

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

February 19, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in Room 106, Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, 3209 South Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:03 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2008, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Board Chair, Mr. James B. Boggs, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Ms. Elva Estrada, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, Mr. Gabriel Rivas III (arrived at 1:25 p.m.), and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Mr. Joe Alaniz, Acting College President; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Mr. Stephen Megregian, Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance; Ms. Marjorie Villani, Interim Vice President of Instruction; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mrs. 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

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:

Tamatha Jackson – 2008 President's Award by the Corpus Christi chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mrs. Adler recognized members of Ms. Jackson's Leadership Corpus Christi class who were present for the recognition.

Christine Palacios, Director of GED Instruction – completion of the Texas Adult Education Administrator Credential. Ms. Palacios reported that the Del Mar College GED pass rate is 99-100%, significantly higher than the national average of 66%.

Investments Committee – Dr. Haysam Dawod, Chair

Dr. Dawod relayed information received from Linda Patterson, Patterson and Associates. He reported a “mixed bag” in that the College had good returns for the last quarter but that the future does not look as promising. However, the 2006 bond money is locked in at a fix rate and although the College will not get the returns as in the past, it is still in good shape.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Bill Martin, Chair

Mr. Martin reported the committee had approved several significant projects. The St. Clair Building will undergo renovation, including allocation for the Collegiate High School, and space for the Student Success Center. The projected date of occupancy is August 2009. Additionally, the Fine Arts complex will be expanded for Art, Music and Drama.

REGENTS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Reports on 2008 ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. will be presented at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Reports will be presented at the next meeting.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Alaniz offered condolences to College employees who had recently lost family members.

He introduced Mr. Sam Beecroft (Beecroft Construction) and Mr. Duane Pozza (Bartlett Cox), who presented Mrs. Adler with an award from the South Texas Associated Builders and Contractors for excellence in design and construction at the Health Science & Emerging Technology buildings.

Mr. Alaniz announced that Ms. Marla Chisholm, Communications/Languages/Reading faculty, has been nominated for the *2008 Piper Professor Award*.

PENDING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the pending business.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting – January 29, 2008
Called Meeting – February 1, 2008

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting. Mr. McCampbell seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2008 meeting. Dr. Dawod seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action related to Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2007.

Dr. Dawod made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2007. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action related to Intercollegiate Athletics.

Mr. José Rivera, Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, provided a status report, including a summary of intramural sports participation and the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct an athletics survey (\$38,000). Mr. Rivera recommended that if the Board makes a \$600,000-year investment, use those funds towards a comprehensive retention program or for scholarships rather than intercollegiate athletics.

The Board further discussed the issue. Mr. Watts asked that an agenda item regarding a wellness program be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Villani commented that the College has a wellness committee and can provide a report on how the facilities are being utilized in that regard.

No action was taken.

4. Acceptance of Investments for January 2008.

Mr. Megregian prefaced his report by stating that Del Mar College is a solid operation. He provided a brief report on the investments.

Mr. Rivas made a motion to approve the Investments for January 2008. Dr. Dawod seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Acceptance of Financial Statement for December 2007.

Mr. Megregian provided a brief report on the financial statement.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion to approve the Financial Statement for December 2007. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action related to review and selection of Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Estrada made a motion that the following individuals be appointed to the Presidential Search Committee: Trey McCampbell, Bill Martin and Elva Estrada (Regents); Laura Day Brown (East Campus Faculty), Raquel Tapia (West Campus Faculty); Lenora Keas (Chairs); August Alfonso (Exempt Employees); Karen Huegler (Non-exempt Employees); Bud Harris (Administration); Raquel Tapia (West Campus Students), Angela Junior (West Campus Students); Gloria Hicks, Jesse Garcia, Gloria Perez and Jay Wise (community). Mr. Watts seconded the motion. Mr. McCampbell noted that 84 very qualified individuals, including 33 from the community, had applied for the appointment. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action related to approval of terms of employment of Acting President.

Dr. Dawod made a motion to authorize and instruct legal counsel to proceed with finalizing the employment contract with Mr. Joe Alaniz as Acting President in accordance with the proposed terms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action related to engagement of special legal counsel to consult in connection with tax and scholarship transfer projects.

Attorney Rivera stated that in connection with his engagement, whenever specialized issues arise, he has the prerogative to request the Board authorize special legal counsel for that project. He recommended the Board authorize Mr. Craig Ansel with the lawfirm of Davis, Hutchinson & Wilkerson, L.L.P., in connection with the tax and scholarship

transfer projects.

Dr. Dawod made a motion to approve the request as stated. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

A. Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,

B. Tex. Govt. Code § 551.074: (Personnel Matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including 1.) Terms of employment of Acting President; and, 2.) Appointment of College President and review and selection of Presidential Search Advisory Committee, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board went into closed session at 1:52 p.m. Watts left the meeting at 2:40 p.m and returned at 3:20 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:20 p.m. Action was taken as stated in Agenda Items 6, 7 and 8.

10. Discussion and possible action related to an appointment to the Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board.

Dr. Dawod made a motion to appoint Regent Gabriel Rivas to the Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board. Mr. McCampbell seconded the motion. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

Thursday, February 28, 2008 (4:00 p.m.) – Called Board meeting regarding Presidential Search

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.