

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

July 12, 2005

The Regular 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, President; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Mr. Bill Chriss, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Jose Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Dr. Rosie García, Interim Vice President of Instruction; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Ms. Betty Flores, Executive Secretary to the President; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera.

Others:

Interested citizens.

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

Mr. Gabriel 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.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND INNOVATION

The Dual Credit Program, under the leadership of Ms. Berta Flores, was recognized as the "Program of Excellence of Innovation."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Anzaldúa, Professor of English, invited the Regents to the TACHE Board Appreciation Luncheon at noon on July 27, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Minerva Arriaga reported that the Policy Review Committee had reviewed and recommends

the proposed revisions to Chapter 3 of Board Policy.

## REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Guy Watts stated that policy should be revised to allow students to register for the second part of a course before completing the first part.

Mr. Bill Martin reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on June 21, 2005, and toured the Center for Economic Development. He said that the building is scheduled to open at the end of the summer.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Presentation and update on drawings for the Proscenium Theater (Richter Architects)

Mr. Alaniz introduced Mr. Kim Frederick, of the Del Mar College Drama Department. Mr. Frederick requested approval to proceed with the Proscenium Theater project and then introduced Mr. David Richter of Richter Architects.

Mr. Richter presented and discussed new drawings of the proposed theater. He also answered questions of the Board.

Mr. Alaniz announced that the project would be scheduled for the August Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. Mr. Rivas responded that the item would need to be addressed at a Board meeting since it was not part of the building program, but rather a priority item. He stated the item would be placed on the August regular meeting agenda.

### Legislative Update

Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations, provided an update on the status of the College's legislative priorities. She commended the work of Darlene Roberts in Administrative Services in tracking bills pertinent to the College.

Mr. McCampbell stated that the Board would need to develop policy to address SB114 regarding removal of board members for unexcused absences. Mr. Rivas responded that it would be scheduled under the Policy Review Committee.

Dr. Carlos Garcia expressed appreciation to Mrs. Adler, Chair of the Legislative Committee, for her efforts regarding legislative issues.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

**(1) Approval of Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the June 14, 2005.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2005 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**(2) Proposed Revisions to Board Policy Chapter 3**

Mrs. Arriaga reported on the meeting of the Policy Review Committee.

Ms. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chriss, that the Board accept the proposed revisions to Chapter 3 of Board Policy as recommended by the Policy Review Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Watts expressed concern regarding competing values in “B3.1 Administrative Relationship.” He stated it is important for the President to have control of communications to the Board to ensure the communications are well organized. On the other hand, free speech needs to be assured.

Ms. Arriaga responded that the policy has been amended to read, “Official communications with members of the Board of Regents is directed by the College President.”

**(3) Quarterly Investment Report for period ending May 31, 2005**

Ms. Debbie Cervantes, with Patterson and Associates, presented the Quarterly Investment Report. She distributed information that included current economic data and presented an overview of the current market conditions related to investment activities. She stated that the economy is growing at a strong pace. Confidence is getting higher. The unemployment rate is relatively low (5-5.2%). The housing market is very strong. One year ago the College invested at a 2% rate. Today that rate is over 3.30%.

Ms. Cervantes paralleled the College investment portfolio in relation to the various market conditions and answered questions from the Board regarding portfolio diversification in short-term versus long-term investing, and the impact of potential changes in the interest rates. She emphasized that the College maintains a short-term position because of the Federal Reserve Bank’s quarterly meetings and increasing monthly yields. Investments have been kept short so that as they have matured, the rates have risen, which has allowed the College to adjust quickly to changes in the interest rate. She reported that the College has done very well and its investment activity has mirrored the changing environment.

Ms. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Bill Chriss, to accept the Quarterly

Investment Report for period ending May 31, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

**(4) Acceptance of Investments for June 2005**

Mr. Alaniz presented the Investments Report for June 2005.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCampbell, to accept the Investments Report for June 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

**(5) Acceptance of Financial Statement for May 2005**

Mr. Alaniz presented the Financial Statement for May 2005.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Adler, to accept the Financial Statement for May 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

**(6) Closed Session**

Mr. Rivas announced the Board would enter closed session at 2:55 p.m in accordance with TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071, TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.0821, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074(a)(2) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074(a)(1).

The Board returned to open session at 4:10 p.m. No action was taken.

**(7) Calendar**

The following meetings were scheduled:

July 26, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)	Hearing
August 9, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)	Groundbreaking for Public Safety Complex
August 2 or 8, 2005 (5:00 p.m.)	Tentative – Finance Committee/Budget Workshop
August 9, 2005 ( <i>time tba</i> )	Policy Review Committee regarding policy on unexcused absences at board meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.