

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

April 11, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples, Room 106, Corpus Christi, Texas with the following present:

From the Board:

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Dr. Anantha Babbili, Mr. Carl Crull, Mr. Rudy Garza, Jr., Mr. Bill Kelly, Mr. David Loeb, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Jonda Halcomb, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Ms. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Cheryl Sanders, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Mary McQueen, Vice President of Advancement and Government Relations; Ms. Delia Perez, Director of CEO Office and Board Relations, and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL

Chair Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present. She requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Del Mar College Vision Statement.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item).

There were no public comments made for this meeting.

STUDENT SUCCESS REPORTDr. Jonda Halcomb

Nursing Success Center
(Goal 4: Learning Environments)

Dr. Halcomb provided a brief history of the Statewide At-Risk Tracking and Interventions for Nurses (SATIN) Project Participant. She reviewed the services provided to participants in the SATIN project which includes faculty coach session, faculty coach recordings, peer tutoring study sessions, study rooms, printing, and zen room. The number of student visits to each service was provided 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 including number of students identified at risk.

Dr. Halcomb responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT.....Dr. Mark Escamilla

- TACC Executive Committee Meeting, March 21, 2023
(Goal 5: Workplace Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Dr. Escamilla stated the Executive Committee met and would provide a debrief once things develop further.

- DMC Day at the Capitol, March 22, 2023
(Goal 5: Workplace Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Dr. Escamilla thanked all who attended the Del Mar College Day at the Capitol and for their hard work as well as showcasing the College’s programs.

- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Meeting, April 1-4, 2023
(Goal 5: Workplace Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Dr. Escamilla attended the annual meeting in Denver Colorado.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Legislative Update.....Ms. Mary McQueen
(Goal 5: Workplace Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Ms. McQueen stated that as of April 6, 2023, 7,943 bills have been filed since the 88th Legislative Session began on January 10, 2023. There are 653 bills being monitored by the College and Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC). She provided updates on the priority bills which include TXCCCF Empowering Legislation (HB 8 & SB 2539); Community College IT Credentials (HB 584 & SB 1201); Texas Education Opportunity Grants (TEOG) (HB 4722 & SB 2363); Clinical Nursing Sites (HB 4684 & SB 458); Texas Transfer Framework (HB 3486 & SB 1887); and State Budget (HB1 & SB1).

Ms. McQueen stated that another piece of legislation of importance is HB 3048 regarding the ability to offer programs within CC services areas without notice or THECB approval.

Dr. Escamilla provided commentary regarding waiving the requirements for IT students to have a bachelor’s degree.

Chair Scott stated that the two state associations, Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) should be given a great deal of credit for shepherding legislation which is assisting community colleges.

- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(Goal 3: Academic Preparedness and Student Learning)

Dr. Halcomb stated the purpose of the proposed Bachelor of Applied Science-Organizational Management and Leadership (BAS-OML) degree is to provide students with an AAS degree an opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree in a targeted occupation at the College. Dr. Halcomb reviewed the proposed plan for the BAS-OML for the 120 credit hours needed to achieve the degree.

Dr. Halcomb introduced Dean Jennifer Sramek who discussed the different pathways for career advancement for those students who obtain a BAS-OML degree. Dean Sramek provided an overview of the student survey for feedback for the degree. There was a 15% response rate of the 1,870 students majoring in an AAS degree with 84% of those responding stating they would consider enrolling in a BAS-OML program. Also surveyed were workforce partners and of the 41% workforce partners that responded, 78% stated this degree would be valuable to their current and future employees, 65% would offer tuition assistance for employees, and 53% stated they have current employees needing a bachelor’s degree.

Dr. Halcomb continued and reviewed community college fall semester enrollment numbers for BAS-OML degrees, program student learning objectives, and BAS-OML major courses. She also provided budget cost and revenues from providing the BAS-OML degree. She reviewed the benefits of the degree and the next steps needed to move forward.

Dr. Escamilla provided commentary regarding a new finance model for bachelor’s degree and how it would be funded, and internships and practicums within the program.

A robust discussion was held among the Board of Regents, Dr. Escamilla, and Dr. Halcomb regarding the advantages of the proposed program and surrounding university interest.

Dr. Halcomb, Dean Sramek, Dr. McWha, and Dr. Escamilla responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

- Instructional Program Review Report.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(Goal 1: Completion)

Dr. Halcomb provided an overview of what the instructional program review is and how the Program Review Committee, faculty, and administrative assistants, works together to analyze components of programs and how to improve their quality per SACSCOC principles.

Dr. Halcomb reviewed some examples of the seven core criteria which include assessment processes, faculty support of program and learning, curriculum integration

and mobility, student educational intent, effective personnel utilization, cost effectiveness, and strategic advantage. The four possible outcomes after a review of a program include positive, conditional, probationary, and terminate. Dr. Halcomb provided a brief status report on a few program reviews for 2022-2023.

Dr. Halcomb, Ms. Tammy McDonald, and Dr. Escamilla responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Status Report on Requested Information

(Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

CONSENT AGENDA

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Board of Regents has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Board member or a citizen, in which event the item(s) will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS:

(At this point the Board will vote on all motions not removed for individual consideration.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Regular Board Meeting, March 7, 2023
(Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

2. Acceptance of Investments for March 2023
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Regent Crull made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Regent Loeb seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands, and the motion carried unanimously 9-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner in favor.

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- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding the College’s Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2023.....Mr. Raul Garcia
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. David McElwain with Patterson & Associates, a Meeder Investment Management Company. His report included information regarding the College’s investment yields, performance and current economic conditions affecting the investments.

Mr. McElwain stated the weighted average maturity of the College’s portfolio stood at about 2/3 of a year, 0.67 years and continues to come up as we have lower yielding securities roll off and mature. Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 8.6% in January following 9.2% in December 2022.

Mr. McElwain reviewed treasury yields and the College’s Pooled Funds and stated the market value of the portfolio is a little over \$124 million and the book value is a little over \$126 million. The Series 2018 A Tax Bond funds book value for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, second quarter is \$22.9 million with earnings in the amount of \$29,279.00. The Series 2020 (A & B) Tax Bond funds book value for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, second quarter is \$15 million with earnings in the amount of \$21,101.00.

Mr. McElwain and Dr. Escamilla responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

Regent Adame made a motion to approve College’s Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 as presented. Regent Babbili seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands, and the motion carried unanimously 9-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner in favor.

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding the College’s Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2023.....Mr. Raul Garcia
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Mr. Garcia stated that the College’s financial condition is on solid footing based on the trending operating revenue and expenses for six months ending February 2023. Total financial revenues of \$87.2 million is reasonably on track relative to the planned budget. The College’s total operating expenses total \$51 million. He continued with his review of the two main components to the reported fund balance, with a combined value of \$10.9

million. The first category reported as fund balance reduction was due to GASB 68 and 75, valued at \$87.5 million. The remaining fund categories represent the fund balance that is administered and managed by the College, and Board, with a net positive value of \$76.7 million.

Mr. Garcia responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

Regent Babbili made a motion to approve College’s Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 as presented. Regent Kelly seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands, and the motion carried unanimously 9-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner in favor.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of 2016 Oso Creek Campus Construction Project Change Order #14.....Mr. John Strybos
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Mr. Strybos announced that the date of Oso Creek Campus Grand Opening Celebration is April 21, 2023. Mr. Strybos continued and stated the request for the change order is for building plaques for buildings, exterior door cylinders and cores, main lobby window tinting, privacy film, and miscellaneous electrical charges all of which is being fund with 2016 Bond funds.

Regent Adame made a motion to approve 2016 Oso Creek Campus Construction Project Change Order #14 as presented. Regent Averyt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands, and the motion carried unanimously 9-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Babbili, Crull, Garza, Kelly, Loeb, and Turner in favor.

At 2:50 p.m., the Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

6. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:
 - A. **TEX. GOV’T CODE § 551.089**: (Deliberations Regarding Security), regarding security assessments or deployments relating to information, resources, technology, or network security information; or the deployment or specific occasions for

- implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices, with possible discussion and action in open session;
- B. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074(a)(1)**: (Personnel matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; including, 1.) Annual Evaluation of College President, 2.) Board Self-Evaluation, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
 - C. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071**: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending legal or contemplated matters or claims, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board of Regents reconvened in Open Session at 3:40 p.m. with no action taken.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.