

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

July 10, 2007

The Legislative Committee 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, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 with the following present:

From the Committee:

Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mr. Bill Martin, and Mrs. Elva Estrada. Mrs. Chris Adler, chair, was out of the state.

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; Mrs. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; Mr. Mike Westergren, In-House Counsel, and other administrators, faculty and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr. was not present. Mr. Mike Westergren, In-House Counsel, served in his absence.

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

In Chair Chris Adler's absence, Dr. Dawod called the meeting to order, and there being a quorum present, requested a moment of silence, followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PENDING BUSINESS

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Discussion and possible recommendation related to proposed Board Resolution in Response to Governor's Veto Actions (80th Legislative Session).

Dr. Carlos Garcia presented two resolution proposals for the Board's consideration. He also read a letter to Governor Perry which he and Chair Chris Adler had sent the Governor immediately after the veto announcement.

Dr. Garcia responded to questions of the committee. He explained that TACC is comfortable that community colleges are garnering tremendous support from the Legislature. He asked the Board to consider ways to help with lobbying, which the College cannot do.

Mr. Alaniz explained that funding for health insurance is basically a matter of submitting a report of full-time employees and retirees. The College does not receive the money; it goes straight to ERS. The College sends in money to pay for its portion. He noted that any auditing would be accomplished through the State Auditor's Office, and that the College has just had auditing of enrollment hours and received a good report. Mr. Alaniz stated the major concern is that the College knows no grounds on which the Governor based his allegation.

Dr. Dawod expressed concern about the tone of the drafted resolutions.

The committee requested that all the Board members, the College attorney, and local legislators be included in the development of the resolution. Mr. Martin asked Claudia Jackson to distribute the resolution to all Board members, the College attorney and local legislators, to obtain their input, and then revise the resolution accordingly.

Mr. Mike Anzaldua, English Professor, recommended the Board take a strong but civilized stand, including a potential class-action suit.

Mr. Westergren explained the nature of a class-action suit and a joint suit. At Mr. Martin's request for investigation into legal possibilities, Mr. Westergren stated he would relay the request to Board Attorney Augie Rivera, Jr.

Dr. Dawod stated that action would be premature and over-reactive.

Ms. Estrada made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to table the item pending further investigation and development of a revised resolution proposal. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit
None.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

Next meeting July 24, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Dawod adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Ms. Chris Adler, Chair
Dr. Haysam Dawod
Ms. Elva Estrada
Mr. Bill Martin