

**TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE**  
**Southmost Union Junior College District**

Minutes of the **Regular** Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**June 24, 2004**

The Board of Trustees of the Southmost Union Junior College District convened in open session June 24, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Chairman Chester Gonzalez, Secretary Eduardo A. Campirano, Ms. Mary Rose Cardenas and Ms. Dolly Zimmerman. Absent were Vice Chair Rosemary Breedlove, Mr. David Oliveira and Dr. Roberto Robles. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chester Gonzalez at 5:35 p.m.

- 1 **Executive Session** as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071-551.076, 551.082-551.084

**Personnel**

**Evaluation** of the UTB/TSC President

**Real Estate**

**Land** Use for Wellness, Recreation and Fitness Center

**Contract** for Purchase and Resolution for  
½ lot 11 and all lot 12, Block 13, Colonia Alta  
Vista Addition

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in regular session at 6:45 p.m.**

**2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session**

**Personnel  
Evaluation of the UTB/TSC President**

This item was tabled.

**Real Estate  
Consideration and possible action on Land Use for  
Wellness, Recreation and Fitness Center**

This item was tabled.

**Consideration and possible action on  
Contract for Purchase and Resolution for  
½ lot 11 and all lot 12, Block 13, Colonia Alta Vista Addition**

A motion was made by Mrs. Cardenas to approve the Contract for Purchase and Resolution for ½ lot 11 and all of lot 12, Block 13, Colonia Alta Vista addition in the amount of \$50,000; seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT "A"

**3 Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Regular Meeting May 24, 2004**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2004; seconded by Ms. Cardenas; motion carried unanimously.

**4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion**

There were no speakers.

**5 Business Affairs Partnership Committee**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Light Pole Installation Bid**

Mr. Campirano reported that the District requested bids for installation of 60 light poles on different areas of campus. Four bids were received including the lowest bid from Gallegos electric in the amount of \$48,614.14.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the bid for Installation of 60 Light Poles from Gallegos Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$48,614.14 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"**

**Consideration and Possible action on  
Paint Booth at ITECC Bid**

Mr. Campirano reported that the District requested bids for the installation of a paint booth to be used at the Autobody Program at the Praxedis Orive, Jr. Technical Training Center. One bid was received from Alamo Iron Works for \$36,546.34.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the bid for Paint Booth at ITECC from Alamo Iron Works in the amount of \$36,546.34 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Parking Lots Reconstruction and Repairs Bid**

Dr. John Ronnau, Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, reported that among the bids received for this project Rio Construction of Harlingen was the lowest bidder. Rio Construction withdrew their bid, as they were not able to obtain a performance bond which is required by the District. Staff proceeded to review the other bids submitted and recommended the next lowest bidder, Wheeler Construction in the amount of \$204,395.76 for base bid items.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the bid for the Parking Lots Reconstruction and Repairs bid from Wheeler Construction in the amount of \$204,395.76 for base only as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"**

**Consideration and possible action on  
The Village at Fort Brown Island Retaining Wall Bid**

Mr. Campirano reported that the District requested bids for construction of a retaining wall around the island which is located in the Fort Brown Resaca. One bid was received from Ziwa Construction in the amount of \$73,310. Upon review of the proposed wall, value and engineering items were identified and discussed with the contractor. The contractor agreed to perform on these conditions and proposed a reduction to the bid. The proposed amount is \$58,880.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the bid for Village at Fort Brown Island Retaining Wall in the amount of \$58,880 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "E"**

**Consideration and possible action on  
The Construction Manager at Risk for Offices at ITECC**

Mr. Campirano reported that proposals were requested for Construction Manager-at-Risk for renovation of office space at ITECC. Proposals were received from two construction companies. The Proposals were evaluated by a staff committee. The committee recommends to accept the proposal from Skanska USA Building.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the proposal for Construction Manager-at-Risk for Offices at ITECC from Skanska USA Building as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "F".**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2003-2004**

Mr. Campirano presented the proposed UTB/TSC Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004.

Budget amendment #04-005 moves \$93,500 from General Fund to Unexpended Fund to cover Master Plan expenses.

Budget amendment #04-006 moves \$85,000 from Renewals and Replacement Fund to Unexpended Fund to cover Master Plan expenses.

Budget amendment #04-007 moves \$30,000 from Consulting Fees, \$30,000 from ITECC – General and \$30,000 from Property Site Work and adds \$178,500 from other funds to cover master plan expenses and additional expenses for property acquisition and Cueto House renovation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the Budget Amendments 04-005, 04-006 and 04-007 for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "G"**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Change Order for The Praxedis Orive, Jr. Technical Training Center**

Mr. Campirano presented the proposed change order for Machine Shop renovation at the Technical Training Center. The original design for the Technical Training Center

included the Machine Shop program; however, total project cost exceeded the budget, thus the build out of the machine shop space was not included in the construction contract with Roth Construction, Inc. In order to consolidate the technical programs at The Technical Training Center, staff obtained an estimate for building out a space for the Machine Shop Program from David Mendez, Architect for the TTC. The estimate for renovating 4,404 square feet is for approximately \$250,000. Funding for the project is allocated in the 2005 budget.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the Change Order with Roth Construction for Machine Shop at the Prax Orive Center for the amount of \$250,000 as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "H"**

## 6 SUJCD Budget

### **Consideration and possible action on SUJCD Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005**

Dr. Ronnau presented the Second Reading of the SUJCD Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. He reported that the only change from the previous version is in the Unexpended Plant Fund where \$250,000 was moved from Property Acquisition to Technical Training Center for the Machine Shop Program.

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the SUJCD Budget for Fiscal year 2004-2005 as presented; seconded by Ms. Cardenas; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "I"**

## 7 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Mrinal Mudgh, the new Director for Institutional Research and Planning. Dr. Mudgh thanked the Board of Trustees and Dr. García for the opportunity and honor of being a part of the Community University. The Board of Trustees and Dr. García welcomed Dr. Mudgh to UTB/TSC.
- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved a Bachelor of Arts in Communication for UTB/TSC. Students will now be able to pursue a track in Communication Studies or a track in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Department of English and Speech will become the Department of English and Communications.

- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has also approved a revision in the Master's degree in Nursing (MSN). UTB/TSC is authorized to offer a Master of Science in Nursing with tracks in Nursing Education, Nursing Administration and Public Health Nursing. The new changes and additions will give nurses more flexibility in obtaining their advanced education. The changes also will help to relieve the nursing shortage in South Texas by increasing the number of faculty with MSN degrees.
- Two UTB/TSC students are participating in internships at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado. Azael Mancillas and Juana Amieva will be joining a dozen other interns from across the country who are participating in the NREL Minority Undergraduate Research Associates (MURA) Internship program. Dr. Manuel Blanco, Chair and Associate Professor of Engineering Technology, is the principal investigator on this project.
- Dr. García narrated a video on the first Gravitational Wave Astronomy Summer School. Participants from universities such as Penn State, Dartmouth, Purdue and Princeton met with their colleagues from Mexico, Canada, Russia and Latin America to share their knowledge about the new research of Gravitational Wave Astronomy. Dr. García congratulated all the students in the program.
- Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, will be this year's Distinguished Lecturer on October 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. A Gala reception will follow at 8:30 p.m. at El Grand Salon.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course will take place Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course. The new 4,000 sq. ft. building will house a pro shop, meeting room and snack bar.

## 8 Proposed Meeting Dates

### **Board of Trustees Meetings:**

August 26, 2004

### **Partnership Committee Meetings:**

BAPC – August 19, 2004

IEPC – August 17, 2004

## 9 Announcements

There were no announcements.

## **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:35 p.m.**

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Mr. Chester Gonzalez  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Southmost Union Junior College District

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Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano  
Secretary Board of Trustees  
Southmost Union Junior College District

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on June 24, 2004, is on file at the District Office of the Southmost Union Junior College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Alma B. Solis. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KISD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.