

Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 22, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session June 22, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles, Mr. David Oliveira and Mr. Roman “Dino” Esparza. Absent were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, and 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 Secretary Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano at 5:35 p.m.

1 Executive Session As provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072

Real Estate

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of

Fort Brown Villas Phase I, Unit 1016,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of

Brownsville Original Townsite Lots 10, 11
and 12, Block 117

Discussion and Possible Action on a

0.531 Tract of Land of the Fort Brown Military
Reservation

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
Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres
Discussion and Possible Action on
Abs 6 – J Y Treviño Share 6 E 78.7240 Acres

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

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 5:45 p.m.

2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Consideration and possible action on
Fort Brown Villas Phase 1, Unit 1016, Brownsville, TX

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villas Phase I, Unit 1016, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Brownsville Original Townsite Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 117

No action was taken.

Discussion and Possible Action on
a 0.531 Tract of Land of the Fort Brown Military Reservation

No action was taken.

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 – J Y Trevino Share 6 E 78.7240 Acres

No action was taken.

3 Administering of Oath of Office of Elected Members

Mr. Campirano reminded the Board that the results of the May 13, 2006 Trustee Election was declared at the previous Board meeting. The members elected were Mr. Roman “Dino” Esparza, Place 1, Dr. Roberto Robles, Place 6, and Mr. David G. Oliveira, Place 7. Mr. Campirano stated that Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Esparza will be sworn in tonight and Dr. Robles will be sworn in the August meeting. Mr. Esparza stated that it is an honor to serve on the Board. He thanked the community for entrusting him to continue on the board. His wife Jennifer and their two children along with other family members attended the ceremony. Mr. Esparza was sworn in by Mr. Ignacio Torteya, III, Associate Municipal Judge in Brownsville.

Mr. Oliveira was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Migdalia Lopez, 197th District Court. Mr. Oliveira expressed his gratitude to the community for keeping him another term on the board. He was accompanied by his wife Susan and their children.

4 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Consideration and possible action on Minutes of Regular Meeting May 22, 2006

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2006, as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously.

5 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

6 Board Briefing

The Sabal Palms Writing Project

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Institutional Development, introduced Dr. Lyon Rathbun, Professor of English and Communication and Director of the Sabal Palms Writing Project. Dr. Rathbun explained that The Sabal Palms Writing Project (SPWP) is one of the twelve National Writing Project (NWP) sites in Texas. He stated that the SPWP is a collaborative effort between UTB/TSC, NWP and surrounding school districts. Dr. Rathbun stated that the SPWP is geared towards improving writing instruction, empowering teachers of writing to be writers, examining research-based practices and encouraging collegiality among educators. Dr. Rathbun introduced Ms. Angie Fuentes, Instructor for a Developmental Class at

UTB/TSC and Ms. Monica Araiza, Instructor at García Elementary School in Brownsville, Texas. They explained that SPWP involves teachers teaching other teachers how to implement writing skills practices in the classroom. They also stated that SPWP have helped them become better writers.

7 Business Affairs Partnership Committee

Mr. Campirano reported that the Business Affairs Partnership Committee met on June 15, 2006 and discussed the following items:

Consideration and possible action on TSC District Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Mr. Campirano introduced Dr. Wayne Moore, Interim Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, to present the second and final reading of the TSC District Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Dr. Moore explained that the budget will provide for instructional services in partnership with UTB, tuition scholarships, capital improvements, maintenance of campus, campus expansion for growing enrollment and construction of bond projects. He also explained that 79%, or approximately \$42 million, of the revenues go to the Partnership to provide instructional and related services, and 21%, or approximately \$10.9 million, of the budget goes to fund the District's operations. Dr. Moore stated that the budget allows for a year-end unrestricted fund balance of approximately \$3.8 million.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the TSC District Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as presented; motion was carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

Consideration and possible action on Change Order for Contract for Abatement of Vacant Buildings

Mr. Campirano explained that the change order is needed due to additional removal and disposition of black mastic located behind mirrors and for the additions to the contract to comply with State requirements.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the change order for the Contract for Abatement of Vacant Buildings in the amount of \$19,914.12 as presented; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion was carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

**Consideration and possible action on
TSC District Budget Amendments for
Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006**

Mr. Campirano reported that budget amendment #06-009 to the General Fund adjusts for consulting fees in the amount of \$4,000 and budget amendment #06-010 adjusts the Campus Facilities Fund Balance by \$100,000 for additional property acquisition expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the TSC District Budget Amendments #06-009 and #06-010 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit “D”

8 Donation

**Consideration and possible action on
Acceptance of Sculpture Donation**

Dr. García stated that Mr. Sergio Bustamante, 2006 Mr. Amigo and world renowned sculptor and jewelry maker, has offered to donate one of his sculptures to UTB/TSC. Dr. García presented a picture of the proposed sculpture donation. She stated that the bronze sculpture is approximately 3 feet high by 3 feet wide. Dr. García announced that Mr. Bustamante has also offered to design a scorpion for the university.

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to accept the sculpture donation entitled “El Centro de ti Mismo” from Mr. Sergio Bustamante as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit “E”

9 Resolutions

**Consideration and possible action on
Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Resolution
Authorizing “Southmost Union Junior College
District Student Union Building Fees Revenue Refunding Bonds,
Series 2005 and 2000”**

Dr. Moore explained that the amendments are needed to clarify language in the resolutions regarding the role of the Paying Agent. This amendment will update the language to be consistent with current practice.

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to adopt the Resolutions Authorizing Amendment to the Resolution Authorizing “Southmost Union Junior College District Student Union Building Fees revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 and 2000” as presented; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit “F”

10 Bond Projects

Consideration and possible action on Selection of Construction Manager at Risk

Ms. Veronica Mendez, Assistant Vice President for the Construction, explained the process for the selection of Construction Managers at Risk for the bond projects. Ms. Mendez stated that the selection process began with the recommendation to group the projects in terms of their location to take advantage of economies of scale that could be achieved by reducing mobilization and overhead costs among others. The Board Bond Advisory Committees (BBAC) for each project interviewed a short list of contractors to forward their recommendation to the Board. Ms. Mendez stated that the BBAC recommendations are as follows:

Group A - Large and Small Classrooms Buildings, East Library, Thermal Plant Expansion, Center for Early Childhood Studies, Biomedical Research and Outreach - Skanska, USA-Harlingen, Texas

Group B - Music Education and Oliveira Library Renovations - Skanska, USA-Harlingen, Texas

Group C - ITEC Campus Renovations - SpawGlass Contractors, Harlingen, Texas

In addition Ms. Mendez recommended that the Board of trustees authorize the Assistant Vice President for Construction to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the selection of Construction Managers at Risk as presented and authorize the Assistant Vice President for Construction to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts; seconded by Mr. Esparza; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "G"

11 Construction Report

Dr. Moore reported the following:

- The chilled water line replacement is underway. With this upgrade, there will be enough flow to service new facilities to be constructed. Dr. Moore added that next year's budget includes the replacement of a 250 ton chiller to a 1000 ton chiller that will increase efficiencies and also provide us with redundancy and capacity.
- The renovation of a section of the Rusteberg building for Visual Arts is complete. Sculpture classes are now meeting in this space.

- The 30 year old chiller at the Thermal Plant at ITECC has been replaced. The new chillers will have capacity to cool approximately 600,000 square feet.
- Final design drawings for the new pedestrian bridge from Student Housing to the Mary Rose Cardenas South building are complete.
- The College Park project is moving ahead rapidly and will be coordinated with the pedestrian bridge construction.

12 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Dr. Wayne Moore, Special Assistant to the President for Construction, is currently serving as Interim Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs.
- Dr. Antonio Zavaleta, Vice President for External Affairs, delivered the Commencement address for the University Interamericana de Puerto Rico Escuela de Optometria in San Juan Puerto Rico on June 9th. The title of his presentation was “The Importance of Cultural Competencies in the Delivery of Health Care in the 21st Century”.
- Dr. Elsa Cárdenas Hagan, a UTB/TSC alumnus, received the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus award in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston on May 12th.
- Four components of The University of Texas System, including UTB/TSC, have formed the Borderplex Health Council, a new partnership promoting education and research to address the health challenges of the South Texas Border Region.
- Students Timur Gareev and Nelly Estrada, award winning members of the UTB/TSC chess team, returned home from the Chess Olympiad 2006 in Italy with impressive results.
- The award winning UTB/TSC Mariachi Escorpión and the university's all female group, Mariachi Luna Azteca, presented “Summer Fiesta with Escorpión” on Friday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Science, Engineering and Technology Building.
- The Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Complex (REK) Groundbreaking is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited.

- UTB's 15th and TSC's 80th year anniversary will be September 1. Dr. Olivia Rivas is chairing the planning committee for the anniversary celebration.

13 Announcements

There were no announcements.

14 Proposed Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees Meetings:

July – no meeting

August – Board Workshop

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:25 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 June 22, 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.