

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

May 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabe Rivas, Ms. Libby Averyt, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Elva Estrada, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, Mr. Hector Salinas, and Dr. Mary Sherwood.

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Dr. Beth Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Ms. Lenora Keas, Vice President Workforce Development and Strategic Initiatives; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. August Alfonso, Vice President of Facilities Operations and Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jay Knoum, Interim Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations; Ms. Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development; Ms. Natalie Villarreal, Director of External and Board Relations, Ms. Delia Perez, Board Liaison; and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Rivas called the meeting to order with a quorum present. He requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement.

RECOGNITIONS:

**Students and Staff:**

- SGA Awards received at the 49<sup>th</sup> TJCSGA Annual Conference.....Dr. Rito Silva (*Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services*)

Dr. Silva congratulated the SGA officers who participated in the 49<sup>th</sup> TJCSGA Annual Conference. He described the awards received at the conference. He introduced the SGA officers present: Natasha Perez, Roslyn Swonke, Sophia Jimenez, and Julia Cruz, and their advisor, Ms. Beverly Cage.

The SGA Officers shared a video with the Board and audience, the song on the video was an original from Del Mar College students.

- Inductees to Student Hall of Fame: Pedro Lopez, Troy Nessner, Natasha Perez, and Roslyn Swonke.....Dr. Rito Silva  
*(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)*

Dr. Silva introduced the Hall of Fame recipients, Pedro Lopez, Troy Nessner, Natasha Perez, and Roslyn Swonke. He stated that being nominated to the Student Hall of Fame is the highest honor at the College. The students are not only nominated by their GPA, but also a diverse committee of faculty members rank the students on service to the College and the community, and attitude.

Dr. Silva provided information on each inductee.

- Dr. Kristina Wilson, selection to the 2019 National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) Leadership Fellows Program.....Dr. Beth Lewis  
*(Goal 3. Professional Initiatives: Provide Innovative, Relevant, and Meaningful Opportunities)*

Dr. Lewis announced that the National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) selected Dr. Kristina Wilson, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, to participate in their prestigious Leadership Development Program as a 2019 Fellow. Dr. Wilson is one of twenty-four members of the 2019 Fellows class and was selected from community college candidates from around the country. The Program is hosted by the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences and is designed to develop highly qualified Latinos whose career interest focuses on responsible leadership positions with the ultimate goal of being a community college president.

**Faculty**.....Dr. Beth Lewis

- Department of Nurse Education #11 Ranked Vocational Nursing Program in Texas  
*(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Educational Opportunities for All Students)*

Dr. Lewis reported that every year PracticalNursing.Org studies Vocational Nursing Programs in each state offering information about becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse. In Texas and California the term is Licensed Vocational Nurse and this year the College’s Vocational Nursing Program has been ranked #11 out of 77 college programs in Texas. Dr. Lewis provided information on how the colleges were assessed, with the College scoring 97.88 out of a possible 100 points.

Dr. Vangie DeLeon, Chair of the Nursing Department, and Dr. Jennifer McWha, Nursing Program Director, briefly addressed the Board and thanked them for their support.

STAFF REPORTS:

- 2014 Capital Improvement Program Update.....Mr. August Alfonso  
(Goal 7. Resource: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)

Mr. Alfonso introduced two consultants that are providing the College with construction management and program development services related to the 2014 Del Mar College Bond.

Mr. Brett Flint, AG/CM Program Manager provided a construction update about the existing 2014 Bond Projects and included information on the following:

- Central Plant Improvements: Upgrades completed, final cost \$2,352,943;
- Emerging Technology Expansion (West); Expected full occupancy in August 2019, Construction contract: \$8,847,000;
- Workforce Development Center (West): Expected full occupancy in August 2019, Construction contract approved by the Board \$14,700,000; and
- General Academic and Music Building (East): Expected full occupancy in August 2019; Construction contract \$45,975,057.

Mr. Doug Lowe, AIA LEED AP of Facility Programming Consulting provided the Board with information and recommendations relating to the execution of the remaining 2014 Bond Projects. Mr. Lowe indicated that the information he is presenting has been reviewed by Dr. Escamilla, Dr. Lewis and the Steering Committee. His presentation included information on the following:

- Existing Building Classroom Analysis Plus Demand: Statistics, Classroom Utilization, and Proposed Classroom Inventory;
- Proposed Overall Plan Plus Phasing for Renovations: Phase 1 - Renovate Fine Arts Music for Faculty Offices and General Classroom Use; Renovate Memorial Classroom as Executive Administration Building, Phase 2 – Renovate Heldenfels Administration Building as One-Stop Enrollment Center, Renovate Library, Phase 3 – Renovate Harvin Student Center, Renovate Multi-Service Center for Employee Service Center, also included during phases is Campus Edge; and
- Budget: Potential budget allocation of \$42,298,086.

Mr. Lowe briefly discussed the students from around the region and their need for affordable housing and because the College has student demand and exceptional specialized programs he recommends that the Board consider housing as an option in the future. Dr. Escamilla stated that housing is a repeated request they receive from students. Dr. Escamilla responded to questions from the Regents regarding this topic and said this item will be brought back to the Board during a workshop in the summer months for analysis, options and further discussion.

Dr. Escamilla, Mr. Alfonso, Mr. Flint and Mr. Lowe responded to questions from the Regents.

- Update on Field of Nursing Initiatives.....Dr. Beth Lewis  
*(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Educational Opportunities for All Students)*

Dr. Lewis reported that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has considered expanding the offering of baccalaureate degrees at community colleges. They began that process last fall and began reviewing proposals in January. The same criteria and standards is used to approve the baccalaureate degree programs at community colleges and universities. Austin Community College was approved for RN to BSN and they had 25 students in Fall 2018, with additional colleges in review.

Dr. Lewis’s presentation included information pertaining to:

- Why the College is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing at Del Mar College;
- Job marketability;
- DMC’s NCLEX-RN Pass Rate (first attempt);
- Program Support;
- DMC Faculty Capacity;
- Funding for BSN Program;
- Current Progress; and
- Implementation Timeline.

Dr. Escamilla stated that moving from Level I to Level II is a major step for the College and that is why they are bringing information to put on the table for discussion at the Board level, and the College will continue to do its due diligence as the Board is considering this change. Additional information will be brought to the Board in upcoming meetings.

Dr. Lewis, Dr. De Leon and Dr. McWha responded to questions from the Regents.

- Instructional Program Review Process and Status Report.....Dr. Beth Lewis  
*(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Educational Opportunities for All Students)*

Dr. Lewis stated that she provides a yearly status review on instructional programs, and this is required by Board policy. Dr. Lewis described program review, including the seven core criteria and the four possible outcomes which include: Positive, Conditional, Probationary, and Terminate.

Dr. Lewis provided the Status Report on the 2018 Review, with 12 programs in positive status as of today’s meeting and five are pending review completion.

Dr. Lewis responded to questions from the Regents.

- Legislative Update.....Ms. Natalie Villarreal  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

Dr. Escamilla reported that Sine Die is thirteen days away and there is still much activity.

Ms. Natalie Villarreal, Director of External and Board Relations, provided a legislative update to the Board. She stated that there were over 10,000 bills filed collectively, and 87 have been signed by the Governor. She provided an overview of bills that could affect the College including HB 1 – State Budget, SB 500 – Supplemental Appropriations, and SB 2 – Property Tax.

Dr. Escamilla and Ms. Villarreal responded to questions from the Regents.

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

- April 30, 2019: TACC Meetings at the Capitol  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*
- May 13, 2019: Legislative Committee Meeting  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*
- May 27, 2019: Sine Die – 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

Dr. Escamilla stated that the three meetings listed above relate to time he has spent in Austin during the legislative session. The level of cooperation and hard work that the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT), and Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA) has made a profound difference, and legislators are listening like never before.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Status Report on Requested Information

*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

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:  
Called Meeting, April 12, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting, April 23, 2019  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*
  
2. Acceptance of Investments for April 2019  
*(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)*
  
3. Acceptance of Financials for March 2019  
*(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)*

Dr. Adame made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Sherwood seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discussion and possible action related to the designation of a General Contractor for the South Campus Phase I-A (Central Plant, Utilities, and Excavation) – Package 1, in response to RFCSP# 2019-08 and authorizing the administration to proceed with awarding a contract.....Mr. August Alfonso  
*(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)*

Mr. Alfonso reported that on April 2, 2019 the College issued RFSP #2019-08 for the construction of the South Campus Phase I-A package, which includes central plant, utilities and excavation. Six firms submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) and Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSPs) for consideration: Barcom Construction Inc., Beecroft Construction, Fulton Coastcon Construction, Journeyman Construction, SpawGlass, and Teal Construction.

Mr. Alfonso listed the Evaluation Committee members. The Evaluation Committee's recommendation for the general contract for the South Campus Phase I-A is Fulton Coastcon Construction and the base bid is \$9,250,000 and the bid alternate is \$1,145,000.

Mr. Alfonso recognized AG/CM and Gensler/Turner Ramirez for their work in getting them to this point.

Dr. Adame made a motion based on the Evaluation Committee's recommendation that the College select Fulton Coastcon Construction as the contractor for South Campus Phase I-A. Mr. Salinas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. Ms. Susie Luna Saldana made a public comment thanking the Evaluation Committee for selecting local contractors. There were no additional public comments. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

5. Discussion and possible action related to proposed new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.....Mr. August Alfonso  
*(Goal 4. Technology: Utilize Technology to Enhance Academic and Institutional Services and Processes)*

Dr. Escamilla stated that this is an opportunity for the Board's consideration to bring the College into a new generation of technology to support every aspect of the College. He thanked the College for coming together to prepare this item for the Board's consideration as they move forward.

Mr. Alfonso described the rationale for adopting a new ERP. He stated that there were nine committee members that voted unanimously for migration to the new ERP and unanimously recommended a product for the Board's consideration.

The following committee members were present to express their support of the new ERP and the value it will bring to the College: Craig Brashears, Carolyn Sorrels, Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, and Jay Knoum.

Mr. Alfonso stated that the Evaluation Committee's recommendation for a new ERP system is Campus Management. Administration is seeking Board authorization to proceed with contract negotiations.

Mr. Alfonso responded to questions from the Regents.

Ms. Estrada made a motion for administration to proceed with contract negotiations with Campus Management for a new ERP System. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and

the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action relating to the Facility Naming Policy  
..... Ms. Mary McQueen  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

Ms. McQueen reported that this was a follow-up from last month's report to the Board. In this process, the current policy was reviewed and revised with input from the Board. With the feedback from last month, several changes are proposed. The Board has the final approval for all naming recognition, the administration manages process, procedure, criteria and standards for all naming proposals, and Endowments for endowed naming will be established at the Foundation. She also indicated the campuses and complexes will not be available for naming; academic units, including Colleges, available for naming; minimum monetary values (MMV) to be established and lower MMV's established for termed naming rights.

Ms. McQueen and Ms. McDonald responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the Facility Naming Policy. Dr. Adame seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

7. Discussion and possible acceptance of the College's Vision, Core Values and Mission  
.....Dr. Kristina Wilson  
*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

Dr. Wilson reported that on April 12<sup>th</sup>, a Strategic Planning Board Retreat was held and the Board looked at data, priorities and also a proposed mission, vision and core value statement. The last time the College looked at mission, vision and core values was in 2011, and it's a good time to look at it again and make sure it's in line with current values, and best practices.

Dr. Wilson provided an overview and status of the process and answered questions from the Board.

8. Discussion and possible action related to approval of revised and adoption of new Board policies:



Adoption of Revisions to Board Policies:

B6.11 Instructional Program Review and B7.5 Admissions with sections B7.5.1 added

Adoption of New Board Policies:

B7.29 Awarding Credit with related sections B7.29.1; B7.29.2; B7.29.3,

B7.33 Distance Learning and B3.6 Institutionally Related Foundation

.....Ms. Tammy McDonald

*(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)*

Ms. McDonald reported this policy work is a result of our SACSCOC reaffirmation efforts to clarify and better align with current SACSCOC standards. These revisions/additions also include a continued effort to make appropriate title revisions as needed.

Ms. Estrada made a motion to approve the revised and adoption of the new Board policies. Mr. Salinas seconded that motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

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

List of public comments: Ms. Jackie Adamson, and James Klein.

At 3:58 p.m., the Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

#### 9. CLOSED SESSION:

- A. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071:** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation or legal claims, 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;
- 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; including, 1.) Annual Evaluation of College President; 2.) Annual Board Self-Evaluation; and, 3.) Regent's Duties, Responsibilities, and Statement of Ethics; with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
- C. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.073:** (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift), regarding a prospective gift or donation, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:24 p.m.

Mr. Salinas made a motion to approve the Annual Board Self-Evaluation, and Ms. Averyt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, amongst Regents present, 8-0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/AR