

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

November 8, 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, November 8, 2005, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, President; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mr. Bill Martin (left meeting at 4:29 p.m.), Mr. Trey McCampbell (left meeting at 4:20 p.m.), and Mr. Guy Watts (left meeting at 4:00 p.m.).

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Jose Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; 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, Jr.

Others:

Interested citizens.

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

Mr. Gabriel Rivas, Board President, 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

Off-Campus Programs, Dr. Leonard Rivera, Director, under Dean Bud Harris, was recognized as the Program of Excellence and Innovation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rivas announced that five minutes per speaker would be allowed for public comments. Ms. Carmel Alvarado stated concerns regarding the Nursing Department. Ms. Tina Butler spoke concerning her FOIA requests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bill Martin, reported on a recent tour of West Campus construction with U.S. Representative Solomon Ortiz. He thanked the Congressman for assistance in receiving a \$337,280 in grant funds from the Department of Education for equipment for Health Sciences and Emerging Technologies.

Mr. Martin also reported the committee accepted substantial completion of the West Campus Central Plant, with a punch list to be completed later. The evaluation committee has selected Richter Architects as project architects for the Garcia and St. Clair Buildings; Dykema Architects will do the kinesiology facilities; and Solka Nava & Torno will oversee various other renovations.

The committee also authorized the contract for the security system upgrades for the West Campus and the Center for Economic Development, with an increased scope.

A reduction in the allowance of \$750,000 in Health Sciences and Emerging Technologies was made to allow direct purchase of equipment by the College.

The committee authorized an additional scope of work for the Industrial Education Complex in the amount \$36,410.00.

The committee approved a change order for site utility modifications for the Health Sciences and Emerging Technologies Project, with a proposed additional cost of \$38,171.00.

Mr. Martin commented that the projects, as a whole, are on tract, with delays due only to the recent natural disasters.

Audit Committee

Trey McCampbell, Chair, reported on the committee meeting in which the audit was discussed. He stated that barring any unusual circumstances, delivery of the audit report on December 15, 2005 is anticipated. The next meeting date will be December 13, 2005.

Policy Review Committee

Mr. Rivas reported that the committee did not meet due to lack of a quorum.

REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Watts complimented College Relations' work on the 45th reunion of the Jazz Festival and the Youth Basketball League. He also reported that the only cost to the College for the basketball league is the expense of lights. Mr. Watts estimated that at least 100 students are participating in the program.

Mr. Watts reported on the conference of the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators and a very positive business meeting of the state trustee organization.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Carlos Garcia reported on initiatives of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including an upcoming conference regarding development education. He also discussed a state-funded initiative entitled TOPCAT, designed to prepare students to take the ACT, SAT, and Graduate Records Exam.

Proposals for the next legislative session will include two items yet unfunded: (1) remediation (by college faculty) of high school students who do not pass TAKS, and (2) P-16 vertical realignment to ensure curriculum alignment.

Dr. Garcia also reported on the College's strategic plan for long-term hiring and retention of faculty. The plan involves a variety of initiatives, including hiring of retired employees and a fellowship program to allow hiring of individuals who have recently earned a degree, have 18 graduate hours, and are SACS-certified. The College would increase diversity in youth, ethnicity, and women.

Dr. Garcia reported that the sabbatical policy will fund at least one sabbatical for the next academic cycle.

Dr. Garcia reported on a meeting pertinent to Early College funded by the Gates Foundation in Dallas. It is anticipated that Early College will receive funding not only from the Gates Foundation, but also from the Dell Foundation, the Texas Education Agency, and the U.S. Department of Education.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

PENDING BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

(#1) Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2005 and the called meeting of October 29, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

Supplemental Agenda Item: "Discussion and possible action related to Consideration of Offers Made for Tax Resale Properties."

Mr. Marvin Leary, delinquent tax attorney, presented offers on eleven properties, including five vacant lots and six improved properties. If approved as presented, the College would net \$4,059.90 and return \$194,662.00 to the active tax rolls. The bids are 40% of the value of the properties.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to accept the offers made for tax resale properties. The motion carried; Mrs. Adler abstained.

- (#2) Discussion and possible action related to the approval of SERCO of Texas, Inc.'s Request for Application (RFA) for Training Providers and Related Individual Referral Agreement.

Dr. Carlos Garcia stated that the item was brought to the Board of Regents as requested by SERCO of Texas, Inc. He recommended approval by the Board. Mr. Alaniz explained that SERCO's bylaws require governing board approval of training agreements.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept SERCO's Request for Application. The motion carried; Mr. Watts abstained.

- (#3) Discussion and possible action related to Policies A6.4.3. *Exceptions and Leaves of Absence* and B6.13 *Leaves of Absence*.

Mr. Rivas reiterated that Item 3 would be included in the next regular meeting agenda since the Policy Review Committee had not meet.

- (#4) Acceptance of Investments for October 2005.

Mr. Alaniz reported on Investments for October 2005 and answered questions of the Board.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chriss, to accept the Investments for October 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

- (#5) Acceptance of Financial Statement for September 2005.

Mr. Alaniz reported on the September 2005 Financial Statement and responded to the Board's questions. He stated that he would investigate Mr. McCampbell's questions regarding line 39, Library Salaries, Wages and Operating Expense at 18%, and line 44, Physical Plant General Services at 57%.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Adler, to accept the

September 2005 Financial Statement. The motion carried unanimously.

- (#6) CLOSED SESSION pursuant to a.) **Tex. Gov't Code** § 551.071 (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, with possible discussion and action in open session; b.) **Tex. Gov't Code** § 551.074(a)(1) (Personnel Matters) regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, c.) **Tex. Gov't. Code** § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), regarding the deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property involving the Center for Economic Development, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board convened in closed session at 2:06 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:39 p.m. No action was taken.

- (#7) CALENDAR

The following meetings were scheduled:

December 13, 2005

10:00 a.m.	Buildings and Grounds Committee
11:00 a.m.	Policy Review Committee
11:30 a.m.	Audit Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rivas adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.