



TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 20, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on January 20, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Dr. Roberto Robles, Vice Chair; Adela G. Garza, Secretary; Trey Mendez; Dr. Robert A. Lozano; David Oliveira and René Torres. Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College was absent. Dr. Alan Artibise, Provost of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College was present representing Dr. García.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:40 p.m.

1. Announcements

There were no announcements.

2. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2010

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lozano and carried unanimously.

4. Physical Facilities Committee

Report

Mr. Rendon called on Mr. Oliveira to give the report. He reported that the Physical Facilities Committee was not able to meet on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 as planned. There were two items on the PFC agenda for consideration. The first item was a report on the ITECC Leasing Process from Mr. Irv Downing. The item will be presented at the February 2011 meeting.

The second item was: Consideration and possible action on approval of a proposal for locating an IDEA Academy Campus at the ITEC Center. In attendance was JoAnn Gama, Chief Operating Officer, Matt Randazzo, Chief Growth Officer, David Merrill, Board Chairman and Andrew Stanton, Construction Project Manager. Mr. Oliveira called on Mr. Merrill to address the Board. He called on Mr. Randazzo and Ms. Gama to give a presentation to the Board. They stated that a partnership between Texas Southmost College (TSC) and IDEA Public Schools will strengthen the PK-20 pipeline in Brownsville and provide TSC with an annual recruiting class of college-ready high school graduates. IDEA students will benefit from a close collaboration with an institution of higher education, perhaps have access to dual enrollment opportunities, and enjoy the social and cultural opportunities that TSC provides to its students. In short, collaboration between these two institutions is mutually beneficial as they work toward a common goal of strengthening our community. To fulfill this mission, IDEA Public Schools requests that TSC consider leasing ITECC land and interior space to IDEA Academy for its second Brownsville campus. IDEA proposes to improve approximately 100,000 sq. ft. of interior space and improve approximately 6 acre tract of existing parking lot. The improvements include classrooms, laboratories, dining and recreational facilities.

Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of a Proposal for Locating an IDEA Academy

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to authorize legal counsel to develop a lease agreement with IDEA Schools to construct a campus at the ITEC Center as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

5. Executive Session

as provided by Government Code,
Chapter 551.071 and 551.074.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

6. Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

**Consultation with District Counsel Regarding the
Educational Partnership Agreement with the Board of
Regents of University of Texas System**

No action was taken.

**Discussion of Candidates for
Appointment to the Transition Team**

No action was taken.

**Discussion of Candidates
for the Executive Director Position**

No action was taken.

7. Financial Analysis

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Entering a Contract with a CPA to Conduct a
Financial Analysis for the District**

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to table the item entering a contract with a CPA to conduct a Financial Analysis for the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliveira and carried unanimously.

8. Board Policy

Consideration and Possible Action on First Reading Board Policy –III.A – Board Authority; IV.B – Employment of Personnel

Mr. Rendon called on Daniel Rentfro, TSC District Attorney to present this item. Mr. Rentfro mentioned that the Board approved to advertise for the Executive Director position. The Executive Director did not exist in the policy. There are two policies that will create the position and would transfer the duties of the Vice President for Partnership Affairs to the Executive Director position. Neither position is currently filled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garza to approve the First Reading Board Policy – III.A – Board Authority; IV.B – Employment of Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

9. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:20 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Ms. Adela G. Garza
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on January 20, 2011, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at UTB/TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Administrative Secretary. Video taping 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.