abstaining.

BOARD BYLAWS (#2)

Dr. Carlos Garcia informed the Board that the position of Parliamentarian was not an official position listed in the Bylaws.

Dr. Haysam Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to add the position of Parliamentarian to Section II. Officers.

Dr. Dawod justified the position as needed to assist in decorum issues.

Mr. Trey McCampbell suggested that the wording "other officers as deemed necessary from time-to-time" also be included. Dr. Dawod accepted the amendment. Mrs. Arriaga seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

College president Garcia told the Board that Mrs. Arriaga had suggested that the Board consider how outside legal counsel would be contacted in an effort to alleviate costs.

Mrs. Chris Adler recommended that all inquiries or contact with outside legal counsel go through the president of the Board, and in his absence, the vice president of the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board that the issue be discussed at their upcoming retreat.

Mrs. Adler withdrew her recommendation.

The next item was related to the possibility of including the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in the order of business.

Mrs. Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to include the Pledge of Allegiance in the order of business for the Board's meetings before the moment of silence. After a brief discussion on other changes, the motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

(These changes to the Bylaws will be recorded in the Document Section of the Official Minutes of the Board of Regents as Document #04-27.)

Mr. Rivas asked that the Ethics Committee review the suggested changes or defer to legal counsel.

CLOSED SESSIONS (#3, #4)

The Board entered closed session in accordance with Sections 551.074 and 551.071 of the Government Code beginning at 11:41 a.m. The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 12:10 p.m. No action was taken.

CALENDARING (#5)

December 8, 2004, Orientation for new Board members at 7:00 a.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.