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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 27, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 27, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College. Board members present were David Oliveira, Chair; Eduardo A. Campirano, Vice Chair; Dr. Roberto Robles, Secretary; Adela G. Garza; Rosemary Breedlove; and René Torres. Absent were Chester Gonzalez and Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College. Sitting in for Dr. Garcia was Dr. Antonio Zavaleta, Interim Provost.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliveira at 5:37 p.m.

1. Announcements

No Announcements.

2. Acceptance of Gift and Resolution

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Adoption of Resolution Naming The Arts Center Box D
"The Graciela Gutierrez Box"**

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, announced the acceptance of a gift from Graciela Gutierrez. Dr. Ragland provided a brief biography of Ms. Gutierrez, describing her work as a community leader promoting education, economic development, and the fine arts. She thanked Ms. Gutierrez for her

donation and her important contribution to our university. Mr. Oliveira then read a resolution honoring Ms. Gutierrez,

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to adopt the resolution naming The Arts Center Box D "The Graciela Gutierrez Box," as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Breedlove and carried unanimously.

Exhibit "A"

3. Resolution

Consideration and Possible Action on Adoption of Resolution Honoring Paul Cowen for his Service as Chief of Staff for State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

Chairman Oliveira read the resolution honoring Paul Cowen for his service as Chief of Staff to State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., and thanked him for his many contributions to our community and university.

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to adopt the resolution honoring Mr. Cowen for his service as Chief of Staff for State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"*

4. Speakers to the Items and Public Discussion

Kenneth Lieck, President of Charro Days, Inc., spoke regarding his organization's request to stage the annual Charro Days Carnival at the ITEC Center.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 18, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Breedlove and carried unanimously.

6. Board Briefing

Dr. Antonio Zavaleta made a presentation on the TSC Foundation Challenge for Excellence Scholarship. He noted how, in 1987, the U.S. Department of Education challenged TSC to raise \$1 million to create a scholarship endowment. If the College reached that goal, the federal government would match it with an additional \$2

million. TSC accepted the challenge, and in 1989, with the help of numerous local and statewide contributors, successfully reached the target amount. Twenty years later, the program has awarded \$3.7 million in scholarships to 13,000 TSC students. The corpus of the fund has grown to \$4.6 million. UTB/TSC will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Endowment on September 17, 2009, recognizing community volunteers and the scholarship recipients.

7. Executive Session

as provided by Government
Code, Chapter 551.071, .072

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:48 p.m.

8. Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 20, Block 9, Colonia Alta Vista Subdivision, Brownsville, Texas

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to approve the earnest money contract and resolution for the acquisition of Lot 20, Block 9, in the amount of \$35,000, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously. *“Exhibit C”*

9. Business Affairs Committee Report

Report

Mr. Oliveira called on Mr. Campirano, Vice Chair, to report for the Business Affairs Partnership Committee, which met on Thursday, August 26, 2009. The following items were recommended for Board action:

Consideration and Possible Action for Approval of a Change Order on the Contract with Design Build Solutions for the Fort Brown Memorial Center Roof Project

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the roof deck change order from Design Build Solutions, a Garland company, in the amount of \$65,205, and to authorize the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garza and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "D"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on Approval
of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville and
The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville and UTB/TSC in the amount of \$143,964.11 and to authorize the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "E"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on the
Renewal of General Liability, Educators Legal, Crime, and
Auto Insurance Policies**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the renewal of General Liability, Educators Legal, Crime, and Auto Insurance Policies in the amount of \$38,857, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "F"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Second Reading of the TSC District Budget for
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to adopt the TSC District Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, as presented. The motion is seconded by Ms. Garza and is carried unanimously. *Exhibit "G"*

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Approval of Budget Amendments for FY 2009**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the budget amendments #09-011, #09-012, and #09-013 for Fiscal Year 2009, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "H"*

10. Appointments of Special Audit Committee

Chairman Oliveira noted that the appointment of a committee would be deferred to a later time.

