

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

August 14, 2007

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, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:22 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Board President, Mr. James B. Boggs, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Ms. Elva Estrada, Mr. Bill Martin (left the meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.), Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

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

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

Mrs. Chris Adler called the meeting to order, and with a quorum present, requested a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Claudia Jackson, College Relations, introduced the following individuals for recognition:

**Ms. Tania Catalina Garcia**, Miss Feria de las Flores

**Dr. Larry Lee**, Chair of the Computer Science and Information Technology Department, grant project director – Redesign of Teaching Methods for Introductory Computer Programming. Team members: Ms. Pat Frederick, Mr. John Detmer, Dr. Ann Thorn, Ms. Beverly Poplin and Dr. Warren Knox.

**Dr. Ann Lopez**, Dean of Arts and Sciences – DMC Summer Bridge Grant Project. Team members: Mr. Dean Thorpe, Dr. Bill Mareth, Ms. Linda Eubank, Dr. Becky Flores and Ms. Mary Ann Williams.

**Dr. Rosie Garcia** – Virtual College of Texas – Reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Legislative Committee**

Mrs. Chris Adler, chair, reported that the proposed resolution regarding the Governor's veto of funding for community college healthcare benefits had been revised for presentation at the Board meeting.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Trey McCampbell, chair, reported that the committee had reviewed two proposals from financial advisory firms, Estrada & Hinojosa and Southwest Securities. He explained the primary relationship will be with Estrada & Hinojosa, but with openness to work with Southwest Securities.

### **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Mr. McCampbell provided a brief report in the absence of Bill Martin, chair. He reported the committee had reviewed a summary of managed funds of the bond program of \$111,000,000, and the completed projects of \$103,000,000, leaving approximately \$7.8 million. The committee also reviewed the total projects for which funds are allocated which are in process, representing \$2.9 million, although one of the projects likely will require another \$400,000 of contingency funds. In that case, \$3.1 million will be available for allocation to another project. The next committee meeting will be September 11, 2007.

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

Ms. Estrada, chair, reported the committee recommended approval of a new program in Electroplating Applied Technology. She stated the committee will meet again on September 11, 2007.

## REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

## STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Joe Alaniz provided a report on cost efficiencies achieved pursuant to the Rangel Report.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Kirkland provided a brief report on various items, including the establishment of a shuttle bus in light of the limited parking, the upcoming Board retreat, cost efficiencies, meetings with community and political leaders, including Rep. Solomon Ortiz.

## PENDING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the list of pending business.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting, July 24, 2007

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to approve the minutes. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action related to report and approval of new program in Electroplating Applied Technology.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to approve the new program in Electroplating Applied Technology. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on final approval of fee for interim president placement services provided by The Registry.

At Mr. Augie Rivera's recommendation, the item was tabled until discussion in closed session. Following closed-session discussion and return to open session, Mr. Rivera explained that when The Registry was engaged, the fee was contingent upon successful placement and that the Board needed to provide final approval.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to approve the fee for interim president placement services provided by The Registry. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously

4. Acceptance of Investments for July 2007.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Investments for July 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously.

5. Acceptance of Financial Statement for June 2007.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Financial Statement for June 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously

6. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to a.) TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, 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, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 2:06 p.m. Mr. Watts left the meeting during closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:15 p.m. The Board then addressed Agenda Item #3. (See above.)

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit

Steven Ondrejas, 2007-8 Faculty Council President, announced the Faculty Council officers for upcoming academic year.

#### CALENDARING

Dental Pinning – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2007

Emerging Technologies, Room 124

Summer Commencement – 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 17, 2007

Convocation – Monday, August 20 – Richardson Performance Hall

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30 – Program

1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on budget and tax rate – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2007

Called Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2007

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.