

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

September 11, 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Board Chair, Ms. Minerva Arriaga, Mr. James B. Boggs, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Ms. Elva Estrada, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Travis P. Kirkland, Interim College President; Mr. John Johnson, Director of Fiscal Services, on behalf of Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; 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. She announced that in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001, Mr. Kelly White, Director of Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management, and retired serviceman, would lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Adler noted that this year the College celebrates its 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

**RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND INNOVATION**

Campus Dining, under the leadership of Mr. Leo Rodriguez, was recognized as the Program of Excellence and Innovation. Mr. Rodriguez presented an overview of Campus Dining and responded to questions of the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit Committee**

Mr. McCampbell, chair, reported that the committee meeting had been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

## **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Mr. Bill Martin, chair, reported on the action taken at the committee meeting that morning.

## **REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mrs. Adler, Ms. Arriaga and Ms. Estrada reported on their attendance at the Higher and Public Education Finance Committee meeting held in Austin on September 6, 2007. Dr. Kirkland and other college administrators also attended the meeting in support of returning the Governor-vetoed funds for employee insurance. Dr. Kirkland noted that Texas community colleges educate more than half of all students in public higher education but have been doing so with less and less state funding.

Mr. Watts mentioned that the THECB Governing Board Conference and TACCTA Conference are scheduled on the same days, October 29-30, and requested the Board coordinate their schedules for attendance. He also discussed the need for a college ethics policy.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

## **COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Interim President Kirkland reported the College licensure pass rates for 2004-2005 are outstanding. He will provide the Board the rates for the previous year.

Dr. Kirkland reported on various activities, including meetings with the commander of the Naval Air Station (regarding course delivery on the base) and Dr. Flavius Killebrew, A&M-CC president (regarding the math gap).

Dr. Kirkland announced work will begin on policies, practices and procedures, to bring to the Board in Spring 2008. He also expects to bring forward a proposed policy regarding charging for FOIA requests over 36 hours. Dr. Kirkland reported a decline in enrollment (total 11,199), but stated nursing and aviation technology are doing very well.

Dr. Kirkland also reported on a new partnership with A&M-Kingsville for developmental courses. In addition, Collegiate High School has enrolled 200 students.

He also reported on convocation, enrollment, and the status of parking lots.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Called Board Meeting (Budget) – August 21, 2007:

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the minutes. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Called Board Meeting (Tax Rate) – August 21, 2007:

Ms. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, 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 offers made for tax resale properties.

Mr. Marvin Leary, Area Manager for Linebarger Googan Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented information on five tax resale properties located on Agnes Street, Staples, Morgan and Crosstown Freeway.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the offers made for tax resale properties. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed, with Regents Adler, Arriaga, Dawod, Estrada, Martin, McCampbell, Rivas, and Watts in favor; Mr. Boggs abstained.

### 3. Discussion and possible action related to adoption of agreement concerning insurance coverage.

At the request of Mr. Johnson, Director of Fiscal Services, the item was tabled.

### 4. Acceptance of Investments for August 2007.

Mr. Johnson presented the Investments report for August 2007.

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

5. Acceptance of Financial Statement for July 2007.

Mr. Johnson presented the Financial Statement for July 2007 and responded to questions of the Regents.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Financial Statement for August 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried 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 appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board did not enter into closed session.

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

There were no general public comments.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

September 26-29	Association of Community College Trustees 2007 National Congress in San Diego
October 29-30	Governing Board Conference, Houston
October 29-30	Texas Assoc. of Community College Trustees and Administrators (TACCTA), Austin

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Adler adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.