

April 1, 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

The **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District will convene at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, at the Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

QUORUM CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DMC VISION STATEMENT: *Del Mar College empowers our communities to achieve their dreams.*

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

- Specific Public Comments will be allowed on agenda items prior to action by the Board.
- General Public Comments may be moved on the agenda at the discretion of the Board Chair and as an accommodation to those in attendance.
- Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the College is limited in responding to public comments or inquiries as follows:
 1. Provide a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry.
 2. Recite existing policy in response to an inquiry.
 3. Propose placing the subject of the inquiry on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

(Tex. Govt. Code Section § 551.042)

RECOGNITIONS:

- Dr. Daisy Zhang, Professor of Biotechnology, completed the requirement for DMC to receive an official certificate from the Office of the Governor of Texas recognizing the College’s leadership in integrating the industry-defined Biotechnology and Biomedical skill standards for research and development into its Biotechnology Associate of Applied Science program which is recognized by the Texas Workforce Investment Council.
.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(II: Elevate, Goal 1: Increase completion for all students)
- Laura Wright Bienek, Associate Professor of Architecture/Drafting Technology, received the 46th Annual Y-Women in Careers Rising Star Award.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- Ceremonial swearing in of DMC Police Department Chief, Captain and Full-time Officers
.....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(III: Cultivate, Goal 1: Prioritize campus safety)

COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT..... Dr. Mark Escamilla

- Introduction of Dr. Gerald F. Napoles, Executive Vice President and COO
(II: Elevate, Goal 1: Increase completion for all students)
- March 4, 2026: La Quinta Channel Community Advisory Panel
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- March 23, 2026: TACC/CEO Virtual Meeting
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- March 25, 2026: DMC/Community in Schools Retreat, Retama Room
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- March 27, 2026: Community College Standing Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- April 2, 2026: Coastal Bend College Tour/Meeting
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)

STAFF REPORTS:

- DMC Police Department Update.....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(III: Cultivate, Goal 1: Prioritize campus safety)

- Water Reduction Efforts, Including Proposed Options and Possible Additional Water Resources.....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
- Freedom to Dream Update
.....Dr. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez and Mr. Ali Kollahdouz
(II: Elevate, Goal 1: Increase completion for all students)
- TIRZ Task Force Update.....Ms. Jessica Alaniz Perez
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

PENDING BUSINESS:

Status Report on Requested Information

CONSENT AGENDA

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Board of Regents has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Board member or a citizen, in which event the item(s) will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS:

(At this point the Board will vote on all motions not removed for individual consideration.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Regular Board Meeting, March 3, 2026
(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)
2. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for February 2026
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)
3. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report for February 2026
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Public comments for consent agenda items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4. Discussion and possible action relating to a Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$129,680,000 in principal amount of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, approving and authorizing the execution of an Escrow Agreement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, a Purchase Contract and other instruments and procedures related thereto, delegating authority to certain District officials to select outstanding bonds to be refunded and approve all final terms of the bonds, approving an official statement, and calling certain bonds for redemption.....Mr. Raul Garcia
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Public comments for this agenda item

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the College’s 2026 Internal Audit Activity including: Maintenance; Institutional Research and Reporting (Reporting Data Validation); Senate Bill 17 Compliance; Grant Compliance; and Follow-Ups for Bursar’s Office and Accounts Payable and Disbursements.....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Public comments for this agenda item

- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding annexation adopted by the City of Corpus Christi on February 10, 2026 – ZBK, LLC.....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Public comments for this agenda item

- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Faculty Recommended for Tenure and Promotion for 2026-2027 in accordance with College Policy B6.7.7
.....Dr. Mark Escamilla and Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(III: Cultivate, Goal 1: Nurture our faculty and staff to achieve their full potential)

Public comments for this agenda item

- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding proposal for an Electrical Lineworker Level II Certificate.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb and Davis Merrell
(II: Elevate, Goal 1: Increase completion for all students)

Public comments for this agenda item

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), 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;
 - b. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.087:** (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development), regarding discussion or deliberation of information received from a business prospect with which the College is conducting economic development negotiations and/or the deliberation of an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
 - c. **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.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the revision of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Staff Reports



TO: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

FROM: Tammy McDonald *TMc*
Vice President of Administration and Human Resources

DATE: March 31, 2026

RE: Del Mar College Police Department Update

SUMMARY:

The department consists of full-time command staff, full-time and part-time peace officers along with full-time support personnel. Operations are also supported with contracted non-commissioned security. Department locations have been established at all campuses.

The department has been purchasing equipment to meet essential, mandated, and operational needs. Systems implementation and security camera assessments and upgrades are an ongoing process. The department has an agreement with MetroCom for communication services.

Command staff continues with the recruitment and hiring process for additional full-time peace officers.

BACKGROUND:

The Del Mar College Police Department moved into a newly renovated building in May 2024. This designated, TCOLE required space was essential to the development of overall department operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Report - No Action Required



TO: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

FROM: Tammy McDonald *mc*
Vice President of Administration and Human Resources

DATE: March 31, 2026

RE: Water Reduction Efforts; Proposed Options; Additional Water Resources to Explore; Planning

SUMMARY:

As the City of Corpus Christi considers implementing a Level 1 Water Drought, it is important to review water reduction efforts in place, efforts in progress, additional options for water reduction, water resources to explore, and next steps in planning and preparedness.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Corpus Christi implemented Stage 1 water restrictions in June 2022. Stage 2 restricts began March 2024 and current Stage 3 restrictions in December 2024.

On March 30, 2026, DMC representatives meet with representatives from the City of Corpus Christi Office of Emergency Management, Water and Communications departments to discuss current conditions, resource needs, planning, and preparedness for a Level 1 Water Drought.

RECOMMENDATION:


Staff Report - No Action Required



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VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

To: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D., President and CEO

From: Patricia Benavides Dominguez, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs, Ali Kolahdouz, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and Raul Garcia, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer 

RE: Freedom to Dream, Cohorts 1 and 2 Update

Summary:

Patricia Benavides Dominguez, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs, Ali Kolahdouz, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and Raul Garcia, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will present an update to the Freedom to Dream Waiver Program Cohorts 1 and 2. The summary includes the latest student profiles for both cohorts and the program's financial analysis.

TO: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

FROM: Jessica Alaniz Perez *JP*
Executive Director of Administration

DATE: March 30, 2026

RE: TIRZ Task Force Update

SUMMARY:

The TIRZ Task Force is reviewing proposed additions and revisions to the College's current TIRZ policy (B4.37).

Key enhancements to the policy include sections on:

- Compliance
- Board Representation
- Project plan approval and amendment process
- Annual Reporting Guidelines
- Termination and Withdrawal Terms
- Alignment with the College policy on Tax Abatements (B4.38)

BACKGROUND:

The TIRZ Task Force met on March 24, 2026, to discuss a draft of proposed additions and revisions to the College's current TIRZ Policy (B4.37). Proposed revisions will continue to be reviewed and discussed by the TIRZ Task Force over the next few months. Final additions and revisions to the policy will be proposed to the Board for approval, following the College's policy approval process.

RECOMMENDATION:

No Board action is required on this item.

Upcoming Items/Pending List

Item	Date	Request	Due	Status
1		Quarterly Investment Report	April	April Agenda
2		Quarterly Financial Report	April	April Agenda
3		Freedom to Dream Update	April	April Agenda
4		Internal Audit Report to the Board	April	April Agenda
5		Conferral of Tenure	April	April Agenda
6		TIRZ Task Force Update	April	April Agenda
7		Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)	May	
8		Spring 2026 Enrollment Update	May	
9		TIRZ Task Force Update	May	
10		Freedom to Dream Update	June	
11		Professional Contract Review	June	
12		Policy Review	June	
13		SACSCOC – Site Visit Planning & Fifth-Year Interim Report Progress	June	
14		TIRZ Update(s)	June	
15		Freedom to Dream Tuition Waiver (Annual Report)	September	
16		SACSCOC – Fifth-Year Interim Report Submission	September	
17		Policy Review	September	
18		Clery Act	October	
19		CEO Annual Report to the Board – Title IX/SB212	October	
20		Enrollment Report	November	
21		2024-2029 Strategic Plan	November	
22		SACSCOC – Site Visit Update and Fifth-Year Interim Report Decision	December	
23		Strategic Marketing Plan	December	
24		Tax Abatement Yearly Review	December	
25		Foundation Yearly Update	December	
26		Preview of Student Charges	December	
27		Tuition and Fee Schedules for Credit and CE Programs (Student Charges)	February	
28		Ethics Update	February	
29		Report on Tax Collections	March	
30		JED Campus Program (Plan)	March	


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DIVISION OF FINANCE

To: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

From: Raul Garcia, CPA, MBA, Vice President and CFO 

Date: April 1, 2026

Subject: Issuance of up to \$129,680,000 in principal amount of Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026

Summary

The College has four series of general obligation bonds that will become eligible for refunding within the 90 days of their call dates. These bonds total approximately \$91.4 million and include:

- Limited Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2015
- Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016
- Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018A
- Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018B

As these bonds reach their call dates, the College has the opportunity to consider a refunding that could reduce debt service costs, depending on market conditions. Mr. Dave Gordon of Estrada Hinojosa & Company, the College's financial advisor, will present an overview of the refunding opportunity that includes current market conditions, potential savings scenarios, and a recommended financing structure.

Also presented for Board approval, is a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$129,680,000 in principal amount of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, approving and authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement, a paying agent/registrant agreement, a purchase contract and other instruments and procedures related thereto, delegating authority to the College President, Dr. Mark Escamilla, or the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Raul Garcia, to select outstanding bonds to be refunded and approve all final terms of the bonds, approving an official statement, and calling certain bonds for redemption as long as the final terms result in the following:

- (i) A net cost savings to the College of at least 3% of the principal amount of the refunded Series 2015, 2016, 2018A, and 2018B Bonds; and
- (ii) The final maturity date of the Series 2026 Bonds does not extend beyond the final maturity date of the refunded bonds (i.e., August 15, 2048).

Staff Recommendation

Approve the resolution and delegate authority to the College President or the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to select outstanding bonds to be refunded and approve all final terms of the bonds, approving an official statement, and calling certain bonds for redemption.



TO: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

FROM: Tammy McDonald 
Vice President of Administration and Human Resources

DATE: March 30, 2026

RE: Internal Audit Report to the Board of Regents

SUMMARY:

As part of the internal audit process, for board review and acceptance, the following information will be presented by Daniel Graves, a partner with Weaver.

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- FY26 Internal Audit Plan Status
 - Maintenance Audit Report
 - Institutional Research and Reporting (Data Validation)
 - Senate Bill 17 Compliance
 - Grant Compliance
 - Bursar's Office – Follow Up
 - Accounts Payables & Disbursements – Follow Up

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Regent's Audit Committee met on March 26, 2026. Daniel Graves and Afton Bowie with Weaver were present and reported to the committee internal audit activities that included FY26 Internal Audit plan Status; audit report for maintenance, status of audits for Institutional Research and Reporting, Senate Bill 17 Compliance, Grant Compliance, and follow up audits for Bursar's office and Accounts Payables & Disbursements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board Action to accept the Internal Audit Report.



TO: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D.
President and CEO

FROM: Tammy McDonald *DMC*
Vice President of Human Resources and Administration

DATE: March 30, 2026

RE: Discussion and Action on Annexation – Adopted by the City of Corpus Christi on February 10, 2026 – ZBK, LLC

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 130.066, Automatic Annexation of Certain Territory, as the City of Corpus Christi annexes property, then Del Mar College may also annex the property.

BACKGROUND:

On February 10, 2026, the City of Corpus Christi passed ordinance number 033854 annexing a 109.109 acre tract of land owned by ZBK, LLC, located along the south side of FM 2444 (S. Staples Street), east of CR 43, and west of CR 41 (Gilead Rd) per owner petition; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area to City Council District 5; and rezoning 53.211 acres of the annexed area from the “FR” Farm Rural District to the “RS-22” Single-Family 22 District and establishing the “FR” Farm Rural District on the remaining acreage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Annexation of the property as annexed by the City of Corpus Christi.



DEL MAR COLLEGE

VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

TO: Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO
FROM: Dr. Jonda Halcomb, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer
DATE: March 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendations of Faculty Applications for Conferral of Tenure for 2026-2027

On March 6, 2026, in accordance with College Policy A6.6.8, I submitted my recommendations to you for the faculty whose applications met the promotion and tenure requirements. In collaboration with the respective Department Chairs and Deans, we conducted a thorough review of the faculty's tenure applications and recommended their conferral of tenure.

Thus, in adherence with College Policy B6.7.7, I hereby request your approval to convey the following faculty names to the Board of Regents for their review and consideration of the faculty's conferral of tenure at the April 2026 meeting:

Tenure-Track Faculty Recommended for **TENURE** and Promotion to the Rank of **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:**

1. Dr. Kamal Adhikari
2. Brad Eilering
3. Dr. Robert Parrillo
4. Dr. Kelly Vinson

Tenure-Track Faculty Recommended for **TENURE** and Promotion to the Rank of **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:**

5. Paul Creacy
6. Albert Curry
7. Ryan Gutierrez
8. Preeti Kulkarni
9. Liza Torres
10. Raymond Wallace



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VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

TO: Dr. Mark Escamilla
President and CEO

FROM: Dr. Jonda Halcomb
Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

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DATE: April 7, 2026

RE: Proposal for an Electrical Lineworker Level II Certificate

SUMMARY:

The Department of Air Conditioning, Aviation, and Automotive developed a proposal to offer an Electrical Lineworker Level II Certificate with an implementation date effective in the Spring Semester 2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Electrician Associate of Applied Science Program has offered an Industrial Electrician Level II Certificate, a Residential/Commercial Electrician Level I Certificate, and an Electrical Apprentice Occupational Skills Award for years to accommodate the students who seek to pursue this training and to support the local and regional workforce industry's demands for skilled lineworkers in this field.

After extensive collaborations with the Dean, Department Chair, Program faculty, Program Advisory Committee, industry partners, peer institution consultants, and the students, the Department reviewed the Program's current student enrollment trends, student retention, graduate rates, and regional employers' availability of position opportunities and determined that these factors support conclusively the benefits to pursue the need to create the Level II Certificate's credit-bearing academic option.

The proposed Level II Certificate establishes a pathway for the students to earn academic credits that improve their employment readiness, enhance their credential portability, and prepares them for the alignment with utility and energy industry demands.

Additionally, the Level II Certificate avails the students the option to pursue the Associate of Applied Science in the Electrician degree with the option to attain ultimately an advanced degree, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management and Leadership. The opportunities for students to pursue additional academic preparations and training will support their labor-ready preparedness for the industry's workforce needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the addition of the Electrical Lineworker Level II Certificate to the College's program offerings effective the Spring Semester 2027.