

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

February 14, 2006

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 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, with the following present:

From the Board:

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

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Dr. Blanca “Rosie” Garcia, Interim 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.

Others:

Ms. Linda Patterson, Patterson & Associates

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Claudia Jackson presented faculty for recognition:

- Dr. Norman Delaney, professor of history, has published an article on the Battle of Little Big Horn in the Winter 2006 issue of the *Salem Statement*. Dr. Delaney is a nationally recognized authority on Civil War-era American history.
- Mr. Ben Blanco, assistant professor of business administration, is receiving the *Excellence Award* from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).

- Dr. Irma C. Woods, professor of child development/early childhood, has been recognized by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children as the *Outstanding Teacher Educator for 2005*.

Ms. Jackson then called the Board's attention to a Texas Department of State Health Services publication mentioning the College's Public Safety program.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Since Mr. Rivas had chaired the meeting in Mr. Martin's absence, he reported that the committee approved a contract for Richter Architects for renovation and additions to the Garcia Health Sciences / St. Clair Building. They also heard a report from the coordinating architect concerning the method in which they will construct one building after the Health Science students move to the West Campus. Once the construction is complete, St. Clair Science Building will be vacated.

The committee also approved a contract for architectural services with Dykema Architects for renovation and additions to the aquatic center and gymnasium, and heard a report on usage. Regents Watts and Gonzales have volunteered to serve on the committee assigned to oversee the work.

The site signage committee for the Center for Economic Development had met the day before. Dan Talley and Chris Adler provided a report of the meeting and displayed schematics on possible signage renditions. They will meet with the architects for further input and come back to the committee with a final recommendation.

A staff report on bond improvements and building program planning was provided. Mr. Rivas stated that the work appears to be progressing on schedule and that a walk-through of the aviation maintenance program has been calendared.

### **Student and Academic Issues Committee**

Mr. Chriss, Chair, reported that Dr. Rosie Garcia had provided a positive report on the academic state of the institution. He stated that essentially all the accreditations that exist for Del Mar College programs have been or in the process of being obtained.

Two other programs that were recommended to the Board for full action are the Nuclear Medicine Technology and Pharmacy Technician/ Technology. The programs are growing areas of market need.

### **Audit Committee**

Mr. McCampbell reported that the committee had met and heard a report from Collier, Johnson & Woods on the audit of the Foundation as of June 30, 2005. It was an unqualified opinion and helped the committee understand some of the trends and methods of accounting. The Foundation administrative costs were 1%, which Mr. McCampbell considered very reasonable.

### **REGENTS' REPORTS**

Mr. Rivas announced that Mr. Watts had submitted a written report on the 2006 ACCT National Legislative Summit. Mr. Watts then provided further conference highlights.

Mr. Rivas reported it appears that, due to commitments to Iraq and Homeland Security, a number of education-related programs are destined to be cut or eliminated.

Ms. Arriaga reported that the conference had outstanding speakers, including Bob Woodard, Assistant Managing Editor of the *Washington Post*, and David Wessel, Deputy Washington Bureau Chief of the *Wall Street Journal*. Mr. Wessel said that community colleges are still perceived as second-rate and that the image can be changed by showing the public that there is a return on their investment and other means.

Dr. Dawod announced that the Association of General Contractors had awarded its "President's Award" to Board President Rivas, recognizing his longtime service to the community and to Del Mar College. Mr. Rivas responded that it was a group effort of the entire Board.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance, presented a written and oral report on the College's disaster recovery plan. He then responded to Regents' questions.

### **COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Carlos Garcia announced that the College had received a gift for the White Library that included a collection of Confederate veterans' magazines. He asked Dr. Norman Delaney to speak about the collection.

Dr. Delaney discussed the origin of *The Confederate Veteran Magazine*, which included veterans' recollections and other types of historical information. He explained that Dr. E. L. Harvin had a special interest in the Civil War and had given Dr. Delaney the magazine collection. Dr. Delaney offered special recognition to Dr. Dawod and Mr. Chriss for their role in preserving the magazines as a part of the permanent collection of the Del Mar College library.

## PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Rivas asked if there were questions about the items of pending business, and there were none. He reminded the Board that an insurance workshop has been scheduled for March 28, 2006.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, January 10, 2006 and Mini-Retreat, January 31, 2006.

Mrs. Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 10, 2006, and Mini-Retreat, January 31, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action related to approving/ratifying a resolution authorizing the College President and President of the Board of Regents to sign a proposal to the City for community development funds to fund the Business Resource Center at Del Mar College.

Dr. Garcia explained that the action item involves a grant that goes to the City of Corpus Christi. The College is handling the process for the City, with the Small Business Development Center being the beneficiary of the funds. The agreement is under the purview of the over-all agreement with City.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gonzales, to approve/ratify a resolution authorizing the College President and President of the Board of Regents to sign a proposal to the City for community development funds to fund the Business Resource Center at Del Mar College. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report on investment options for bond fund proceeds.

Mr. Alaniz provided a handout entitled "Del Mar College District: Sources and Uses of Funds." He stated that he would obtain more details from the Estrada, Hinojosa firm. He then introduced Ms. Linda Patterson, Patterson and Associates, for discussion of investment options related to the bond money.

Ms. Patterson explained that she was bringing an alternative for the investment of the bond proceeds. She stated that College staff had been farsighted in adding the option, called a flexible repo, to the Investment Policy several years ago. An option only available for capital improvement projects, the flexible repo has a number of benefits. It allows the setting of a rate for the entire anticipated expenditure period for the funds, but still gives flexibility to draw down money since capital projects inevitably do not stay to a schedule. It is by definition a simultaneous buy-sell transaction, which means that the two counter-parties (the dealer and the College) would agree to buy certain securities,

at a certain time the dealer would buy them back again. A safety feature is that it is fully collateralized and the College owns the underlying securities.

Ms. Patterson discussed the mechanics of the process, provided additional explanations and responded to questions of the Regents.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Del Mar College Foundation, Inc. audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

Mr. McCampbell stated that Agenda Items 4 and 5 came forward from the Audit Committee meeting earlier in the morning. No action was taken.

5. Discussion and possible action related to Request for Qualifications for internal auditing services.

Mr. McCampbell stated the Audit Committee had deferred the RFQ pending further preparatory work. No action was taken.

6. Acceptance of Investments for January 2006.

Mr. Alaniz reported on the Investments for January 2006.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Investments for January 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Acceptance of Financial Statement for December 2005.

Mr. Alaniz reported on the Financial Statement for December 2005. He responded to questions of the Board.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to accept the Financial Statement for December 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 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; and b.) **Tex. Gov't Code** § 551.074(a)(1) (Personnel Matters) regarding the employment, evaluation, performance, or duties of a public officer or employee, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board went into closed session at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 3:21 p.m. No action was taken.

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

**February 21, 2006**

1:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee (East Campus Needs) – tour of East Campus and discussion

**February 28, 2006**

9:45 a.m. Meet to take bus to West Campus

10:00 a.m. Tour of Aviation Maintenance Building, West Campus

11:00 a.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee, Isensee Board Room, East Campus

1:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Waters Consulting Group report)

1:30 p.m. Called Meeting

**March 21, 2006**

9:30 a.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee

1:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

**March 28, 2006**

12:00 noon Called Meeting: Insurance Workshop (working lunch)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.