

## TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

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

August 2, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session August 2, 2005 at 5:34 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chairman, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Mr. David Oliveira, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent was Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair. 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 Gonzalez at 5:34 p.m.

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

**Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of  
Fort Brown Villa II, Unit 7E, Brownsville,  
Texas

**Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of  
Lot 28, Block 11 Colonia Alta Vista  
Addition, Brownsville, Texas

**Contract** and Resolution for Share 19 City  
Limits - 6 PT Tract 2 PT 7.23 Property

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in regular session at 6:05 p.m.**

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

**Consideration and possible action on  
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of  
Fort Brown Villa II, Unit 7E, Brownsville, Texas**

**A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villa II, Unit 7E, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$33,000; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously.**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of  
Lot 28, Block 11 Colonia Alta Vista Addition, Brownsville, Texas**

**A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 28, Block 11 Colonia Alta Vista Addition, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$30,000; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously.**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Contract and Resolution for Share 19 City Limits  
6 PT Tract 2 PT 7.23 Property**

**A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to authorize the President or her designee to extend an offer to purchase the property located at Share 19 City Limits – PT Tract 2 PT 7.23 on the terms discussed in Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Oliveira as presented; motion carried unanimously.**

**3 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Consideration and possible action on Minutes of  
Regular Meeting June 16, 2005  
Special Meeting June 27, 2005**

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2005 and the Special Meeting of June 27, 2005 as presented; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously.**

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

There were no speakers.

**5 Tax Rate****Consideration and possible action on  
TSCD 2005 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

Dr. John Ronnau, Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, stated that staff is recommending a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.113122 and a Debt tax rate of \$0.049650 per \$100 valuation. This proposed rate represents an increase on the tax rate of \$0.033990 from the previous year. He stated that the effective tax rate for the coming year is \$0.120626. Mr. Campirano explained that the proposed tax increase is mainly due to the bond issue that was approved by voters in November 2004.

**A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to propose that a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.113122 and a Debt tax rate of \$0.049650 per \$100 valuation be placed on the agenda for adoption at the August 25, 2005 Board of Trustees meeting; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously.**

**Consideration and possible action on  
Set Date for Public Hearings**

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to set the date for the Public Hearings on August 15, 2005 and August 18, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorgas Board Room; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously.**

**7 Committees of the Board****Consideration and possible action on  
Appointment of Trustees to Partnership Committees**

Mr. Gonzalez stated that due to Mrs. Cardenas' resignation there are vacancies in the Partnership Committees. Mr. Gonzalez appointed Mr. Esparza as member of the Academic Affairs Partnership Committee and Ms. Breedlove to chair that committee. He also appointed Dr. Robles as member of the Partnership Advisory Committee.

**8 Academic Affairs Partnership Committee****Consideration and Possible action on  
Academic Affairs Partnership Committee**

Dr. José Martin, Provost, presented a proposed revision to the UTB/TSC Mission Statement. He stated that the primary purpose of the revision is to allow UTB/TSC to

offer doctoral programs. He stated that the Mission Statement was reviewed by the Academic Affairs Partnership Committee, the Academic Senate, the Staff Senate, the Student Government Association, Dean's Council, Provost Council and Executive Council. Dr. García stated that changing the mission statement is significant because it will have an impact on the opportunities that we are able to provide to the students.

**A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to accept the changes to the UTB/TSC Mission Statement as proposed; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously.**

## **9 President's Report**

*Dr. García reported the following:*

- Nine students from the UTB/TSC School of Education received the first scholarships from the Johnny and Nena S. Cavazos Scholar Endowment. This \$500,000 scholarship endowment is for students majoring in kinesiology. Scholarship recipients were Cris Cisneros, Edel Cavazos, Azucena Garcia, Janet Ibarra, Rudy Martinez, Maribel Nicol, Cindy Puente, Eva Ramirez and Carmina Velasquez.
- 1000 runners are expected to participate in the first Keith A. Ferguson Memorial Run/Walk in New York City on Sunday, August 7, 2005. The funds raised will go to help establish the Keith A. Ferguson Endowed Chair in Criminal Justice at UTB/TSC.
- Students of the UTB/TSC Communication Program took first place at the Skills USA College/Post Secondary Division's National conference in News Anchor competition in Kansas City on June 24, 2005. Representing UTB/TSC were Melinda Reyes and Miguel Roberts as on-camera news talent and Josh Caldwell as writer and technical director. The faculty sponsor is Dr John A. Cook, Associate Professor of Communication.
- All 13 students in the December 2004 graduation class of the Radiologic Technology program passed the national registry exam. Dr. García congratulated Mr. Manuel Gavito, Assistant Master Technical Director, and Mr. Eusebio Ortiz, Assistant Master Technical Instructor, for the success of the program.

## **12 Proposed Meeting Dates**

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

Thursday, August 25, 2005

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Retreat – October 14 - 15, 2005

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Thursday, December 15, 2005

**Partnership Committee Meetings:**  
BAPC – August 15, 2005

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the dates with the Board.

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Chester Gonzalez  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano  
Secretary Board of Trustees

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 2, 2005 is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Viviana Zacarias, Administrative Secretary. 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.