

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Public Hearing

August 28, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session August 28, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent were Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, and Mr. David Oliveira. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Special Meeting

Call to Order

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

1 Public Hearing on proposed 2006 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Texas Southmost College District

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Public Hearing is an opportunity for taxpayers to express their views on the District's proposed tax rate. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Board is proposing a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.109955, a debt tax rate of \$0.014585 for the 1987 Tax bonds, a debt tax rate of \$0.009447 for the 2005 Tax bonds, a debt rate of \$0.023581 for the 2006 Tax Bonds, and a debt rate of \$0.003521 for Maintenance Tax Notes for a total tax of \$0.161089 per \$100 valuation. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the notice of the public hearing was published in The Brownsville Herald and The Valley Morning Star on Sunday, August 20, 2006.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera, a community member, addressed the Board regarding the proposed 2006 tax rate. He expressed his opposition to the proposed tax rate.

There were no other speakers.

Mr. Gonzalez announced that there will be another Public Hearing on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorgas Board Room. The regular Board Meeting to vote on the tax rate is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Room, Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 5:45 p.m.

Chester Gonzalez
Chair, Board of Trustees

Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary, Board of Trustees