

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

October 9, 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, October 9, 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. 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations, presented the following individuals for recognition:

1. Tamatha Jackson, Assistant Director of the TRiO program, and former TRiO participant Michelle Peters, as Leadership Corpus Christi participants.
2. Dr. Leonard Rivera, Off-Campus Coordinator for the Division of Workforce and Economic Development, for a grant to expand College Connections.
3. Dr. Ann Lopez, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and faculty members Berta Flores, Sandra Valerio, Eric Moller, Dr. Bill Mareth, Antonio David and Trania Aquino for their Algebra Redesign grant.

Mrs. Adler recognized Mr. Darrel Thompson and son Clay, along with Tommy Pesic, who were working towards a Boys Scout communication merit badge. She also recognized Mr. Augustin Rivera and Mrs. Mary Kingsbury as adult volunteers with Boy Scouts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Trey McCampbell, Chair

Mr. McCampbell reported the committee had heard a report from the external internal auditors, Gowland, Streal, Morales and Company. The firm had looked at student receivables, student loans, review of transactions, residency status, backdating drops and refunds. He stated he was pleased with the firm's report.

Policy Review Committee – Minerva Arriaga, Chair

Ms. Arriaga reported on the committee's review of proposed revisions to *B4.26.4 Designation of College Facilities* as location for voting and placement of campaign signs and Board Policy *Chapter 4 Business and Finance*.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Bill Martin, Chair

Mr. Martin reported on the action taken at the committee meeting. He asked the public to provide ideas to address the need for additional space for Music and Drama.

Investments Committee – Dr. Haysam Dawod, Chair

Dr. Dawod reported that Linda Patterson had provided the Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2007. Ms. Patterson had noted that the economy is weaker but that the picture for Del Mar College is good, noting a 5% return on investments. Dr. Dawod reported that bonds have earned \$1.769 million this year, flex (life-time) \$3.4 million, and pooled earnings this year total \$1.9 million.

REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Regents Adler, Dawod, Watts, and Rivas reported on their attendance at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress 2007 in San Diego, California. Mr. Rivas also discussed the ongoing dialogue about forming a trustee organization in Texas.

Mr. Boggs commented on discussion with Mr. Don Dunlap, regarding the relationship between KEDT and the College.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Kirkland announced that Ms. Margorie Villani will come onboard November 5, 2007, as Interim Vice President of Instruction. She will serve no more than one year as the College completes its search for a new Vice President of Instruction.

Dr. Kirkland announced plans to bring discussion/recommendation on a new MIS system to the November Board meeting.

Dr. Kirkland stated he had met with Dr. Flavius Killebrew, A&M-CC President, and Mr. Scott Elliff, CCISD President, regarding curriculum alignment.

Dr. Kirkland reported Workforce and Economic Development, under the leadership of Mr. Bud Harris, has achieved a 14% growth in contact hours in the last year

Dr. Kirkland announced that at the 5th Annual CCAD Jones Aviation Summit, he had accepted a \$10,000 scholarship check from Sikorsky on behalf of the Del Mar College Foundation. He also announced the upcoming lighting of the Lighthouse on the evening October 25, 2007.

Dr. Kirkland discussed the importance of relevancy and flexibility at Del Mar College. He stated that he has no plans to eliminate tenure. He said it is time to focus the energy of all groups at the College on the review of policy, practice and procedures. He plans to incorporate standards of shared governance to ensure every individual and all constituencies have an opportunity to become involved in the final outcome. He also commented that the College has no standard definition of “shared governance”, a critical component of policy development and implementation, and that he plans to add such a definition to College policy. Dr. Kirkland stated that work in this area will make the College even better prepared to meet the needs of the changing community.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Martin asked that a report on professional contracts be added to the pending business list.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting, August 14, 2007

Called Meeting, July 10, 2007

Called Meeting, August 23, 2007

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the referenced minutes. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried. Mr. Rivas abstained for voting on the August 23, 2007 meeting since he was not on the Board at that time.

2. Discussion and possible action related to awarding title of “Professor Emeritus” to Mr. Robert L. Bridwell.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to award title of “Professor Emeritus” to Mr. Robert L. Bridwell. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action related to awarding title of “Professor Emeritus” to Dr. Kenneth Weatherbie.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to award title of “Professor Emeritus” to Dr. Kenneth Weatherbie. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action related to proposed revision to *Board Policy B4.26.4 Designation of College Facilities as location for voting and placement of campaign signs*.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arriaga, to approve the proposed revision to *Board Policy B4.26.4 Designation of College Facilities as location for voting and placement of campaign signs*. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed by Regents Adler, Arriaga, Boggs, Dawod, Estrada, Martin, McCampbell and Rivas. Mr. Watts abstained.

5. Discussion and possible action related to proposed revision(s) to *Board Policy Chapter 4: Business and Finance*.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the proposed revision to *Board Policy Chapter 4: Business and Finance*. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed by Regents Adler, Arriaga, Boggs, Dawod, Estrada, Martin, McCampbell and Mr. Watts. Mr. Rivas was not present during the vote.

6. Discussion and possible action related to Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending August 31, 2007.

Dr. Dawod stated the committee’s recommendation to accept the Quarterly Investment Report.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending August 31, 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Acceptance of Investments for September 2007.

Mr. Joe Alaniz presented the Investments for September 2007.

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

8. Acceptance of Financial Statement for August 2007.

Mr. Joe Alaniz presented the Financial Statement for August 2007. In response to questions of the Regents, Mr. Alaniz will provide additional information for the next meeting regarding membership amounts (Check #475 and #476).

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.

9. 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, including the College President, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 2:12 p.m. Mr. Martin left the meeting during closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:37 p.m. At that time Mrs. Adler asked for general public comments (see "Public Comments" below).

Following public comments, the Board returned to closed session at 4:06 p.m. Mr. Watts left the meeting during closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 5:45 p.m. No action was taken.

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

The following individuals voiced concerns of the Interim President's perspective of the College, its policies, practices and procedures, and his priorities and time lines.

Ms. Bertie Almendarez, Chair of Chairs Council
Dr. Becky Flores, Chair of English and Philosophy
Ms. Mary Ann Williams, Chair of Communication, Languages and Reading
Dr. Cheryl Pfoff, English faculty
Ms. Elizabeth Flores, Social Sciences faculty
Mr. Mike Anzaldúa – English faculty
Ms. Mary Kay – Math faculty
Mr. Steven Ondrejas – Faculty Council president

Mr. Hector Morales, employee, asked the Board to redesign the College logo to coordinate with the lighthouse and to name the lighthouse for Mr. Dusty Durrill.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

October 29-30, 2007	Governing Board Conference - Houston, Texas
October 29-30, 2007	TACCTA – Austin, Texas
October 15, 2007	Faculty Follies – Wolfe Recital Hall (7:15 p.m.)

The December Board meeting will be held December 4, 2007 (moved from the 11th).

ADJOURNMENT

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