

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

September 26, 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 1:52 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 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.

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; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

Others:

Mr. Ricardo Morado, Roerig, Oliveira & Fisher, LLP.

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 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Vickie Natale showcased the Duplicating Services Department with samples of the various types of services performed by the department. She explained that even with the increase in web use, total volume duplication services have increased 6%. Ms. Natale introduced and commended staff members Theresa Garza and Clara Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –3- or 5-Minute Time Limit

Mr. Joe Ortiz, national president of the GI Forum, requested that President Garcia be placed on administrative leave in light of pending allegations.

Mr. Ed Cohn, outgoing Faculty Council president, introduced incoming president Steven Ondrejas, Assistant professor of Business Administration, who stated his commitment to his new position.

Mr. Rivas announced that since the attorney had an impending commitment, the Board would address the closed session item at that time. (See agenda item 5.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee

Mr. Trey McCampbell, chair, reported on an earlier Audit Committee meeting to review progress on several areas. He reported that the staff is making progress on outstanding management letter comments and anticipates all but one item will be finished by the completion of the next audit. The staff also provided an update on the financial statements and the audit for this year and expressed confidence of timely delivery to the Board in December.

Mr. McCampbell reported that internal audit work is slightly behind schedule, and staff will work with the external CPA firm to provide a schedule for completion of items.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bill Martin, chair, reported that the meeting had included 16 items for discussion and action and a closed session item to discuss issues involved in the retainage fee regarding construction of the Industrial Education Complex. He reported that the billable rate schedule for WKMC was approved. Mr. Martin noted that all the bond construction items are on tract except for the Public Safety complex, which has fallen behind due to rain, and a special report on the complex will be provided at the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

Mr. Martin reiterated that the Board is making every effort to execute the bond program on schedule and with the funds allocated.

REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

None

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Carlos Garcia reported that the College has been awarded a half-million-dollar grant entitled "Achieving the Dream Scholarship Project" through the National Science Foundation. He noted that the proposal addresses the critical needs in the arts and sciences areas. He complimented the grant item, which included Dr. Ed Cooke, Ms. Laura Parr, and Mr. Richard Rupp. He explained that the project will target students in critical-need degrees, including science, engineering, math

and science, as well as academically talented and financially needy students. The project includes mentoring, advising, counseling, and academic workshops to ensure that students complete the degree and pursue a career in the relevant area.

Dr. Garcia also discussed “MyDMC,” which is a portal with campus information. It can be used as a retention tool, offering an opportunity to form learning communities and other information channels including registration, financial information and online payment. The project is funded by a grant.

Dr. Garcia distributed “Legislative Priorities 2006-7,” and noted that the sole priorities of the Texas Association of Community Colleges are (1) appropriations and (2) employee benefits. Dr. Garcia expressed commitment to promoting full funding and to working against proportionality. He noted that approval by the Legislature of full funding will provide an additional \$12.3 million in revenue. Dr. Garcia stated that he will attend the TACC Executive Committee meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006. He then responded to questions of the Board.

Dr. Garcia reminded the Board of the Packery Channel dedication at 2:30 p.m., October 6, 2006.

PENDING BUSINESS

Status Report on Pending Business

Dr. Garcia reported on the status of the pending items of business.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 8, 2006
Called Meeting – September 14, 2006

Ms. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to approve the minutes of the referenced meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action related to policy on alcoholic beverages.

Ms. Pat Townsend, Director of the Foundation, gave a brief report on the plans for *Come Home to Del Mar College*. She asked the Board for a special provision to provide alcoholic beverages during specific activities, noting that liability issues had been addressed.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the request to provide alcoholic beverages in regard to *Come Home to Del Mar College*. The motion passed, with Regents Adler, Arriaga, Dawod, Martin, McCampbell and Rivas voting in favor; Regents Gonzales and Watts voting against.

3. Acceptance of Investments for August 2006.

Mr. Joe Alaniz presented a report on Investments for August 2006.

Ms. Adler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Investments for August 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Acceptance of Financial Statement for July 2006.

Mr. Alaniz presented a report on the Financial Statement for July 2006.

Mr. McCampbell noted that the major year-end adjustment had not been made yet

Following discussion, Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Financial Statement for July 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to **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.*, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 2:10 p.m and reconvened in open session at 2:45 p.m. No action was taken.

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

Called Meeting – October 3, 2006 (noon)

Regular Board Day – October 17, 2006 (West Campus)

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Audit Committee meeting

Regular Board Meeting

Ad Hoc Committee (East Campus Needs) – October 31, 2006 (noon)

ADJOURNMENT