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Official Notice of the

**Texas Southmost College District  
Regular Meeting**

**for  
April 23, 2009**

Posted

April 20, 2009

**UTB/TSC President**

*Juliet V. Garcia, Ph.D*

**AGENDA**

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District will convene **Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Gorgas Board Room of Texas Southmost College, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

**Call to Order**

**1 Announcements**

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

**3 Acceptance of Gift and Resolution**  
Consideration and possible action on:

**Adoption** of Resolution Naming The  
Arts Center Box B the "Villarreal-  
Montemayor Family Box"

**4 Board Briefing**

**Chess Team**

Russell Harwood, Program Director

**5 Executive Session**

as provided by Government Code,  
Chapter 551.071 & .072

**Real Estate**

**Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of  
Fort Brown Villa Condominiums Unit  
1004, Type B, Bldg 1, Phase I,  
Brownsville, Texas.

**Contract** and Resolution for Purchase  
of Fort Brown Villas Condominium Unit  
1013, Type B, Bldg 1, Phase I,  
Brownsville, Texas.

**Legal Matters**

**6 Consideration and possible  
action on matters discussed in  
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**Legal Matters**

**7 Approval of minutes of  
previous meetings**  
Consideration and possible action on:

**Regular** Meeting, March 26, 2009

**8 Resolution**  
Consideration and possible action on:

**Adoption** of a Resolution Supporting a  
Grant Application from the City of  
Brownsville Cultural Affairs Advisory  
Committee for the UTB/TSC Guitar  
Festival

**9 Physical Facilities Committee**

Consideration and possible action on:

**Report**

**Substantial** Completion to JE  
Dunn/Terry Ray a Joint Venture for the  
Construction of the REK Center  
**Award** of a Contract to Purchase and  
Install Theatrical Equipment for the Arts  
Center

**10 Business Affairs Partnership Committee**

Consideration and possible action on:

**Report**

**Approval** of Budget Amendments for  
FY 2009  
**Approval** of Proposal for Annual  
Financial Audit  
**Approval** of Quote from PUB  
for Overhead to Underground Utilities  
Conversion

**11 Student Affairs Partnership Committee**

**Report**

**12 Bond Projects**

Consideration and possible action on:

**Resolution** Authorizing the  
Commencement of Proceedings Relating  
to the Issuance of Limited Tax Bonds,  
Appointing District Advisors and  
Consultants; and Other Matters Related  
Thereto

**Resolution** Authorizing the  
Commencement of Proceedings Relating  
to the Issuance of Maintenance Tax  
Notes, Appointing District Advisors and  
Consultants; and Other Matters Related  
Thereto

**13 Second Quarter Financial Statement and  
Investment Report for FY 2009**

**14 Construction Report**

**Commissary** Building, Newman Center,  
Commandant's Quarters, Rusteberg  
Paseo, Amphitheater Parking Lot,  
Cavalry Renovation, Ringgold  
Sidewalk, 21<sup>st</sup> Street Parking Lot, Palm  
Trees, Center for Early Childhood  
Studies, Library, Classroom Building,  
Arts Center

**15 President's Report**

**Volunteers** Assisted Hundreds of Taxpayers, Pirates and Music by the Bay, Keith Ferguson Memorial 5-K, UTB/TSC Master Chorale Students Place at Competition, Association of Governing Boards Conference, Symphony in the Park, Distinguished Alumni, Commencement, Voting on Campus

**16 Proposed Meeting Dates**

Board Meetings:

**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

**Thursday, June 18, 2009**

**July – No Meeting**

**Thursday, August 27, 2009**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

**Adjournment**

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# **Acceptance of Gift and Resolution**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS*, Alejandro Villarreal-Alba and Irma Montemayor de Villarreal are outstanding friends of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College; and

*WHEREAS*, Alejandro Villarreal-Alba and Irma Montemayor de Villarreal are strong advocates for students through their support of programs that benefit students and the community; and

*WHEREAS*, Alejandro Villarreal-Alba and Irma Montemayor de Villarreal are dedicated to the development of the fine arts in the community and believe strongly that all people should have the opportunity to experience high quality education, performances and programming; and

*WHEREAS*, Music education and the visual and performing arts at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and in the Rio Grande Valley will be nurtured in The Arts Center for many years to come;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District that Box B in The Arts Center will be named

“The Villarreal-Montemayor Family Box”

*ADOPTED this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April, 2009.*

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David Oliveira  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Roberto Robles, M.D.  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Minutes**  
**March 26, 2009**

## **Texas Southmost College District**

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

March 26, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on March 26, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Board members present were David Oliveira, Chair, Eduardo A. Campirano, Vice Chair, Dr. Roberto Robles, Secretary, Chester Gonzalez, René Torres, and Adela Garza. Absent was Rosemary Breedlove. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **1. Announcements**

##### **Master Chorale Returns from Rome**

Dr. García announced the return of the Master Chorale from their successful tour to Italy. The invitation came from a Vatican emissary who had heard them perform last year at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Ireland. A short video of their journey was presented to the Board. Dr. Garcia then introduced Dr. Heimermann, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who introduced Dianne Brumley, Choir Director. Ms. Brumley introduced members of the choir and thanked members of the Board, Dr. Ruth Anne Ragland, the *Brownsville Herald* and the *Valley Morning Star* for their support. The Master Chorale concluded by giving a live performance for the Board.

## **2. Speakers to the Items and Public Discussion**

There were no speakers.

## **3. Acceptance of Gift and Resolution**

### **Consideration and possible action on adoption of resolution naming The Arts Center Grand Piano Room “The Bernice and Ruben Edelstein Grand Piano Room”**

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, announced the acceptance of a gift from Bernice and Ruben Edelstein. Dr. Ragland provided a brief biography of the Edelstein family, noting that they have for years been community leaders in promoting education, economic development, community service, and the fine arts. She informed the Board that the Edelsteins were not present at the meeting, but publicly thanked them for making this important contribution. Mr. Oliveira then read a resolution honoring Bernice and Ruben Edelstein, noting that a copy of the resolution and a framed portrait of The Arts Center would subsequently be presented to them.

**A motion was made by Mr. Torres to adopt the resolution naming The Arts Center Grand Piano Room “The Bernice and Ruben Edelstein Grand Piano Room,” as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. Exhibit “A”**

## **4. Executive Session**

as provided by Government  
Code, Chapter 551.071-072

The Board considered two contracts and resolutions for purchase of real estate: Fort Brown Villas Condominium Unit 1015, Type D, Building 1, Phase I, Brownsville, Texas; and Lot 4, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista Subdivision, Brownsville, Texas.

**The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:45 p.m.**

## **5. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session**

### **Contract and resolution for purchase of Fort Brown Villas Condominium Unit 1015, Type D, Building 1, Phase I, Brownsville, Texas**

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the earnest money contract and resolution for the acquisition of Fort Brown Villas Unit 1015, in the amount of \$44,500 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "B"***

### **Contract and resolution for purchase of Lot 4, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista Subdivision, Brownsville, Texas**

**A motion was made by Ms. Garza to approve the earnest money contract and resolution for the acquisition of Lot 4, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, in the amount of \$35,000 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "C"***

## **6. Board Briefing**

Dr. Charles Dameron, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Fredrick Jenet, Associate Professor for Physics and Astronomy, to give a presentation on the "The Discovery of Radio Pulsar J1917+1736."

Dr. Jenet described how the Arecibo Remote Command Center (ARCC) program at UTB/TSC involves high school, undergraduate, and graduate students in pulsar astronomy research early in their scholastic careers, fostering an ability to work with colleagues at different academic levels.

Dr. Jenet then elaborated on the events of Sunday, December 14, 2008, when groups of students at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and here at the ARCC control room identified a new pulsar, which was named J1917+1736. He noted that finding a pulsar is not a common occurrence, since they represent only one of every ten million stars. Mr. Torres encouraged the students to publish an article on their discovery. Dr. Jenet thanked members of the Board, Mary Rose Cardenas, and Neil Simmons for their support of the ARCC program.

## **7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

### **Consideration and possible action on Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 19, 2009**

**A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and carried unanimously.**

## **8. Physical Facilities Committee**

### **Consideration and possible action on awarding a contract to Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., for the equipment and installation of audio visual equipment controls for the Classroom Building, New Library, and the Center for Early Childhood Studies**

Mr. Oliveira called on Chester Gonzalez to make the report. He reported that the first item discussed was a contract to install audiovisual equipment controls for the Classroom Building, New Library, and the Center for Early Childhood Studies. The scope of work includes the installation of equipment for ten classrooms, three conference rooms, one multipurpose room, and one observation room. In addition, a pager sound system will be installed in the New Library.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the request for proposals to install the audio visual equipment was issued according to Texas Southmost College Board policies for purchasing bids. Proposals were received and evaluated on March 4, 2009. The total amount for the work described in all three facilities is \$104,068.

**A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez to approve a proposal from Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., in the amount of 104,068 and authorize the Assistant Vice President for Planning and Construction to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garza and carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"**

### **Consideration and possible action on awarding a contract to purchase and install fixed audience seating for the Arts Center project**

Mr. Gonzalez reported that owner procurement of this seating provides a savings to the Arts Center project of \$31,000. A proposal for the specified seats was sought directly from the manufacturer, Irwing Seating Company, while Studio Red Architects provided the specifications. Irwing Seating Company is a member of the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative. The recommended proposal includes the purchase of 733 fixed seats and installation, for a cost of \$171,558.65.

