August 19, 2026

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

The **Called Meeting** of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District will convene at **12:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2026,** at the Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
QUORUM CALL
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
DMC VISION STATEMENT: *Del Mar College empowers our communities to achieve their dreams.*

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit

- Specific Public Comments will be allowed on agenda items prior to action by the Board.
- General Public Comments may be moved on the agenda at the discretion of the Board Chair and as an accommodation to those in attendance.
- Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the College is limited in responding to public comments or inquiries as follows:
    1. Provide a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry.
    2. Recite existing policy in response to an inquiry.
    3. Propose placing the subject of the inquiry on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

    (Tex. Govt. Code Section § 551.042)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget ……………………………………………….Mr. Raul Garcia
(II: Elevate – Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

   Public comments for this agenda item

2. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations and the 2026-2027 Debt Service Tax Rates……………………………..………………………..……Mr. Raul Garcia
(II: Elevate – Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

   Public comments for this agenda item

3. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2026-2027 Combined Tax Levy of 0.275903 per $100 of taxable value for the Del Mar College District…………………………..………..……Mr. Raul Garcia
(II: Elevate – Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

   Public comments for this agenda item

4. Discussion and possible action related to the Resolution of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2026-2027 Tax Exemptions…………………..Mr. Raul Garcia
(II: Elevate – Goal 2: Maximize resources entrusted to the College)

   Public comments for this agenda item

5. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

   a. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071**: (Consultation with Legal Counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, and the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session;

   b. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.087**: (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development), regarding discussion or deliberation of information received from a business prospect with which the College is conducting economic development negotiations and/or the deliberation of an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,

c. **<u>TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074(a)(1)</u>**: (Personnel matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including, i.) College President's Contract, with possible discussion and action in open session.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

DEL MAR COLLEGE

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

As a result of legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.043(c)(2) requires the Notice of a public meeting at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget, to include a Taxpayer Impact Statement showing: for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

Del Mar College will propose a budget for the College's 2026–2027 fiscal year at the meeting of the Board of Regents on **August 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m**. Pursuant to Section 551.043(c)(2), the College provides the following information:

Fiscal Year (Tax Year) *	Median- Valued Homestead**	Tax Rate per $100 of Value	Estimated Property Tax Bill
FY 2025-2026 (TY 2025)	$234,366	Adopted 2025 Tax Rate: 0.275903	$647
FY 2026-2027 (TY 2026)	$235,829	No-New Revenue Tax Rate: 0.275081	$649
FY 2026-2027 (TY 2026)		**Proposed 2026 Tax Rate: 0.275903**	**$651**

**Note:* *Tax Year (TY) for 2026 began on January 1, 2026.*
***The median homestead value is not the average homestead value that is disclosed in the college's Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Form 50-280) published in the newspaper.*

NOTE: The estimates in this Taxpayer Impact Statement are based on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate that the College's Board of Regents will discuss at its meeting on **August 25, 2026.** The proposed budget and the proposed tax rate may be amended by the Board before their final adoption, scheduled for **August 25, 2026.** If the Board amends the budget prior to adoption, the College will issue an updated Taxpayer Impact Statement.

NOTE: The College taxes a small portion of San Patricio County; however, there is no homestead property in the taxing unit's jurisdiction, so no median-value comparison can be calculated.

DEL MAR COLLEGE

Proposed Budget – Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Public Notice of Budget Information

This summary of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is made available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.043(c)(1) in connection with the following meeting of the Board of Regents:

Meeting Date & Time: August 25, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas

Agenda Item: Discussion of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027-Public Hearing

The complete Proposed Budget document is available for public inspection during regular business hours at 101 Baldwin Blvd., Memorial Building, Room A-141, Corpus Christi, Texas, and is posted online at www.delmar.edu.

Proposed Revenue Summary

Category	Budget FY 2026	Increase / (Decrease)	Proposed Budget FY 2027	% Change
State Funding:				
Performance-Based Funding	$19,183,677	$(3,417,882)	$15,765,795	-18%
FAST Appropriations	1,715,447	584,553	2,300,000	34%
Insurance Contribution	4,934,964	393,933	5,328,897	8%
Retirement Contribution	1,966,711	-	1,966,711	0%
Total State Funding	**$27,800,799**	**$(2,439,396)**	**$25,361,403**	**-9%**
Tuition & Fees	$22,324,462	$(400,000)	$21,924,462	-2%
Property Taxes	81,355,641	5,000,000	86,355,641	6%
Miscellaneous	2,178,744	500,000	2,678,744	23%
Total Proposed Revenues	**$133,659,646**	**$2,660,604**	**$136,320,250**	**2%**

Proposed Expenses: Salaries & Benefits

Category	Budget FY 2026	Increase / (Decrease)	Vacancy Variance Inc / (Dec)	Proposed Budget FY 2027	% Change
Faculty Salaries	$37,373,767	$2,606,506	$(656,549)	$39,323,724	5%
Exempt Salaries	16,876,238	(59,702)	702,855	17,519,391	4%
Exempt Salaries-Instructional	3,960,647	(110,118)	-	3,850,529	-3%
Non-Exempt Salaries	11,271,285	443,973	325,736	12,040,994	7%
Non-Exempt Salaries-Instructional	2,649,688	10,602	-	2,660,290	0%
Benefits	23,305,035	647,890	-	23,952,925	3%
Total Proposed Salaries & Benefits	**$95,436,660**	**$3,539,151**	**$372,042**	**$99,347,853**	**4%**

Proposed Expenses: Non-Salary

Category	Budget FY 2026	Increase / (Decrease)	Vacancy Variance Inc / (Dec)	Proposed Budget FY 2027	% Change
Contract Instruction	$158,600	-	-	$158,600	0%
Supplies, Postage, Dupl., Copier Rental	3,788,158	(150,000)	-	3,638,158	-4%
Maintenance & Repairs	2,446,276	299,458	-	2,745,734	12%
Equipment	1,729,788	(1,260,000)	-	469,788	-73%
Student Recruiting & Marketing	1,563,906	(150,000)	-	1,413,906	-10%
Audit & Legal, Tax Appraisal, Coll Fees	1,929,066	-	-	1,929,066	0%
Contract Labor & Consultants	3,975,541	(94,116)	-	3,881,425	-2%
Accreditation	97,769	-	-	97,769	0%
Special Pop Interpreter	195,000	-	-	195,000	0%
Computer Software, Hardware, License & Services	5,084,201	-	-	5,084,201	0%
Travel & Professional Development	583,581	-	-	583,581	0%
Election	-	-	-	-	0%
Security	1,632,304	-	-	1,632,304	0%
Recruitment	32,000	-	-	32,000	0%
Food & Beverage	115,861	-	-	115,861	0%
Library	251,122	-	-	251,122	0%
Bad Debt	225,000	-	-	225,000	0%
Membership & Dues	273,589	(25,000)	-	248,589	-9%
Utilities & Telephone	3,619,219	-	-	3,619,219	0%
Insurance	4,135,371	(360,798)	-	3,774,573	-9%
Bank & Collection Fees	155,300	-	-	155,300	0%
Campus Police	302,858	-	-	302,858	0%
Tuition Bond Transfers Out	1,950,750	1,884,958	-	3,835,708	97%
Miscellaneous	537,831	-	-	537,831	0%
Deferred Maintenance	$1,435,000	$(1,435,000)	-	-	-100%
Total Non-Salary Expenses	**$36,218,091**	**$(1,290,498)**	-	**$34,927,593**	**-4%**
Contingency	$2,004,895	39,909	-	$2,044,804	2%
Total Proposed Expenses	**$133,659,646**	**$2,288,562**	**$372,042**	**$136,320,250**	**2%**

Figures shown are preliminary and subject to change prior to final Board approval. Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding.

Item 1

DEL MAR COLLEGE

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Date: August 25, 2026

To: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D., President and CEO

From: Raul Garcia, VP and CFO

RE: **Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget**

The College has worked with various budget stakeholders, including budget managers, faculty, staff, and the various College Councils, to align financial resources with strategic initiatives and deliver a balanced fiscal year 2026-2027 budget. A public Budget update was held for the Board of Regents on August 11, 2026, to receive comments from the Board of Regents and the public on the College's proposed budget.

-The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget is $136,320,250

-The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget is $16,317,538, representing the principal and interest obligations for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 on the College's existing general obligation bond debt.

The appropriate Public Notices of the public hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget have been published. The College held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. to receive public comments.

Action item: Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of Del Mar College District: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget.

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
BUDGETS
2026-2027

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District ("District") that,

WHEREAS, budgets for the Del Mar College District have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Regents of the District in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, a meeting has been called and held as a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption of a maintenance and operation budget and debt service budget, after public notice of such meeting as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers and other persons of the District desiring to do so have been given the opportunity to be present and to participate in such hearing;

THEREFORE, that certain budgets presented to the Board at this meeting and filed among the official documents of this District, be and it is hereby adopted as the budgets for the Del Mar College District for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2027.

The foregoing Order was duly offered by ______________________, seconded by ________________________, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District at the meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 25, 2026, at which ____ members were present, by the following vote:____for,____ against and ______abstaining.

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Carol A. Scott, Chair
Board of Regents
Del Mar College District

ATTEST:

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Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary

(Seal)

Item 2

DEL MAR COLLEGE

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Date: August 25, 2026

To: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D., President and CEO

From: Raul Garcia, VP and CFO

RE: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Rates

The College conducted a Budget update on August 11, 2026, to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget, including the respective tax rates necessary to generate the ad valorem revenues to support each budget. The $136,320,250 proposed Maintenance and Operations Budget has a proposed M&O Tax Rate of $0.234433 per $100 of taxable value. The M&O tax rate represents a 3.97% increase in M&O tax revenues (percentage by which the proposed M&O tax rate exceeds the M&O no-new-revenue rate calculated under Chapter 26, Texas Tax Code). The $16,317,538 proposed Debt Service Budget has a proposed Debt Service Tax Rate of $0.041470 per $100 of taxable value.

The proposed Combined Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is $0.275903 per $100 of taxable value, unchanged from the previous year. The combined tax rate represents a 0.30% increase in total tax revenues (percentage by which the proposed combined tax rate exceeds the total combined no-new-revenue rate calculated under Chapter 26, Texas Tax Code) from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year due to the decrease in appraisal values within the College District.

The appropriate Public Notices of Tax Revenue Increases have been published. The College held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rates on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., to receive public comments.

Action Item: Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of Del Mar College District: Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
(2026 TAX RATES)

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents ("Board") of the Del Mar College District has duly and properly considered a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 2026 by 0.30 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly and properly called and held the public hearing required by the Texas Property Tax Code ("Code") after giving the public notice required by the Code and by law; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers and other persons desiring to do so have been given the opportunity to be present and to participate in such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly and properly given and published notice of these meetings as required by law;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Board hereby approves and adopts the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 0.30 percent, thereby increasing the total combined tax rate to be levied for 2026 to Twenty-Seven and 5903/10,000 ($0.275903) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) property valuation in the District, in the specific amounts which follow:

I.

An ad valorem tax of Twenty-Three and 4433/10,000 Cents ($0.234433) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100) property valuation for the local maintenance fund of the Del Mar College District.

II.

An ad valorem tax of Four and 1470/10,000 Cents ($0.041470) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) property valuation for the interest and sinking fund of the Del Mar College District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.97 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $13.42.

The foregoing Order was duly offered by ______________________________seconded by ______________________________, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District at a meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas on August 25, 2026, at which ____ members were present, by the following vote: _____ for, _____ against and _____ abstaining.

ATTEST:

Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary

Carol A. Scott, Chair

(Seal)

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, by Carol A. Scott, Chair, Board of Regents, on this the 25th day of August 2026, to certify which witness my signature and seal of office.

Jessica A. Alaniz
Notary Public, State of Texas

Item 3

DEL MAR COLLEGE

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Date: August 25, 2026

To: Mark Escamilla, Ph.D., President and CEO

From: Raul Garcia, VP and CFO

RE: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Levy

The College conducted a Budget update on August 11, 2026, to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Debt Service Budget, including the respective tax rates necessary to generate the ad valorem tax levy to support each budget. The $136,320,250 proposed Maintenance and Operations Budget has a proposed M&O Tax Rate of $0.234433 per $100 of taxable value. The $16,317,538 proposed Debt Service Budget has a proposed Debt Service Tax Rate of $0.041470 per $100 of taxable value.

The proposed Combined Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is $0.275903 per $100 of taxable value, unchanged from the previous year.

The appropriate Public Notices of Tax Revenue Increases have been published. The College held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rates on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., to receive public comments.

Action Item: Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of Del Mar College District: Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
(2026 TAX LEVIES)

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District ("Board") is responsible for the levy of taxes in accordance with Texas law;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Board that the following taxes are hereby levied for the year 2026 on all property, real, personal and mixed, located within the boundaries of the Del Mar College District and subject to taxation by it for the year 2026 under the laws of this State, and of the United States; a total ad valorem tax of Twenty-Seven and 5903/10,000 Cents ($0.275903) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) property valuation in the District, for the purposes and in the specific amounts which follow:

I.

An ad valorem tax of Twenty-Three and 4433/10,000 Cents ($0.234433) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) property valuation for the local maintenance fund of the Del Mar College District.

II.

An ad valorem tax of Four and 1470/10,000 Cents ($0.041470) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) property valuation for the interest and sinking fund of the Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 ($23,580,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016 ($67,645,000); Del Mar District Tax Bonds, Series 2017 ($9,070,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018B ($57,305,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020A ($22,150,000); and Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020B ($56,285,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 ($84,000,000).

Del Mar College ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.97 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $13.42.

The foregoing Order was duly offered by ____________________________, seconded by ____________________________, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of regents of the Del Mar College District at a meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 25, 2026, at which ___ members were present, by the following vote: ____ for, ____ against and ____ abstaining.

ATTEST:

Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary

Carol A. Scott, Chair

(Seal)

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, by Carol A. Scott, Chair, Board of Regents, on this the 25th day of August, 2026, to certify which witness my signature and seal of office.

Jessica A. Alaniz
Notary Public, State of Texas

Item 4

DEL MAR COLLEGE

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Date: **August 25, 2026**

To: **Mark Escamilla, Ph.D., President and CEO**

From: **Raul Garcia, VP and CFO**

RE: **Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Exemptions**

The Del Mar College Board of Regents must annually approve those individuals and organizations that will be granted specific tax exemptions. Traditionally, the College has provided the following tax exemptions:

1)	Homestead Exemption	$5,000
2)	Persons 65 years or older	$50,000
3)	Qualified Disabled Veterans	Statutory Exemption
4)	Person under 65 years, qualified disability benefits	$50,000
5)	Qualified Charitable Organizations	Statutory Exemption

Action Item: Discussion and possible action related to the Resolution of the Board of Regents of Del Mar College District: Tax Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
(2026 TAX EXEMPTIONS)

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District ("Board") is responsible for granting certain tax exemptions under Texas law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the tax year 2026 all persons who qualify by law are granted an exemption in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) of the appraised value of their homestead property; and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the tax year 2026 persons of the age of sixty-five (65) or older are granted an additional exemption in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) of the appraised value of their homestead property, and qualified disabled veterans and qualified charitable organizations are granted the statutory exemption; and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the tax year 2026 each person under sixty-five (65) years of age who is qualified for the payment of disability insurance benefits as defined under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (or its successor) is hereby granted an additional exemption from taxation, in accordance with Section 11.13(d) of the Property Tax Code ("Code"), the total amount of which is equal to Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) of the appraised value of such person's residence homestead property, as that term is defined by the State Constitution and law, provided the owner of such residence homestead property, or his or her duly authorized agent or attorney, applies at the office of the Nueces County Tax Appraisal District for said exemption in accord with the requirements established by the Tax Assessor-Collector or the Nueces County Tax Appraisal District, as permitted by law; and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the tax year 2026 each disabled veteran is entitled to the mandatory exemption provided in Section 11.22 of the Code; and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the tax year 2026 each qualified charitable organization that has been granted exemption by the City of Corpus Christi is entitled to the tax exemption provided under Section 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code.

The foregoing Resolution was duly offered by________________________, seconded by ________________________________, and after discussion, was adopted by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District at a meeting duly called and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 25, 2026, at which ______ members were present, by the following vote:________for, ____against and _____abstaining.

ATTEST:

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Rudy Garza, Jr., Secretary

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Carol A. Scott, Chair
Board of Regents
Del Mar College

(Seal)

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, by Carol A. Scott, Chair, Board of Regents, on this the 25th day of August, 2026, to certify which witness my signature and seal of office.

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Jessica A. Alaniz
Notary Public, State of Texas