

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

December 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened at the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 by video and/or teleconference, with the following present:

Due to health and safety concerns related to the Coronavirus Pandemic Crisis, this meeting was conducted by video and/or teleconference and in accordance with guidance from the Texas Governor's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office. Provisions were made for the public to participate in this meeting with public comments via livestream and/or telephonically.

From the Board:

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Mr. Ed Bennett, Mr. Rudy Garza, and Ms. Susan Hutchinson.

Dr. Laurie Turner joined the Board of Regents after taking her oath of office.

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; Ms. Mary McQueen, Executive Director, Development; Ms. 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 ALLEGIANCE/VISION STATEMENT

Ms. 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) 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 made for this meeting.

NOVEMBER BOARD OF REGENTS ELECTION:

Jessica Alaniz, Director of Risk Management and Election Administrator, administered the oath of office to the newly elected Del Mar College Board of Regents: Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Carol Scott, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

Ms. Scott, Dr. Turner and Dr. Adame provided words of gratitude to their constituents.

The Board of Regents provided words of recognition for Dr. Mary Sherwood on her service as Regent of the Board from 2018 - 2020. Dr. Sherwood responded with words of appreciation.

The Election of Officers:

Board of Regents Chair: Regent Hutchinson nominated Carol Scott for Chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents. Regent Adame seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair of the Board of Regents. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the nomination carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor. Regent Scott was elected as the Chair of the Del Mar Board of Regents.

Board of Regents First Vice Chair: Regent Averyt nominated Dr. Nick Adame for First Vice Chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents. Regent Hutchinson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for First Vice Chair of the Board of Regents. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the nomination carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor. Regent Adame was elected as the First Vice Chair of the Del Mar Board of Regents.

Board of Regents Second Vice Chair: Regent Turner nominated Regent Bennett for Second Vice Chair of the Board of Regents and Regent Adame nominated Regent Hutchinson for Second Vice Chair. A roll call vote was taken with Regents Adame, Averyt, Hutchinson, and Scott voting for Regent Hutchinson and Regents Bennett, Garza and Turner voting for Regent Bennett. Regent Hutchinson was elected as the Second Vice Chair for the Del Mar College Board of Regents.

Board of Regents Secretary: Regent Adame nominated Regent Averyt for Secretary of the Board of Regents and Regent Bennett nominated Regent Turner for Secretary. A roll call vote was taken with Regents Adame, Averyt, Garza, Hutchinson, and Scott voting for Regent Averyt and Regents Bennett and Turner voting for Regent Turner. Regent Averyt was elected as the Secretary for the Del Mar College Board of Regents.

RECOGNITIONS.....Dr. Jonda Halcomb
(Goal 4: Learning Environments)

Dr. Halcomb began Recognitions by introducing Dr. Tammy Francis, Assistant Professor of Reading and Faculty Coordinator of Developmental Education. Dr. Francis was selected by her peers and the Faculty Professional Recognition and Awards Committee to be the College’s 2021 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award Nominee. This award recognizes professors for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement of her dedication to the teaching profession. The final decision will be announced in May of 2021. Also, Dr. Francis was recognized by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for her five years of service as Advisor for the Gammy Sigma Chapter at Del Mar College.

Dr. Francis expressed words of appreciation and gratitude.

STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT.....Dr. Rito Silva and Ms. Mary McQueen

Dr. Silva began by thanking Dean Davis Merrell for the information provided for this presentation. Dr. Silva continued and stated that the students in the Fire Science Academy has continuously exceeded the state average for fire protection licensing exam. The most recent exam showed a 73% passing rate in the first attempt and 87% passing rate on the second attempt compared to the State’s average of 60% passing rate. The success of this Program is a direct reflection to the current Del Mar College instructors. Chief Mike Smith has served as the Program Coordinator since 2018 when he took over the program and implemented new policy and increased the coursework that has become one of the most successful programs in the State of Texas. In the Spring of 2018, the Del Mar College Fire Academy and the Del Mar College EMT/Paramedic programs began with the Corpus Christi Fire Department to train their new cadets and prepare them for the state exam while working in the field for the City of Corpus Christi. The cadets are hired by the City of Corpus Christi and sent through the Del Mar College Fire Academy and EMT/Paramedic program. The cadets’ passing rate is exceptional with a first attempt 93.5% and 100% passing rate on their second attempt.

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

Ms. McQueen began her presentation and stated that the Del Mar College Foundation performed a research project with the Institutional Research Department’s assistance to find out how successful scholarships are in helping students complete their courses and complete their area of study. The information was shared with donors to show their investment in students’ lives made a difference. The three cohorts studied were 1) Foundation Scholars, 2) Financial Aid Students, and 3) No Financial Support Students. Ms. McQueen provided course completion rates for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Foundation Scholars completed or graduated at 19.2% higher rate with scholarships than students who received no financial aid and also completed their courses at 24.1% higher rate than the students who had no financial aid. Ms. McQueen stated that many students state that donors giving is the motivational push that fuels their internal inspiration to succeed and eventually pay-it-forward. Scholarships benefit College funding as 10% of

community college funding from the state is determined by student achievement, defined by a performance-based funding model called the student success points model.
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Ms. McQueen responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORTDr. Mark Escamilla

- **Campus Wide Update**
(Goal 4: Learning Environments)

Dr. Escamilla provided a campus update and stated that less than 5% of the student body will return to campus for face-to-face classes to complete their requirements and their finals. Dr. Escamilla stated that employees are still working remotely, and the College will continue to monitor the COVID-19 and flu season data from our governmental entities. The main focus as always is on the health and safety of all people who are on our campuses.

Dr. Escamilla asked all to help celebrate our students and participate in the Fall 2020 Commencement Ceremony which will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020 on all of the College’s social media platforms.

Additionally, Dr. Escamilla reminded all that the College will be closed for the Winter break from December 21, 2020 through January 3, 2021. Dr. Escamilla concluded by wishing Happy Holidays to everyone.

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

BOARD NOTIFICATIONS:

- Revised Administrative “A” Procedures (B9.1 Prohibiting Sexual Misconduct)
(Goal 4: Learning Environments)

Chair Scott provided opening remarks regarding administrative policy procedures and changes. Chair Scott introduced Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources. Ms. McDonald provided background information and notification regarding administrative procedure revisions. The revisions were extensive and completed as required by Federal and State regulations.

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Annual Foundation Update.....Ms. Mary McQueen**
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Ms. McQueen began her presentation of the Del Mar College Foundation by describing the two departments involved: Development/Fundraising which manages donor development and stewardship, major gifts, special events, annual campaigns, planned giving, and corporate/foundation grants. Foundation Services manages scholarships, donor database, DMCF financials, and asset investment.

Ms. McQueen reviewed the DMC Foundation’s financials as follows: Assets for Fiscal Year 2020 of \$25,404 million and as of the end of November 2020 the amount is \$28.4 million which quadrupled since 2009. The 2020 Fiscal year fundraising amount was \$4.8 million which increased 29% over 2019 which was a record high. The 5-year fundraising average is \$3.0 million per year for years 2016-2020.

Scholarships awarded from 2019-2020 totaled \$1.6 million, 1,598 students were served for Fiscal year 2020, 4,325 students received scholarships over the past three years, and 10,960 students received financial aid of any nature during the past three years. There is also emergency aid and scholarships provided to students when they find themselves in a sudden crisis. Since January 2020, \$87,278 emergency aid was given to 175 students and \$129,571 in emergency scholarships was given to 220 students.

Ms. McQueen stated that the Foundation provides stewardship to the donors by sharing information about how their investment impacts Del Mar College students. An Annual Scholarship Report is prepared and sent to every Scholarship donor, whether endowed or direct scholarship. Another act of stewardship is the Annual Scholarship Reception where donors and students get to meet. In 2020, the Reception was virtual. Currently, there are 150 videos or messages of “Thank you” of students with donors. The donors receive the “Thank you” messages and get an opportunity to send a message in return.

Ms. McQueen provided information regarding other programs that the Foundation assists with including Planned Giving, Workforce Equipment, COVID Relief, and Rebuild Texas. Also, Ms. McQueen reviewed upcoming fundraising goals such as increase person-to-person fundraising, reduce event fatigue, increase effectiveness of staff/trustee time and revamp events to increase mission focus. Ms. McQueen continued and provided detailed information regarding the Foundation’s fundraising programs including Bernie’s Spring Bash 2020, Stringers for Scholarships, and Over the Edge.

Ms. McQueen responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

- **2021-2022 Budget Calendar and Tuition Update.....Mr. Raul Garcia (Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Dr. Escamilla provided introductory remarks regarding the upcoming budget, tuition and student charges. Mr. Garcia provided opening remarks and introduced Ms. Jackie Landrum. Ms. Landrum reviewed the Fiscal Year Budget Plan Calendar for 2022 and some of the upcoming years deadlines. Ms. Landrum stated the budget approval will go

before the Board in August 2021 even though the College does not know what the state appropriations will be until June or July 2021.

Mr. Garcia moved forward and provided information regarding peer group characteristics of the College as well as our peers. Del Mar College is classified as a large college by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mr. Garcia reviewed the contact hours which is an indicator of the College’s financial capacity as the basis for determining the College’s share of the state appropriations funding. The College has the second largest contact hours with 4,827,097, second largest number of enrollments with a headcount of 12,008, largest number of part-time student enrollment at 78% and the technical student enrollment at 28% which is the midpoint of the group.

Mr. Garcia continued and reviewed student affordability for attending Del Mar College. For the fall of 2019, annual cost of attendance was \$3,260 and the statewide community college average was \$3,250. From Fiscal Year 2013 to 2020, the College was second lowest average tuition and mandatory fees increased in our peer group to \$5.05 per Semester Credit Hour (SCH) and below the statewide average of \$7.03 SCH. The College cost of attendance for the first two years is 60% of the cost to attend a local university. Mr. Garcia reviewed how financial aid significantly reduces the costs of attendance. Del Mar College had approximately 73% of its students receiving some type of financial aid with an average of \$5,375.00, \$5,183 awarded in Pell grants, and approximately 13% of students received federal loans in the amount of \$2,987.

Mr. Garcia provided additional information and details regarding the tuition and fee rate structure for Fiscal Year 2021. For the fall of 2021, the total for 30 semester hours will be \$3,320. Mr. Garcia also provided factors that influence rate change for Fiscal Year 2022. The past year, due to the pandemic, the College Student Success Support System came to a greater degree in the form of technology. The College increased technology investments to include cyber security, firewall enhancements, laptop purchases for Student Loaner Program, Wi-Fi access expansions for parking lot student access, and an increase in software license purchases. Student affordability is one of the College’s top priority. Mr. Garcia reviewed possible modest tuition increases and cost for semester credit hours. Mr. Garcia stated that upon more research, the College will be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

Dr. Escamilla provided additional comments.

Ms. Landrum and Mr. Garcia responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

- **Interim Status Report of Grant Management Audit by Grants Sponsored Research Office (GSRO) Staff.....Mr. Raul Garcia**
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Mr. Garcia provided background and information regarding the Weaver Internal Audit Report regarding the administration and operations of the Grant Sponsored Research

Office (GSRO). The GSRO has been working on institutionalizing corrective action plan to address the Weaver Internal Audit Report. Mr. Garcia introduced the new Grant Director, Christina Gonzalez, who will manage the College’s grant portfolio and monitor grant compliance requirements, support the strategic plan of the College, manage grant related training, design grant operating activities, and will act as Liaison to the internal and external auditors on grant related items.

Mr. Garcia then introduced Dr. Larry Lee who addressed audit findings. Dr. Lee provided more details regarding the GSRO and how it helps to identify appropriate funding opportunities, facilitate proposal development and submission, assist principal investigators/project directors to successfully implement and manage their projects, coordinate submission of financial aid programmatic reports, maintain a database concerning grants and related documents, and provide training on grant related topics.

Mr. Garcia continued and stated that the College has received a total of \$45.9 million in alternative grant funding from Fiscal Year 2016 to 2020 from various federal, state local agencies and the Foundation. Dr. Lee and Director Gonzalez proceeded with a summary of the overall response to the findings and the corrective actions taken regarding the Weaver report audit findings.

- **2020 Annual Security and Safety Report (Clery Act).....Ms. Lauren White (Goal 4: Learning Environments)**

Ms. White provided a background and requirements regarding the Jeanne Clery Act. Ms. White stated that the 2020 Annual Security and Safety Report is available online on the College’s website. Ms. White then spoke and reviewed the crime statistics and comparisons for the years 2017 through 2019. Ms. White noted that a majority of crimes do not involve our College students, faculty, or staff. Ms. White discussed the Department of Education changes to Title IX policy requirements. Del Mar College’s policy has been updated to meet the new requirements. Ms. White thanked the Clery Compliance Committee members for their assistance with the annual report.

- **Review of Professional Service Contracts List.....Ms. Tammy McDonald (Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Ms. McDonald provided information regarding the latest professional service contracts. Ms. McDonald explained the color-coded system she developed. Ms. McDonald reviewed the contracts that have expired, the contracts that will be expiring (2014 Bond), and the contracts that have had changes.

Mr. John Strybos 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)

Chair Scott reviewed the list of pending business.

CONSENT AGENDA

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, October 13, 2020
(Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)
- 2. Acceptance of Investments for November 2020
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)
- 3. Acceptance of Financials for October 2020
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Public comments for consent agenda items

Regent Averyt made a motion to adopt the consent agenda items. Regent Adame seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4. **Discussion and possible action related to the 2019 Annual Audit, presented as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2020 and 2019.....Mr. Raul Garcia**
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Mr. Garcia thanked Dr. Cathy West, John Johnson and the Business Office who were very instrumental in providing the support during the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic.

Mr. Garcia introduced Ms. Brigid Cook with Collier, Johnson and Woods who presented

an overview of the College's financial statements and information included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for Fiscal Years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019. Ms. Cook also provided information regarding virtual auditing as it relates to specific testing needed for the CARES Act and reporting to the Board of Regents.

Ms. Cook further discussed the College's Statement of Net Position which had total assets and deferred outflows increased \$98 million. Current assets increased by \$10 million due to increase in short term investments necessary to pay for capital improvements. Capital Assets increased \$40.7 million largely due to ongoing construction projects. Deferred outflows decreased \$1.7 million but are offset by other pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liabilities and deferred inflows.

Some additional financial highlights of fiscal year 2020 discussed were as follows:

- In July, the College issued \$22,150,000 and \$56,285,000 in Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020A and 2020B respectively. Series 2020A is the final issue of the \$157,000,000 voter approved bond election held on November 4, 2014. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to construct and equip school buildings within the district. Series 2020B is the final issue of the \$139,000,000 voter approved bond election held on November 8, 2016. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to construct and equip school buildings for an undeveloped site, and other facilities relating to Phase 1 of the District's new South Campus located near the intersection of Rodd Field Road and Yorktown Boulevard.
- Total unrestricted net position increased \$10.6 million as a result of this year's operations which represents a 20.3% increase over the prior year. This was accomplished through conservative fiscal management.
- Total non-operating revenues increased by \$7.6 million primarily due to ad valorem tax collections. \$3.9 million of the amount collected over the preceding year was due to a 7.71% increase in property value and a .75% increase in the M&O rate.

Statement of Net Position for Del Mar College Management's analysis for the years as follows:

2019-2020

- For fiscal year 2020, total assets and deferred outflows of resources increased by approximately \$98 million. Current assets increased by \$10 million primarily due to an increase in short term investments necessary to pay for obligations on capital improvement projects. Prepaid expenses included within the current asset category increased by \$2.1 million for the purchase of X-RAY equipment and an

industrial process trainer. Offsetting this was a \$1.7 million decrease in accounts receivable caused by an 8.5% enrollment decrease for the fall term of 2020. Net capital assets increased by approximately \$40.7 million. Restricted noncurrent cash decreased by \$21.9 million primarily due to construction payments made on capital projects. Noncurrent restricted investments increased by \$71 million largely due to proceeds of \$92.2 million received for the issuance of the 2020A and 2020B Limited Tax Bonds.

- Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased by \$81 million. The largest contributing factor was the issuance and recording of the Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020A & 2020B debt totaling \$78.4 million. Current liabilities increased by \$6.5 million from the recording of the current portion of OPEB liability of \$1.9 million and increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$3.5 million for construction vendors on capital improvement projects. Deferred inflows related to OPEB decreased by \$9.4 million. The decrease in liability was largely due to a 1.37% reduction in the College's proportionate share of the State's unfunded liability.
- The College's net position increased by \$17 million. This increase was in part due to the College's substantial investment in net capital assets, an increase over the prior year of \$6.1 million. Unrestricted net position increased by \$10.6 million. This was mostly attributable to increased maintenance ad valorem tax collections of \$3.9 million, increase in non-operating federal revenue of \$3.6 million, and prudent fiscal monitoring of operating expenses which were maintained at the previous year level.

2018-2019

- For fiscal year 2019, total assets and deferred outflows of resources increased by approximately \$24.8 million. Current assets increased by \$7.9 million primarily due to an increase in short term investments necessary to pay for obligations on capital improvement projects. Another significant cause for this was due to a \$2.5 million dollar increase in student and grant receivables due to the timing of student collections and the drawing down of grant funds. Net capital assets increased by approximately \$43.3 million. Restricted noncurrent cash and investments used to pay for these capital investments decreased by \$33.7 million. Deferred outflows of resources increased by \$7.2 million due to changes in actuarial assumptions that will be amortized in future years. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions increased by \$7.7 million for the year ended August 31, 2019. Deferred loss on bond refunding decreased \$522 thousand for 2019 as scheduled amortization of losses from prior advanced refunding continue.
- Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased by \$3 million. Items having the largest impact on the change was an increase in current liabilities of \$9.5 million mostly from vendor payables for new technical and workforce

equipment purchased at year-end of \$3 million, \$3.7 million in construction progress accruals and an increase in unearned revenues for local grants of \$2.1 million. Noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$21 million. The largest contributing factor was bond principal payments of \$10.1 million and bond premium amortization of \$2.1 million. In addition, a change in actuarial assumptions reclassified amounts previously recorded as a post-employment liability to deferred inflows that will be amortized over ten years. Deferred inflows related to OPEB increased by \$14.4 million while net OPEB liability decreased by \$18.2 million. The additional decrease of \$3.8 million in liability was largely due to a 2.8% reduction in the College's proportionate share of the State's unfunded liability.

- The College's net position increased by \$21.8 million. This increase was largely due to the College's substantial investment in net capital assets, an increase over the prior year of \$19.4 million. Restricted net position such as grants from third-party agencies with expenditure restrictions or assets designated for debt service decreased by \$4.1 million. Unrestricted net position increased by \$6.4 million. This was mostly attributable to increased maintenance ad valorem tax collections of \$2.8 million, increase in investment revenue of \$3.4 million, and prudent fiscal monitoring of operating expenses which were maintained at the previous year level.

Ms. Cook reported that on internal controls and compliance matters, they did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that is considered material weaknesses. Also, the results of their tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters (related to a grant) required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Ms. Cook stated that since there was no weakness or significant deficiency, there is no Management letter. The GFOA certificate is a certificate in excellence and financial reporting which has been received for 2019. Ms. Cook fully expects a GFOA certificate to be received for Fiscal Year 2020 as well.

Ms. Cook and Mr. Garcia responded to questions from the Board of Regents.

Regent Hutchinson made a motion to adopt the College's Comprehensive Annual Financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 subject to requested follow-up notations. Regent Adame seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor.

5. Discussion and possible action related to approval of purchase of removal and replacement of five fire hydrants at the West Campus.....Mr. John Strybos (Goal 3: Academic Preparedness and Student Learning)

Mr. Strybos provided a summary and background regarding the use of fire hydrants on the West Campus by the Regional Fire Academy for training. Mr. Strybos provided information and quotations from vendors for removal and replacements of five fire hydrants, concrete removal and replacement, and labor. Ms. Strybos requested that the Board of Regents accept the quote from Clark Pipeline Services LLC in the amount of \$43,183.46 and a 10% contingency of \$4,319 from the funding source 2014 Bond unallocated interest income.

Regent Adame made a motion to approve the purchase, removal and replacement of the five fire hydrants on the West Campus. Regent Hutchinson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action related to Internal Audit Services Request for Qualifications Recommendation for Selection.....Ms. Tammy McDonald (Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)

Ms. McDonald provided a background and summary of the College issuing an RFQ asking for internal audit services on October 12, 2020. The Evaluation Committee agreed to interview three firms: Moss Adams LLP located in Houston, Texas; Baker Tilly US, LLP located in Tysons, VA, and Weaver and Tidwell, LLP located in Austin, TX. Regent Bennett provided additional comments regarding the Evaluation Committee's assessments.

Regent Bennett made a motion to adopt the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to approve Weaver and Tidwell, LLP for internal audit services and also to authorize administration to proceed with contract negotiations. Regent Averyt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously, 7-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, and Turner in favor.

7. Discussion and possible action on proposed annexation order under Texas Education Code Section 130.066.....Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr. (Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Mr. Rivera informed the Board of Regents on how the Del Mar College District can expand its territory by “automatic annexation” under the Texas Education Code § 130.066, entitled “Automatic Annexation of Certain Territory.” Mr. Rivera stated that this will be a yearly review for the Board of Regents to order the addition of new territory annexed by the City of Corpus Christi. Mr. Rivera notified the Board that the City of Corpus Christi did not annex any property the previous year and no action was necessary.

At 3:28 p.m., the Chair announced the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

9. 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, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,

B. **TEX. GOV’T CODE § 551.073:** (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift), regarding a prospective gift or donation, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:02 p.m.

8. Discussion and possible action related to proposed naming for gift of significanceMs. Mary McQueen (Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Ms. McQueen provided a summary and background regarding the proposed naming opportunity in recognition for a gift of significance. Ms. McQueen stated that there is a donor family that would like to give the College \$1.0 million and the Foundation is requesting that donor family be given recognition on the southside campus in the naming of Community Rooms in the Culinary Arts Building.

Regent Adame made a motion to negotiate and authorize the College and Foundation to enter into a Naming Agreement with a donor for stipulated location on the south campus as discussed in Closed Session. Regent Bennett seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken

by a show of hands and the motion carried, 6-0, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, and Turner in favor. Regent Hutchinson abstained from voting.

CALENDAR: Discussion related to dates on Del Mar College's calendar.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr

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 revisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, of Texas Government Code.