

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

August 29, 2023

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas, with the following present:

**From the Board:**

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Mr. Carl Crull, P.E., Mr. Rudy Garza Jr., Dr. Anantha Babbili, and Mr. David Loeb.

Mr. Bill Kelly participated virtually.

**From the College:**

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Jonda Halcomb, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Ms. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Cheryl Sanders, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Mary McQueen, Vice President of Advancement and Government Relations; Ms. Delia Perez, Director of CEO Office and Board Relations, and other staff and faculty.

Regent Scott called the meeting to Order with a quorum present.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

1. Discussion and possible action related to adoption of the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2023-2024 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the 2023-2024 Debt Service Budget.....Mr. Raul Garcia  
*(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)*

Mr. Garcia stated the College has complied with the legal requirements as mandated by the State of Texas for the purpose of adopting a proposed Maintenance & Operating (M&O) and Debt Service budgets. The College now asks for the Board's consideration of the action item to approve the proposed M&O and Debt Service budgets for fiscal year 2024.

Regent Crull made a motion to the order of adoption of the budget as presented. Regent Babbili seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion carried unanimously 8-0, amongst Regents present, with

Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Crull, Garza, Babbili,  
Kelly, and Loeb in favor.

The Order:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BUDGETS  
2023-2024**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District ("District")  
that,

WHEREAS, budgets for the Del Mar College District have been prepared and submitted  
to the Board of Regents of the District in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, a meeting has been called and held as a public hearing for the purpose of  
considering the adoption of a maintenance and operation budget and debt service budget, after  
public notice of such meeting as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers and other persons of the District desiring to do so have been  
given the opportunity to be present and to participate in such hearing;

THEREFORE, that certain budgets presented to the Board at this meeting and filed among  
the official documents of this District, be and it is hereby adopted as the budgets for the Del  
Mar College District for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31,  
2024.

The foregoing Order was duly offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
\_\_\_\_\_, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Regents of the  
Del Mar College District at the meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on  
August 29, 2023, at which \_\_\_ members were present, by the following vote: \_\_\_ for \_\_\_  
against and \_\_\_ abstaining.

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Carol A. Scott, Chair  
Board of Regents  
Del Mar College District

ATTEST:

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Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary  
(Seal)

2. Discussion and possible action to the adoption of the Order to Conduct Public Hearings on the 2023-2024 Tax Rates.....Mr. Raul Garcia  
(6: *Financial Effectiveness and Affordability*)

Mr. Garcia began by stating with today's Board approval of the 2024 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Debt Service budget plans, the next action item is the conduit needed to fund in part the budget plans. The College is now requesting the Board to hold a public hearing in accordance with the Texas Tax Code on the proposed fiscal year 2024 tax rates planned for September 12t, 2023. The Texas Tax Code requires that the College conduct one Public Hearing on the proposed College tax rate and provide notice to the public at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

Mr. John Johnson presented information to the Board regarding property taxes and revenue which was taken from the August 15, 2023 presentation to the Board of Regents. After a historical look of the adopted tax rate for the prior four years, Mr. Johnson stated the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2024 is 0.237002, 0.179436 for M&O and 0.057566 for debt service. The total rate is approximately 2.90 cents lower when compared to the prior rate of 2.2666104. On an average taxable homestead of \$224,353, the amount would be \$532 which is \$2 below the previous year. The total anticipated tax revenues using the proposed rate of 0.237002 are estimated to be \$65,068,806 to support the M&O budget and \$20,788,438 to pay the upcoming debt service requirement on tax obligation bonds.

Regent Babbili made a motion that “the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.237002, which is effectively a 6.06% increase in the tax rate” and approval of the Order. Regent Loeb seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion carried unanimously 8-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Crull, Garza, Babbili, Kelly, and Loeb in favor.

The Order:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TAX RATE  
2023-2024**

BE IT ORDERED, by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District that the Board consider a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the roll in 2023 by 6.06 percent and that the Board schedule and conduct a meeting and public hearing on such proposal to consider such tax increases on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at the Center for Economic Development, Del Mar College, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that proper publication and notice of such meetings and public hearings be given as required by law.

The foregoing Order was duly offered by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District at the meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 29, 2023, at which \_\_\_ members were present, by the following vote:

For the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Against the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Present and not voting: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Carol A. Scott, Chair  
Board of Regents  
Del Mar College District

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary  
(Seal)

3. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Administration’s recommendation for a one-time employee payment and funding source.....Ms. Tammy McDonald (*Goal 4: Learning Environments and 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability*)

Ms. Tammy McDonald provided a review of the August 15, 2023 Board meeting regarding the request for a one-time payment to the employees. Upon presenting the information requested, the administration recommended a proposed one-time employee payment that are employed on the day of the payment distribution and have a hire date of September 30th or before as follows: 1) all full-time employees employed on the day of the payment distribution receive a one-time payment through payroll of \$1,200 gross (before applicable employee taxes are deducted); and 2) all part-time employees that are active on the day of payment distribution receive a payment through payroll of \$300 gross (before applicable employee taxes are deducted).

Ms. McDonald responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

Regent Loeb made a motion to approve a one-time employee payment and funding source as presented. Regent Babbili seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion carried unanimously 8-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Crull, Garza, Babbili, Kelly, and Loeb in favor.

At 12:11 p.m., the Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session.

**4. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:**

- A. **TEX. GOV’T CODE § 551.071**: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding the pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending legal or contemplated matters or claims; with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board of Regents reconvened in Open Session at 12:57 p.m. with no action being taken.

**CALENDAR:** Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr