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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 27, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on March 27, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Adela G. Garza, Vice Chair; Trey Mendez, Secretary; René Torres, Dr. Reynaldo García, Ed Rivera and Ramon Champion Hinojosa. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert A. Lozano for his Years of Service to the Board

**Consideration and Approval of
Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert A. Lozano
for his Years of Service to the Board**

Chairman Rendon honored Dr. Lozano for his years of service to Texas Southmost College District as a Trustee. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Rendon presented a resolution for his years of service. Fellow board members gave thanks to Dr. Lozano for his years of service.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garza to approve the Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert A. Lozano for his Years of Service as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously.
Exhibit "A"

3. Announcements

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to make the announcements. Dr. Tercero said there were no announcements.

4. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

Mr. Patrick Willis, community member gave his concerns to the Board of Trustees.

5. Mission Statement

Chairman Rendon read the existing mission for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

“Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities”

6. President’s Report

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero reported that TSC has received a \$10,000 grant from the Communities Foundation of Texas-Educate Texas to implement a “learn and earn” program. She stated that goal for this program is to increase the success of currently enrolled students by providing on-campus opportunities. These funds will be used to hire student mentors who will serve as role models and coaches while working with the Student Services team who will assist students in overcoming barriers and in helping the students make informed decisions on issues concerning registration, program, matriculation, career pathways, and financial literacy.

Dr. Tercero also stated TSC has received \$8,000 of the Stripes College Scholarship Program for the 2014-2015 academic year. She said the Stripes Scholarship will allow TSC to award \$1,000 to eight TSC students

Dr. Tercero updated the Board on the hiring process. She stated that TSC now employs 401 individuals, which equates to 301.5 full-time equivalent (FTE). She mentioned that new hires included 27 Faculty, 14 Staff and 13 work-study students.

She stated that she met with the U.S. Small Business Region Administrator (US SBA) Yolanda Olivarez. Ms. Olivarez was visiting the Rio Grande Valley and made a special stop at TSC. She stated that they had a very good meeting and both entities will work toward identifying partnership opportunities.

7. Child Care and Development Program Presentation

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero called on Dr. Marti Flores, Vice President of Instruction, to make the presentation. She introduced Mrs. Marisela Nava, Center Manager, and Ms. Catalina Noyola, Teacher, who then provided an overview of the TSC Child Development Early Childhood Instructional program. *Exhibit "B"*

8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**Consideration and Approval of Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried. Mr. Torres abstained from the vote.

9. Report on the Jacob Brown Memorial Center

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Chet Lewis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Lewis gave a presentation on the Fort Brown Memorial Center, noting that this facility was constructed in 1953 and has gross square footage 69, 175 square feet. He stated that TSC purchased the building from the city of Brownsville in December 1997. He stated that the rental rates will be visited during the budget process. *Exhibit "C"*

10. Membership Requirements and Membership Fees for the TSC Recreation Center**Consideration and Approval of
Membership Requirements and Membership
Fees for the TSC Recreation Center**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis gave an overview of the facility, membership requirements and membership fees for the TSC Recreation Center. *Exhibit "D"*

No action was taken.

11. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071, and 551.074.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 9:11 p.m.

12. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Consultation with Attorney on
Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section
551.071, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

**Consultation with Attorney on Pending
Personal Issues, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
The deliberation may include a discussion of the evaluation
and employment contract of the President and the
Board of Trustees' Appraisal Process.**

A motion was made by Dr. García to approve the renewal of the President contract for a new three year period, effective April 1, 2014 with a 3.9% increase for a total annual compensation \$225, 400 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried unanimously.

13. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 9:13 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Trey Mendez, J. D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on March 27, 2014, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KBSD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.