

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

August 29, 2006

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 5:34 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2006, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, President; Mrs. Chris Adler (left at 5:43), Ms. Minerva Arriaga (arrived 5:40); Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, and Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts (arrived 5:40).

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mrs. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; and other administrators.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

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

Board President Rivas called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –3- or 5-Minute Time Limit

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes:

August 18, 2006 (Called Meeting)  
August 18, 2006 (Public hearing on College Budget)  
August 18, 2006 (Public hearing on Tax Rate)

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the minutes of the referenced meetings, and the motion passed unanimously by Regents Adler, Dawod, Gonzales, McCampbell and Rivas.

2. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Order to adopt the College budget and related budget recommendations for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Mr. Alaniz stated that the proposed 2006-2007 budget totals \$83.4 million compared to last year's budget of \$80.6 million, or a 4% increase. The proposed tax rate is .255723, reflecting an increase due to debt service of the tax bond.

Mr. Augie Rivera read aloud the proposed order.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve the order to adopt the proposed College budget for 2006-2007. Following the reading of the order by Mr. Augie Rivera, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by Regents Adler, Dawod, Gonzales, McCampbell and Rivas.

3. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Order to adopt the tax rate for 2006.

Mr. Alaniz stated that for current operations, the tax rate remains the same last year's rate of .190908. The debt service rate is .064815, compared to last year's rate of .037419. The effective tax rate, when approved, will be .255723, compared to .228327 last year.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve the order to adopt the proposed tax rate for 2006-2007. Following the reading of the order by Mr. Augie Rivera, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by Regents Adler, Dawod, Gonzales, McCampbell and Rivas.

4. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Tax Levy for 2006.

Mr. Alaniz stated that tax levy for the 2006 tax roll, as certified by the Appraisal District, is \$14,004,580,186.00.

Ms. Arriaga and Mr. Watts arrived at 5:43.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve the tax levy referenced meetings. Following the reading of the order by Mr. Augie Rivera, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Resolution setting the tax exemptions for 2006.

	<u>Up to</u>
All homesteads	\$ 5,000
Age sixty-five and older	50,000
Disabled under sixty-five	50,000
Disabled Texas Veterans	3,000

Mr. Alaniz stated legal counsel would read a resolution approving various exemptions as provided by statute and voter approval. Included is the exemption for non-profit organizations which had been approved by the Board on August 8, 2006.

Mr. Augie Rivera read the resolution.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve the resolution setting the tax exemptions for 2006. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Adler left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action related to approval of modifications to Board Policy B6.10 Tenure-Track Faculty Salary Structure.

Ms. Natale explained that the policy revision reflects a \$2,000 increase to the base of the tenure-track salary structure. Ms. Arriaga expressed concern that the proposed policy had not been presented to the Policy Review Committee before coming to the Board.

Mr. Alaniz noted that the changes are related to the additional \$2,000 to the faculty salary base and adjustment to Adjunct Faculty Teaching Salary Schedule.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to approve the modifications to Board Policy B6.10 Tenure-Track Faculty Salary Structure. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action related to interim funding for the SBDC program subject to approval of funding by the City of Corpus Christi.

Mr. Alaniz explained the current funding source (the City of the Corpus Christi) for the SBDC program ends August 31, 2006. Because of the time lag between the City's action, September 12, 2006, and the start of the new budget year, the SBDC could be without

funding for the month of September. Mr. Alaniz recommended that the College provide interim funding at approximately \$14,000 per month, with the anticipation that the City will approve funding retroactive to September 1, 2006.

Mr. Alaniz responded to questions of the Board.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve interim funding for the SBDC subject to approval of funding by the City of Corpus Christi.

8. **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to: a.) **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; including *Cox vs. Del Mar College*, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, b.) **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.087** (Deliberations Regarding Economic Negotiations), discussion or deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or, to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, with possible discussion and action on each of the listed items in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 5:47 p.m. Mr. Watts left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken.

9. **CALENDAR:** Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

Mr. Rivas reminded the Board of the called meeting at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 31, 2006.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rivas adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.