

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

December 12, 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 at Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, with the following present:

From the Board:

Dr. Haysam Dawod, Vice President; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Ms. Linda Garcia, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Carlos Garcia, President; Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Ms. Claudia Jackson for Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; and other faculty and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

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

Dr. Dawod called the meeting to order, and with a quorum present, requested and moment of silence, followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

1. SWEARING IN OF THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. Dawod recognized the commitment, contributions and service of outgoing Regents Gabriel Rivas, Olga Gonzales, and Bill Chriss.

Ms. Barbara Kimball administered the oath of office to Ms. Minerva Arriaga, Ms. Elva Estrada and Mr. James B. Boggs.

The newly elected Regents were seated at the Board table.

1. Reorganization of the Board of Regents/Election of Officers.

Officers were elected as follows, by show of hands and confirmation:

*President* – Mrs. Chris Ader  
*Vice President* – Dr. Haysam Dawod  
*Secretary* – Ms. Minerva Arriaga  
*Assistant Secretary* – Mr. Jim Boggs (following relinquishment by Mr. Bill Martin).  
*Parliamentarian* – Mr. Bill Martin

## BRIEF BREAK

Mrs. Adler recessed the meeting at 1:21 p.m. to reorganize the Board table, and reconvened the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2006  
Called Board Meeting – November 20, 2006  
Called Board Meeting – November 21, 2006

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to approve the minutes of the meetings, pending corrections as noted. The motion passed. Regents Estrada, Boggs and Garcia abstained.

### 3. Acceptance of Investments for November 2006.

Mr. Joe Alaniz presented the Investments Report for November 2006 and responded to questions of the Regents.

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

### 4. Acceptance of Financial Statement for October 2006.

Mr. Joe Alaniz presented the Financial Statement for October 2006 and responded to the Board's questions. At Mr. Martin's request, Mr. Alaniz agreed to provide a monthly overview of the budget.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to accept the Financial Statement for October 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

## RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Claudia Jackson recognized Ms. Amy Tilton Jones, Ms. Mendy Meurer, Ms. Sarah Contreras and Mr. Mike Jones (not present), coaches for the University Interscholastic League competition judging.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Adler announced that public comments would be limited to three minutes.

Ms. Erica Richard, accompanied by Ms. DeShawn Henderson, students, offered support for Regent Linda Garcia.

Ms. Susie Luna Saldaña, on behalf of the GI forum, asked the Board to adhere to the processes in place regarding administrative issues.

Mr. Jack Gordy had completed a public comments form but left the meeting.

Mr. Howard Karsh expressed concerns about open records requests. President Adler reminded Mr. Karsh to refrain from naming individual names; when he continued, he was removed from the meeting. Mr. Martin, Parliamentarian, reiterated that statements could not be made using individual names.

Mr. Joe Ortiz expressed concerns related to administrative issues.

Mr. Ed Cohn, faculty member, asked the Board to ignore any implication that anyone speaks for the faculty other than faculty themselves, and noted that the Faculty Council “advises the Board as requested.”

Mr. David Noyola addressed administrative issues.

Mr. Mike Westergren, in-house counsel, clarified legal points regarding comments made in public meetings.

## REGENTS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Martin reported on the recent *State Relations Conference* held in San Antonio, Texas. He noted the need to enhance college affordability, accountability and quality of learning.

Mr. Martin stated there is a significant disconnect between the K-12 and K-16 systems. He stressed that the college needs to target 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students, streamline systems, and ensure proper monitoring and reporting to stay on tract.

Claudia Jackson also offered comments on the conference.

Mr. Martin also reported on a meeting between Regents Adler and Martin and newly elected Senator Solomon Ortiz, Jr., which included a tour of West Campus and an overview of the needs of the College.

## STAFF REPORTS

None.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS *(beginning at 5:48 p.m.)*

Dr. Carlos Garcia, College President, distributed the College's response to the Efficiency Report. He noted that the response included an assessment of processes, services and staffing. Eighty-one employees (a sampling of every constituency) participated in study groups and assessment teams.

Dr. Garcia also reported on statewide discipline vertical teams – how to improve STEM for the state, as well as the new Community College Compact with Texas, and the community college legislative priorities. Dr. Garcia also announced that the Texas Education Opportunity Grant has increased from \$9 million to \$50 million.

Dr. Garcia announced plans for a new Regents' orientation, as well as a Board retreat to address the funding infrastructure, efficiencies, and other matters. He also asked the Board to consider attending the American Council on Education conference in Washington.

Dr. Garcia reported that the College had been awarded a \$1.9-million grant in avionics.

## PENDING BUSINESS

### *Status Report on Pending Business*

The status report was reviewed.

5. **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; Cox vs. Del Mar College; 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 2:40 p.m. Mr. Watts left the meeting during closed session. The Board returned to open session at 5:20 p.m. No action was taken.

## RECESS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Mrs. Adler recessed the meeting at 5:22 p.m. for a meeting of the Audit Committee.

## RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Adler reconvened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action related to audit for fiscal year ending August 31, 2006.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to accept the audit for fiscal year ending August 31, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Called Board Meeting – December 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Dawod noted that the 2007 ACCT Legislative Summit falls during the regularly scheduled meeting in February 2007. Mrs. Adler asked the Board to consider the current schedule of meetings for discussion at a later time. She also requested that the Regents consider committee appointments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Adler adjourned meeting at 6:12 p.m.