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## **Texas Southmost College District**

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**December 18, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on December 18, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; Art Rendon, Dr. Tony Zavaleta and Dr. Ruben Gallegos. Also present was Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President of Texas Southmost College. Absent were Adela Garza, Chair; Ruben Herrera, Secretary; and Dr. Reynaldo García.

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Trey Mendez at 5:15 p.m.

#### **2. Academic Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Mendez called on Dr. Zavaleta to make the report. Dr. Zavaleta stated that the Academic Subcommittee met on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee reviewed the Brownsville Independent School District's (BISD) request for a letter of support for their grant application for the 2018 – 2019 Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) grant. He called on Mr. Donald Crouse, Associate Vice President of Instruction, to provide more information regarding the request. Mr. Crouse stated that the application for the P-TECH planning grant is from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). He mentioned that it is designed to provide a coherent program of course work that will take a student from the first day of high school, and within a six-year period deliver that student a high school diploma, an Associate's Degree, and industry work

experience. He stated that the application is due in January and the planning period will be one year. The following February, BISD will have to submit an actual application for the designation, and if granted, they will be required to begin serving students in fall 2019.

**A motion was made by Dr. Zavaleta to Approve the letter of support for the Brownsville Independent School District 2018 – 2019 Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools grant application, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gallegos and carried unanimously.**

**3. Executive Session**

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 5:51 p.m.**

**4. Action on Executive Session Matters**

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

No action was taken.

**Consultation with Attorney on  
Pending Real Estate Issues, Section  
551.072, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

**Deliberation on Personnel Matters,  
Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken.

## **5. Proposed Meeting Dates**

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Regular Board Meeting

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Mendez at 5:52 p.m.