

Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 13, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session March 23, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Mr. David Oliveira, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman “Dino” Esparza. 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 5:35 p.m.

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| 1 | Executive Session | As provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072 |
| | Real Estate | Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 36, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 7, Block 15, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 1&2, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
Discussion and Possible Action on Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2 and Lots 1-10, Block 4, University Park
Discussion and Possible Action on Abs 6 – J Y Trevino Share 6 E 78.720 Acres |

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Brownsville Original Townsite Lot 10, 11
and 12, Block 117**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:15 p.m.

2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 36, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 36, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 7, Block 15, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 7, Block 15, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Mr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lots 1 and 2, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2 and Lots 1-10, Block 4, University Park**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Abs 6-JY Trevino Share 6 E 78.724 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Brownsville Original Townsite Lot 10, 11 and 12, Block 117**

No action was taken.

3 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Consideration and possible action on
Minutes of Regular Meeting March 23, 2006**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2006, as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously.

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

The Pulse of E-Commerce Today: A Local & National Perspective

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Institutional Development and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Marvin Lovett, Professor of Marketing, to report on a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of Business and Behavior Sciences, Spring 2006. This journal accepts only 11 to 20% of paper received and all papers go through a blind referred review process.

Dr. Lovett explained that the paper was written in response to the School of Business Curriculum Committee's consideration to add an "e-commerce" major or concentration to the BBA programs.

5 Board Briefing

NASA Pre-Service Teacher Competition

Dr. Ragland introduced Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Stockton explained that the NASA Pre-Service Teacher Competition students were number one in a competition with 60 universities across the nation in the NASA Pre-Service Teacher Competition in Washington D.C. The team consisted of Dr. Jim Telese, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Reynaldo Ramirez, Interim Chair/Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and "The Fabulous

4", the students that competed in Washington D.C. The students are Sayra Lopez, Mercy Paz, Enedina Sanchez, and Laura Vasquez. Dr. Ramirez explained that the University has participated for the last 4 years and this is the third year that we have been successful. The purpose of this competition is to develop the skills and the confidence for teachers to teach science and mathematics with a very high level of competency and skills.

Gravitational Wave Astronomy

Dr. García introduced Dr. Manuella Campanelli, Associate Professor and Assistant Director of CGWA, Physics & Astronomy Department, to report on the Gravitational Wave Astronomy Program. Dr. Campanelli explained that the program is primarily concerned with the supercomputer simulation of massive compact bodies, such as binary black holes and binary neutron stars. An accurate model of such systems requires solving the full set of Einstein's equations for general relativity in 3-D, a mathematically complex system of nonlinear equations relating the curvature of space-time to the energy distribution. This is an active area of research worldwide. Progress in this area is considered essential for observing gravitational waves generated by astrophysical objects such as black holes.

6 Business Affairs Partnership Committee

Mr. Campirano reported that the Business Affairs Partnership Committee met on April 3, 2006 and discussed the following items:

UTB/TSC Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Mr. Campirano explained that the proposed UTB/TSC budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 will concentrate on meeting critical funding issues such as increasing faculty positions, providing competitive faculty and staff salaries, growing academic programs, increasing student retention and compressing time to graduation.

No action taken.

Consideration and possible action on

Mr. Campirano reported the insurance policy renewal was prepared by Shepard Walton King Insurance. The insurance proposals included two options:

Option I provides \$173,925,000 in values which is 100% coverage

Option II provides \$116,000,000 in values which is 67% coverage

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the Option I Insurance Policy Renewal from Shepard Walton King Insurance for the period of May 1, 2006 to

April 30, 2007 in the amount of \$1,410,157.45 as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza and Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"

**Consideration and possible action on
Job Order Contract for Campus Projects**

Mr. Campirano explained that the scope includes modifications and relocation of existing building structures at Physical Plant to create additional storage to compensate for the loss of storage facilities due to the construction of the Wellness, Recreation and Kinesiology Complex. Jamail Construction has provided preliminary shop drawings and will provide full shop drawings with the final contract proposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the contract with Jamail Construction Company for Campus Projects in the amount of \$124,043 as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "E"

7 Bond Projects

**Consideration and possible action on
Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College
District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2006;" Entering into a
Bond Purchase Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar
Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and
Other Matters Related Thereto**

Dr. John Ronnau introduced Ms. Anne Burger Entrekin, the District's Financial Adviser from First Southwest Company. Ms. Entrekin provided a report on the outcome of the pricing process for the District's next series of construction bonds. Her recommendation to the board was to accept the results of the pricing.

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to approve the Texas Southmost College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2006; "Entering into a Bond Purchase agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Other Matters Related Thereto as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "F"

**Consideration and possible action on
Authorizing the Issuance of "Texas Southmost College
District Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2006;"
Entering Into a Purchase Contract and a Paying
Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement;
and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto**

Ms. Entrekin explained that the Maintenance Tax Notes priced on April 12, 2006 would yield \$4,835,000. Ms. Entrekin affirmed that the Board's commitment to the

voters to not exceed the \$3.8 cent increase in order to fund the Maintenance Tax Notes. The proposed debt service schedule achieves this goal.

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to accept “Texas Southmost College District Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2006;” Entering Into a Purchase Contract and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit “G”

**Consideration and possible action on
Authorizing the Issuance of “Texas Southmost College District
Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2006;” Delegating the
Authority to Certain Members of the Board of Trustees and District Staff
To Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering
Into a Bond Purchase Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and
Other Matters Related Thereto**

Ms. Entrekin acknowledged and praised the team of AG Edwards (senior firm) Struter- Hinojosa, Merrill Lynch, Bank of America and JP Morgan. These firms were co-managers and each one of them contributed to the bond sale. AG Edwards, in particular, did a very good job in managing the transaction.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to accept the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of “Texas Southmost College District Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2006;” Delegating the Authority to Certain Members of the Board of Trustees and District Staff To Execute Certain Documents Related to the Sale of the Bonds; Entering Into a Bond Purchase Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and Other Matters Related Thereto as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit “H”

8 Construction Report

Dr. John Ronnau provided updates of the following projects:

- UTB/TSC Printshop will be housed on the west end of Rusterberg by June 2006.
- Neutra House, which was leased to UTB/TSC by the City of Brownsville, is been restored under the direction of Larry Löf.

Dr. Ronnau announced his departure from UTB/TSC for a position at the University of Central Florida in Orlando where he will serve as the Director of School of Social Work. He will continue working at UTB/TSC through early June 2006. He thanked the President and Trustees for the opportunity to work at UTB/TSC the past seven years.

Dr. Wayne Moore, Special Assistant to the President for New Construction, reported on warranty matters pertaining new buildings. He stated that the construction process for a new building ensures that all the systems work correctly and that the staff has been trained to care for the buildings. The commissioning activities occur during the construction of a building before occupancy. He explained that during the first year of occupancy people, maintenance staff, and the owners will identify deficiencies in the building.

He also stated that there are various types of warranties that apply to new facilities. The warranty for workmanship is a one year warranty and the warranty for roofing is 20 years warranty. The chillers, A/C and communication systems for example are five year warranties. Dr. Moore explained that there are about 30 to 40 warranties for the various systems in the new Education and Business Complex facility.

9 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Senator Eddie Lucio, Representative Oliveira, Representative Patrick Rose, a member of the Higher Education Committee and representative of District 45, and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison visited our campus.
- The Trio Los Panchos will perform on Friday, April 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. This popular group will feature selections from famed Mexican composer, Agustin Lara.
- Fernando Mendez Jr., a 9 year old third grader from Garden Park Elementary was awarded a four year scholarship by Dr. Juliet V. Garcia to attend college.

10 Proposed Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees Meetings:
Monday, May 22, 2006
Thursday, June 22, 2006
July – no meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2006

11 Announcement

Mr. Gonzalez announced that business owners Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Nena Cavazos and noted academician Professor Dr. Guadalupe Quintanilla, will receive the Texas Southmost College Distinguished Alumnus Award on Friday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Science and Engineering Lecture Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on April 13, 2006 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 Mari Montelongo, 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.