MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
August 11, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas with the following present:

FROM THE BOARD

Present: Chair Carol Scott, Ms. Libby Averyt, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Dr. Anantha Babbili, Mr. Carl Crull, Mr. Rudy Garza, Jr., Mr. Bill Kelly, Mr. David Loeb, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

FROM THE COLLEGE

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Dr. Gerald Napoles, 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; Dr. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. Matthew Busby, Vice President of Development and Donor Advising; Mr. Jeff Olsen, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Communication and Marketing; Dr. Leonard Rivera, Vice President of Dual Enrollment and Continuing Education; Ms. Delia Perez, Director of CEO Office and Board Relations, Mr. Conrado Garcia, Superintendent in Residence, and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM CALL

Chair Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present. She requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Del Mar College Vision Statement.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item).

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTIONS:

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

1. Approval of Minutes: Workshop, June 9, 2026; Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2026; and Amended Regular Board Meeting, April 7, 2026.

(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)

2. Acceptance of 3rd Quarterly Investment Report, Nine Month Ending May 2026

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

3. Acceptance of Investments for June 2026

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

4. Acceptance of 3rd Quarterly Financial Report, Nine Month Ending May 2026

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

5. Acceptance of Financials for June 2026

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

6. Discussion and action on annexation adopted by the City of Corpus Christi on June 30, 2026 - Boardwalk Investments LLC

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

7. Acceptance of Report and Notice of Proposed Change to the General Education Curriculum

(II: Elevate, Goal 1: Increase completion for students)

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Regent Kelly | Seconded by: Regent Crull

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by show of hands

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 8: Discussion and possible action related to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ 2026-10) Approval of Internal Audit Services

Presenter: Ms. Tammy McDonald

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Ms. McDonald stated the College's current internal audit services contract expires on August 31, 2026. To secure a new provider, the College issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on June 18 for internal audit services, and eight firms submitted Statements of Qualifications for consideration.

The RFQ Evaluation Committee reviewed all submissions based on technical capabilities, business capabilities, project team capabilities, and references, with particular emphasis on experience serving Texas-based higher education institutions and community colleges.

After reviewing and scoring the submissions, the Evaluation Committee unanimously ranked Weaver Tidwell as the top firm. Administration is therefore recommending Weaver Tidwell to provide internal audit services and is requesting Board approval to proceed with negotiating fees and finalizing the engagement.

Motion: Approve the staff recommendation to proceed with negotiations with Weaver and Tidwell.

Moved by: Regent Loeb | Seconded by: Regent Kelly

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by show of hands

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

Item 9: Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget

Presenter: Mr. Raul Garcia and Ms. Jackie Landrum

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Dr. Escamilla provided introductory remarks. An overview was provided of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations budget and the Debt Service Budget which resulted in the final proposed expense budget of $136.3 million.

Ms. Landrum, Ms. McDonald, and Mr. Garcia responded to questions from the Board.

Motion: Approve motion as presented to hold a public hearing on August 25, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. for the budget and the debts for the maintenance and operations budget and the debt service budget.

Moved by: Regent Loeb | Seconded by: Regent Babbili

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by a roll call vote.

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

Item 10: Discussion and possible action related to the adoption of the Order to Conduct Public Hearings on the 2026-2027 Tax Rates

Presenters: Mr. Raul Garcia and Ms. Jackie Landrum

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Approval requested of the Board to conduct a public hearing required under Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code for the purpose of operating on a maintenance tax rate and a debt service tax rate. Upon board approval, the College will publish the notice of the public hearing through the College's website and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, as required by law.

Ms. Jackie Landrum and Mr. Garcia responded to questions from the Board.

Motion: Approve motion as presented to hold a public hearing on August 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. for the tax rate adoption process as presented.

Moved by: Regent Babbili | Seconded by: Regent Crull

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by a roll call vote.

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

Item 11: Discussion and possible action of revisions to Board Policy B4.37 - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Policy

Presenter: Ms. Jessica Alaniz Perez

(II: Elevate, Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

Ms. Alaniz Perez thanked the TIRZ Task Force for their diligence in working through the policy revisions. She stated the Task Force reviewed the district's existing TIRZ policy, Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, and current evaluation processes to create a stronger and more structured framework for considering TIRZ participation. The revisions are designed to protect the interests of the college and taxpayers while improving oversight and decision-making. Key revisions include stronger Board involvement, enhanced financial review, greater accountability and performance standards, improved development criteria, and stronger oversight and monitoring. The revisions create a more deliberate and transparent process for evaluating TIRZ participation by increasing Board involvement, strengthening financial analysis, establishing clear performance expectations, and enhancing protections for the College and taxpayers.

The proposed policy revisions were reviewed by General Counsel and outside counsel.

Ms. Perez Alaniz responded to questions from the Board.

Motion: Approve the staff recommendation to adopt the new policy as presented.

Moved by: Regent Babbili | Seconded by: Regent Crull

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by show of hands

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

Item 12: Discussion and possible action relating to the approval of the Order Calling the 2026 Board of Regents Election

Presenter: Ms. Jessica Alaniz Perez

(I: Communicate, Goal 2: Connect beyond the College)

Ms. Perez Alaniz states that as part of the election process, the Board is being asked to approve and sign the order calling the general election scheduled for November 3, 2026. The ballot will include three Board of Regents positions - one Single-Member District 4 seat and two At-Large Regent positions. Candidate filing opened at 7:30 a.m. on July 20, 2026, and the filing deadline for candidates is 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026. Early voting will run from October 19 through October 30, 2026, with Election Day on November 3, 2026.

Motion: Approve the staff recommendation to approve the Order to call the Regents election.

Moved by: Regent Kelly | Seconded by: Regent Babbili

Vote: Carried unanimously, 9–0 by show of hands

In favor: Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner

At 1:45 p.m., the Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session.

Item 13. 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 § 551.08: (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.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 2:43 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr