

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 20, 2014

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order. The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20, in the District Offices, May Owen Center, with Mrs. Louise Appleman presiding. Other trustees present were Mrs. Kristin Vandergriff, Mr. O.K. Carter, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison, Mr. William Greenhill and Mr. Conrad Heede. Also present were Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley and members of the TCCD staff.
2. Board Budget Workshop I. Chancellor Hadley first introduced Mrs. Nina Petty, vice chancellor for real estate and facilities, who took trustees through a computerized “flyover” of all Tarrant Counties owned by TCC. The chancellor then addressed several budgetary issues. Mr. Mark McClendon, vice chancellor for finance, began the discussion by noting progress on P-3 projects – those entailing public/private partnerships. Guidelines are to be developed and brought to the board. Mrs. Hadley then reviewed the status of the Northeast Campus Center of Excellence for Visual and Performing Arts. The project has a preliminary DREAM score of 2.1, and a preliminary scope exercise has been completed. The project would include \$8.3 million from the North Richland Hills TIF. She then updated the board on early college high schools (present and future) on all campuses as well as the future charter school on South Campus. As to the Chevron Energy Solutions project presented in January, Mrs. Hadley reminded trustees that an Opportunity Assessment is underway that will result in recommendations being brought before the board. She then noted progress on “sticky spaces” on each campus, and noted that Innovation Forums have been completed on each campus. Work is underway to integrate the Innovation Forums with the budget process. She then addressed the financial outlook for 2014-15, saying that there is relative certainty about state appropriations and tuition income, leaving as unknown only tax revenue and any possible additional

sources. She then asked trustees for comments and/or questions. Mrs. Vandergriff asked about e-learning tuition for out-of-state students and the possibility of receiving other TIF funds. Answering a question from Mr. Heede, Mrs. Hadley said that the College is not ready at this time to predict goals for additional revenues. Mr. Greenhill urged that the momentum generated by several current initiatives be maintained. Mr. Carter said that, in his opinion, some major projects such as the performing arts center and a future campus cannot be done without a bond election. Dr. Morrison asked that transportation and campus food options be added to the list of issues to be addressed.

3. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
4. Presentation on Student Access and Success and Administrative Programs and Projects.
 - a. Northwest Campus, College Credit for Heroes: Divisional Dean Arrick Jackson explained that the program, funded in part by a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, is intended to provide a streamlined degree in firefighting technology, including training at the Fire Service Training Center, to military veterans, transitioning them into careers. This training, which normally would take three years, will be done in a single year, in part by awarding credit to students for experience in the military. The current student cohort of 23 students, some of whom were present at the meeting, have an average of five years of military service, including numerous overseas deployments. They are due to graduate in December. Future degrees or training contemplated for the program are occupational safety, criminal justice, the Basic Police Academy, and paramedic training.
 - b. Hiring and Building Designation Process Improvements: Keith Potter of the process improvement office, Jorge Serralta of architectural services, and Ebony Alexander of human resources were called on to give an update. Mr. Serralta said that one facility – the Alliance Center – had been through the designation process, and Mr. Potter displayed the flow chart the process follows. Mr. Potter then addressed the hiring process, saying the goal has been to reduce the time it takes to fill positions. By correctly identifying

position value and eliminating needless steps, the hiring time has been cut by 60 percent from its 2012 level.

5. Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2014: On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Heede, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the minutes as presented.
6. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Consideration and Approval of Delegation for Chancellor to Approve and Sign Electrical Energy Contracts for 2018-2020. On a motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Vandergriff, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the Consent Agenda.
7. Consideration and Approval of Items removed from Consent Agenda. No items were removed.
8. Committee Reports.
 - a. Audit and Finance Committee – The committee has not met since the January board meeting.
 - b. Governance Committee – Mrs. Appleman reported that the committee met on February 18 to formulate the meeting agenda.
 - c. Institutional Planning Committee – Mrs. Vandergriff reported that the committee had met on February 18 to receive updates on the Innovation Forums and the proposed performing arts center.
 - d. 50th Anniversary – Dr. Morrison said that the initial meeting of the steering committee will be on March 3.
9. Consideration and Approval on Committee Recommendations. There were no recommendations requiring approval.
10. Consideration and Approval of Final Deductive Change Order with V&P Struhs Joint Venture for Trinity River Campus (TREC) Skyway Glass Replacement: Amount, \$78,679 credit. On a motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Heede, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the change order.
11. Consideration and Approval of Job Order Contracting General Contractor (JOC-GC) Agreement with Struhs Commercial Construction to Install Fencing at the

- TCC Opportunity Center and Ramey Place Neighborhood: Amount, \$497,908.37. On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Vandergriff, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the agreement.
12. Consideration and Approval of The Interlocal Purchasing Systems (TIPS) Cooperative Agreement with Texas Air Systems to Provide Chillers for Northwest and Southeast Campuses: Amount, not to exceed \$730,097. On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the agreement.
13. Consideration and Approval of Agreement with Texas A&M University Engineering Experiment Station to Perform Phase II-A Continuous Commissioning Services at Trinity River Campus: Amount, not to exceed \$360,000. Mrs. Vandergriff moved approval, and Dr. Morrison seconded. Mr. Carter and Mr. Heede expressed concern that the project might be a duplication of the Chevron project under consideration. It was explained, however, that the Texas A&M project would entail only a portion of the Trinity River Campus and that those facilities would not be within the scope of the Chevron project, if undertaken. The board voted, 6-0, to approve the agreement.
14. Consideration and Approval of Alternate Data Center for Disaster Recovery Agreement with AT&T Data Center Operations Group: Amount, \$316,260.00 (36 months). On a motion by Mr. Heede, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted, 6-0, to approve the agreement.
15. Monthly Financial Report. Mr. McClendon noted that about \$74 million in tax revenue had been received in January. Revenue also included \$200,000 from the pilot training program. Revenue and expenses are both on target, he said, and the cash position of the College District is \$300 million. The investment portfolio for the month ended January 31, 2014, showed an overall yield of 0.40 percent.
16. Chancellor's Report.
- a. Campus Accolades: Mrs. Hadley singled out
 1. The certificate of appreciation presented by Proyecto Immigrate ICS, Inc., to the Northeast Campus Organization for Latin American Students sponsored by Ms. Natalia Verjat, instructor of Spanish.

2. The aquatic sciences internship in the National Science Foundation Research Experience Undergraduates program won by former Northwest Campus chemistry student Troy Barber.
 3. Participation by 309 South Campus Generation Hope Laptop Program students in the annual TCU College Research Program.
 4. Participation by students from the TCC STEM program and area ISD students in the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering's annual math and science competition held at Southeast Campus.
 5. Attendance by five of Ms. Maricia Johns' business students at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce "Women Influencing Business" luncheon.
 6. Seven new online courses and 42 faculty members undergoing training by TCC Connect.
 7. The finalization of two articulation agreements with Tarleton State University for Cornerstone students.
 8. Disbursement of more than \$109 million in financial aid this academic year.
 9. The 86 percent fall-to-spring retention rate of Chancellor's Emerging Leaders students.
- b. Recent Activities: Mrs. Hadley mentioned the January 17 dedication of the Judith J. Carrier Library on Southeast Campus, the February 4 meeting of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with Commissioner Raymond Parades, the February 17 THECB 21st Century Symposium, and the February 20 meeting of the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education in Fort Worth. The full list of the chancellor's activities, as well as all materials supporting the above agenda items can be found in the Board Supplemental Materials files.

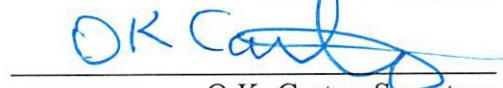
17. Board President's Report.

- a. Community College Association of Texas Legislative Committee: Mr. Heede reported on the recommendations that will be made in concert with those from the Texas Association of Community Colleges. These include a common course numbering system, the impact of unfunded mandates, articulation

agreements, and the possibility of community colleges granting bachelor's degrees in nursing. Chancellor Hadley commented that she sees no need in the foreseeable future for TCCD to consider baccalaureate degrees in nursing.

18. Closed Meeting. At 8:07, Mrs. Appleman called for a closed meeting on the following:
- a. Deliberation Real Property, Section 551.072, *Texas Government Code*. The real property discussion will address the purchase, improvement, exchange, lease or value of real estate to include recommendations from the Institutional Plan.
 - b. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, *Texas Government Code*.
19. Consideration and Action on Closed Meeting Items. No action was to be forthcoming.
20. Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting. Mrs. Appleman announced that the board would next meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, in the May Owen Center. She adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.


Louise Appleman, President
Board of Trustees


O.K. Carter, Secretary
Board of Trustees