

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

October 3, 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 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, President; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts (arrived at 12:05; left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Dr. Blanca "Rosie" García, Vice President of Instruction; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mrs. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; and other administrators, faculty and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –3- or 5-Minute Time Limit

Mr. Rivas announced that public comments would be limited to three minutes per person.

Mr. Jay Wise, president of the DMC Foundation and local businessman, expressed support for President Garcia and stated it would be a travesty of justice to place him on administrative leave.

Mr. Terry Carter, President and CEO of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, asked the Board to leave President Garcia in place.

Mr. John Norris, American Bank lending officer, expressed support for leaving President Garcia in place.

Ms. Lisa Hancock, DMC Foundation member and DMC graduate, asked the Board not to place Dr. Garcia on leave.

Mr. Joe Ortiz, GI Forum president, requested the Board place Dr. Garcia on leave pending investigation and resolution of the allegations.

Mrs. Lenora Keas, Chair of the Department of Business Administration, expressed support for keeping the President in place.

Mr. Michael Longoria spoke in support of the College and the President.

Mr. Robert Adler, local businessman, urged the Board to support the College and the President.

Mr. Bernard Paulson, member of the DMC Foundation and local businessman, stated it would be a travesty of justice to remove Dr. Garcia.

Mr. William "Dusty" Durrill stated that the Board of Regents has a reputation of honesty, integrity and openness. He expressed support for Dr. Garcia.

Ms. Ginny A. Casares, Corpus Christi Morning Coffee Club Group, asked the Board to place Dr. Garcia on administrative leave.

Ms. Josephine Miller, San Patricio Economic Development Corporation, stated that the hope for Hispanic children is Del Mar College, with a role model being a Hispanic president.

Ms. Joan Veith expressed her support of the Board and requested the Board to place Dr. Garcia on administrative leave.

Ms. Connie Gutierrez, President of the Corpus Christi Morning Coffee Club Group, asked the Board to place Dr. Garcia on administrative leave.

Mr. Joe Cisneros, President and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber, cited the Board's recent recognition as "advocates of the community," and requested the Board to maintain the leadership and not hurt the College momentum.

Mr. Joseph Ramirez, full-time DMC student and candidate for Board, urged the Board to keep Dr. Garcia in place.

Mr. Ed Cohn, assistant professor, expressed support for President Garcia.

Ms. Judy Hawley, local businesswoman, urged the Board not to let the momentum be disrupted by placing the President on leave.

Mr. Ben Blanco, College professor, discussed his empathy and support for keeping the President in place.

Mr. David Noyola stated his support of the Board and asked the Board to place the President on administrative leave.

Dr. Nick Adame, president of LULAC #1 and candidate for the Board of Regents, stated support for the students and the community.

Mr. Howard Karsh, former employee and candidate for the Board of Regents, urged the Board to place Dr. Garcia on leave.

Mr. Jim Boggs, former DMC faculty and candidate for the Board of Regents, stated his support for the justice system of the United States but not the “kangaroo court” system.

Mr. Ralph Diaz, former Regent and current member of the Foundation board, reminded the Board of their commitment – first to the students, second to the College, and third to the community. He asked the Board to put the allegations in perspective.

#### PENDING BUSINESS

##### *Status Report on Pending Business*

There was no pending business.

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. 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 *Benitez, et al., vs. Del Mar College, et al.*; and *Parker vs. Garcia, et al.*, with possible discussion and action in open session; and 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, including the College President, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 12:51 p.m. Mr. Watts left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., College Attorney, read the following statement:

As to the recent allegations against the President of Del Mar College, the Board of Regents of the College is obligated to protect the student, if true, or the President, if false.

Unfortunately, when someone decides to sue the College seeking money years after an alleged incident, then the College has no choice but to defend itself in the court system, and it owes a duty to the taxpayers of this community to fully pursue the procedural rights and remedies to which the College is entitled under the law. For now, because the matter is in the legal system, the Board is obligated to comply with the rules of the legal process but will continue to monitor any and all developments in this matter.

Mr. Rivas noted that this was the Board's statement.

2. CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

Packery Channel Dedication	Friday, October 6, 2006 (2:30 p.m.)
<i>Come Home to Del Mar College</i>	November 11, 2006
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, October 17, 2006 – West Campus

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rivas adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.