

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
(PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR 2020-2021)  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 25, 2020

The Called Meeting (Public Hearing on Tax Rate for 2020-2021) of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, by video and/or teleconference.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the Coronavirus Pandemic Crisis, this meeting was conducted by video and teleconference in accordance with guidance from the Texas Governor’s Office and the Texas Attorney General’s Office.

Members of the public were allowed to attend this meeting in person and also provided access by going to the livestream of the meeting available online at [www.delmar.edu/webcast/](http://www.delmar.edu/webcast/) or listening to the audio of this meeting by calling in a toll-free number previously provided.

The following were present:

From the Board:

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Elva Estrada, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, and Dr. Mary Sherwood

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Mr. August Alfonso, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Lorette Williams, Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations; Dr. Natalie Villarreal, Director of External & Board Relations; Mary McQueen, Executive Director, Development; Delia Perez, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President & Board Liaison, and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIEANCE/VISION STATEMENT

Ms. Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item) in person or by calling a toll-free phone line prior to the Board meeting and registering with their name and subject of public comment.

There were no public comments.

**1. Public hearing on tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.....Mr. Raul Garcia**

***(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)***

Mr. Garcia provided an overview regarding the M&O Property Tax History per \$100 Valuation. He stated that tax burden will begin to spiral down by six-tenths of a penny in the M&O tax rate for fiscal year 2021. This reduction is attributed to the College initiative to reduce spending and a new energy contract. The College will save approximately \$300,000 a year for a total of \$3.5 million over the seven-year contract. The College was able to secure low interest costs when issuing the 2018A and 2018B Bonds at a total interest cost of 3.95% and 3.8%, respectively. The rate difference of 1% represents a reduced interest cost of \$1.2 million for the first year and \$17.8 million for the life of the bond issuance which will reduce taxpayer burden.

Mr. John Johnson presented information regarding the M&O Property Tax Rate History. He stated that the proposed tax rate proposed for Fiscal Year 2021 is 0.288600 per \$100 valuation for Property Tax Revenue which is \$81.2 million. The total tax increase is eight-tenths of a penny.

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

The Board Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 11:45 a.m. as follows:

1. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

A. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation or legal claims, or a settlement offer; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel on legal matters, 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.) College President's Contract, 3.) Appointment to fill Vacancy in District 1, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:56 a.m.

There was no action taken.

CALENDAR: Discussion related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr