

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
March 22, 2005

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 10:40 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, with the following present:

From the Board:

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

From the College:

Dr. Carlos Garcia, College President; Mr. Jose Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Dr. Rosie Garcia, Interim Vice President of Instruction; Mr. Jose Rivera, Vice President of Student Development and Community Learning; Ms. Barbara Kimball, Assistant to the Vice President for Business Services; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustine Rivera.

Others:

Ms. Patty Garcia, City of Corpus Christi; and other interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE

Mr. Gabe Rivas, president of the Board, called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (None.)

CHARGING A CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS. (#1)

Mr. Jose Alaniz reported that the College currently pays in excess of \$80,000 annually in credit card processing fees. He noted that the College accepts Visa and Mastercard, and as soon as the system is developed to allow students the ability to pay through the Web, other cards may be used for payment of tuition and fees. Mr. Alaniz stated that the College is charged a 2.9% fee on each credit card transaction, and requested that the College be allowed to pass this fee on to the student. He pointed out that the only fee would be the actual cost of the processing activity, which depending on the card, could be more or less than 2.9%. Because over 50% of the College's students pay with credit cards, the cost to the College is surmounting. Because the College is moving towards registration on-line, College President Garcia stressed the importance of the students having the ability to pay for their tuition and fees on-line. Mr. Alaniz informed the Board that the fee is not allowed to be charged for over-the-counter credit card transactions, but will be charged only for on-line transactions through the Website.

Dr. Haysam Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Martin, to approve the processing fee for credit card transactions as requested. After a brief discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND DEL

MAR COLLEGE TO PROVIDE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER). (#2)

Mr. Alaniz reminded the Board that they had approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi several months earlier to merge their Small Business Development Center (SBDC) with the College's Small Business Development Center, contingent upon a final contract being executed. He informed the Board that Mr. Augustine Rivera, legal counsel, and the City attorney and staff had reviewed the College's concerns and worked out the details of transferring the City's SBDC program into the College's SBDC program. Mr. Rivera had prepared the final agreement for Board approval. Ms. Ann Fierova, director of the College's SBDC program, commented on the opportunities the partnership will bring to the College, and expressed her appreciation of Mr. Rivera, Mr. Alaniz, and Ms. Barbara Kimball for their efforts in moving the agreement forward. Ms. Patty Garcia, City of Corpus Christi, expressed the City's excitement with the joint venture and working with Del Mar College.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trey McCampbell, to accept the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and Del Mar College to provide business assistance and administration (Small Business Development Center) as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

CALENDARING DATES (#3)

Groundbreaking, Health Science and Emerging Technology Complex, West Campus; 1:30 p.m.
Joint meeting with CCISD, March 30, 2005; dinner at 5:00 p.m.; meeting at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.