

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order. The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on November 19, 2019 in the District Offices, May Owen Center, with Mr. Conrad Heede presiding. Other trustees present were Dr. Diane Patrick, Mrs. Teresa Ayala, Dr. Gwen Morrison, Mr. Bill Greenhill, Dr. Michael Evans and Mr. Kenneth Barr. Also present were Chancellor Giovannini and members of the TCCD staff.

2. Public Comment/Special Presentation. *(No presentation shall exceed three minutes.)* Ms. Jessica Ramirez was representing United Fort Worth a Grassroots organization in Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Ramirez spoke briefly about Sanctuary Campus and the request for TCC to put this into place at all the campuses. She mentioned that in 2017 Tarrant County voted to adopt the 287 (g) agreement, which grants local law enforcement the power to act as ICE agents, permitting them to question the legal status of any person they detain. Ms. Ramirez mentioned that this practice is racist while creating a culture of fear among the undocumented residents of Tarrant County. She read a resolution that they request for TCC to adopt to become a Sanctuary Campus.
Ms. Cindy Mata also voiced her concerns after learning that TCC Campuses have not adopted the Sanctuary Campus proposal. Ms. Mata also requested that TCC Board of Trustees also take the initiative to guarantee the safety and privacy of their students. Ms. Mata mentioned that by adopting the Sanctuary Campus proposal, TCC would be making a public declaration of their support for the safety and privacy of all undocumented students and staff members.

3. Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.
 - a. i. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2019.

On a motion by Mrs. Ayala, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the minutes for October 24, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

 - ii. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 28, 2019.

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Ayala, the minutes for October 28, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented

 - iii. Approval of Minutes of the Governance Meeting of November 14, 2019.

On a motion by Dr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the minutes for Governance Meeting on November 14, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

4. Trustee/Committee Reports.
 - a. Governance:
 - b. Audit & Finance Committee: Mrs. Ayala mentioned that the Audit and Finance Committee, Chancellor Giovannini met with representatives from Weaver and Tidwell to review in detail the

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the District's Financials. This report reviewed all financials through the end of the fiscal year of August 2019. Upon discussion on the report auditor Mr. James Fitts presented at the Governance Committee Meeting on November 14, 2019, Trustee Ayala motioned that the Audit & Finance Committee recommends that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2018-2019 be accepted and approved as presented.

c. Trustee Activities

Mrs. Ayala mentioned that on November 14, 2019 she attended an induction ceremony where four students formally became the founding members of a national collegiate Spanish Honors Society Club called *Sociedad Honoraria de la Lengua Española* (SHLE). The TCC Chapter became the 11th of the SHLE, Sigma Delta Pi's honorary society for two-year colleges, and the 4th SHLE chapter in Texas. The candidate must have completed at least one semester of Spanish with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all Spanish courses completed. The candidate must rank in the upper 35% of his/her class or, in the case where class rank is not tracked, have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. SHLE hosted its first induction ceremony and celebrated the opening of the Tarrant County College SHLE Chapter. Six founding member were inducted: Fernanda Garcia, Cristy McIntosh (absent), Lexie Perez, Natalie R. Torres and Jennifer Virraruel-Suarez (absent).

Dr. Morrison invited everyone to attend the upcoming 5th Annual Community Visioning Forum on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 1-3pm at Trinity River Campus (Rotunda) called State of the Six. Also mentioned a congratulation to Dr. Evans has been elected to the Board of Trustees to the Board of Baylor University.

Mr. Greenhill mentioned that he attended the 4th Annual Veterans Community Breakfast at TR campus on November 13, 2019.

Mr. Heede congratulated Mrs. Carol Bracken was recognized as one of the Great Woman of Texas by the Fort Worth Business Press on November 6, 2019. Mr. Heede thanked Dr. Madison for hosting the Rotary Scholarship interviews. Out of the four candidates interviewed, there were three selected. One candidate received a \$30,000 thousand dollar scholarship and two candidates received a \$40,000 thousand dollar scholarship each. Mr. Heede mentioned their annual International Wine and Food Organization Wine Pairing Dinner hosted at SE Campus. This event raised scholarships for the culinary arts students. This year they raised \$5,040 dollars.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Northwest Campus Fire Training Field LP Gas Line Replacement – Deductive Change Order with Cable Plumbing. **Amount: (\$31,312.09) CREDIT**
- b. Consideration and Approval of TCCD Diesel Technician, Level 1 Certificate Program.

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Barr, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

6. Consideration and Approval of Contract Renewal with ThyssenKemp Elevator Corporation to Provide Districtwide Elevator Maintenance Services Amount: \$234,464.16.

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mrs. Ayala, the contract was unanimously approved.

7. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Freedom Construction to Provide Northeast Campus Academic Classroom Building and Health Sciences Building Classroom Renovations

Amount: \$156,451.07.

On a motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the contract was unanimously approved.

8. **Consideration and Approval of Lease and Maintenance Agreement Contract with Chambers Engineering to Provide Brick Assessment Scaffolding at Northwest Campus Amount: \$361,776.64**

On a motion by Dr. Patrick, seconded by Dr. Evans, the contract was unanimously approved.

9. **Consideration and Approval of Contract with Trevino Group, Inc. to Provide Trinity river Campus Fitness Center Renovations. Amount: \$250,526.31.**

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Dr. Evans, the contract was unanimously approved.

10. **Consideration and Approval of Purchase from Dell EMC for Upgrading Storage Controllers and Increasing Storage at the TCCD Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site. Amount: \$126,594.14 (Not to Exceed).**

On a motion by Dr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Ayala, the purchase was unanimously approved.

11. **Consideration and Approval of Purchase Two-Year Elsevier HESI Legacy Cohort Quote to Provide Access Codes to the Nursing Department Graduating Class of 2021 Amount: \$137,402.50.**

On a motion Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Ayala, the purchase was unanimously approved.

12. **Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Resolutions/Contracts for TCCD 2019-2020 Insurance Renewal with McGriff, Seibels & Williams, RHSB and Higginbotham Amount: \$1,218,238.00.**

On a motion by Dr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the contract was unanimously approved.

13. **Monthly Financial Report Information.** Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows. Total income is at 15.6 percent, total expenses is at 17.1 percent. Pools decreased \$9.4 million. Total Portfolio decreased \$9.4 million during October to an ending balance of \$333.7 million. Yield was 2.12 percent at 10/31/19 and the WAM was at 362 days.

14. **Chancellor's Report Information.**

- a. **New Staff Member Introductions.** Dr. Peter Jordan, South Campus President, introduced Laura McKinnon as the new Director of Library Services. Dr. Kenya Ayers, Northeast Campus President, introduced Macario (Mac) Belmontes as the new Assistant to the President. Mr. Bob Pacheco, Chief Technology Officer, introduced Mr. Gordon Wright as the new Director of Information Security. Dr. Sean Madison, Trinity River Campus President, introduced Dr. Deshonta Holmes as the new Assistant to the President.
- b. **Campus Accolades.** Dr. Giovannini thanked everyone on his or her help these past three years with the successful Bond Proposal that passed. Also mentioned; Tarrant County College was

selected as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million dollar Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. On November 5th the Chancellor had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Mr. Bob Pacheco and Ms. Caroline Hamilton at the offices of Microsoft in Irving, Texas at the request of CEO of Microsoft Mr. Satya Nadella. The Chancellor believes that out of this informative meeting he could see a partnership in the near future with Microsoft.

c. Recent Activities -

- October 25, **-Speaker-** Mid Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club, Euless
- October 25, Andy Taft-DFWInc, DFWInc Office
- October 25, Donna VanNess-Housing Channel, MOC
- October 25, Rotarian Wine Appreciation Dinner, SE Campus
- October 26, Dickies Arena Grand Opening Ceremony, Dickies Arena
- October 28, **-Speaker-** Campus Visit, NE Campus
- October 28, Human Trafficking Discussion Meeting, NE Campus
- October 29, **-Speaker-** College Visit/District Employees, TR Campus
- October 30, Center for Creative Leadership Session, City Club
- October 31, Mitch Whitten, Greg Oates, Ryan Oliver and Michael Williams, UNTHSC
- October 31, **-Speaker-** College Visit, NW Campus
- October 31, George Popstefanov-PMG, Michael Williams-UNTHSC and Chris Gavras-CG Group, UNTHSC
- November 1, Heart of North Texas Conference, NRH Centre
- November 1, **-Remarks-** TCCF Scholarship Luncheon, TR Campus
- November 4, Trustee Kenneth Barr AOC/CEATL Tours, AOC/CEATL
- November 4, FW Executive Roundtable Meeting, City Club
- November 4, Trustee Kenneth Barr and Commissioner Devan Allen, Arlington Sub-Courthouse
- November 5, Investor's Council Meeting, FW Chamber
- November 5, Satya Nadella-Microsoft, Las Colinas
- November 5, Election Watch Gathering, MOC
- November 6, Trustee Teresa Ayala, Esperanza's
- November 6, Trustee Conrad C. Heede and John Terrell, Southlake
- November 8, Trustee Conrad C. Heede, NE Campus
- November 8-9, Texas Urban Council (TUC) of Superintendents Conference, San Antonio
- November 11, **-Remarks-** TCC Presidents/TWU Luncheon, TWU
- November 12, Janet Hahn and Karen Thornton-TCC Foundation Board of Directors, FW Club
- November 12, Kevin Harper and Daiju Hoshino-JCC, MOC
- November 12, Todd Deal-CCL Conference Call, MOC
- November 13, NAWB Convening, Globe Life Park
- November 14, Board of Trustees Governance Meeting and Canvassing the Bond Election Results Meeting, MOC
- November 15, **-Remarks-** Chancellor's Excellence Awards, SO Campus
- November 15, JCC Monthly Meeting, MOC
- November 19, Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, MOC.

15. Closed Session:

The Board will conduct a closed meeting in order to discuss matters permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

a. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

To seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

i. Legal issues regarding any item listed on today's District Board Meeting agenda.

b. Section 551.072, Deliberations Regarding Real Property

Deliberate the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the District in negotiations with a third party.

c. Section 551.074, Deliberations on Personnel Matters

Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

d. Section 551.076, Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits

Deliberate regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

The Board may reconvene in open session and act on any item listed on the Executive Session Agenda in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

16. Consideration and Action on Closed Session Items. On a motion by Dr. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Ayala, the request from the City of Hurst to dedicate a portion of TCC Road at Northeast Campus as a public street and to authorize the chancellor to execute the plat and any other documents necessary to complete the dedication was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Dr. Evans, to continue the District's existing Section 457 (f) deferred compensation program for calendar year 2020 and to permit the Chancellor to defer up to \$2,000,000.00 of compensation he receives in calendar year 2020 into the plan was unanimously approved.

17. Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. The next Governance Meeting will be on December 5, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2019.



Conrad C. Heede, President
Board of Trustees



Diane Patrick, Secretary
Board of Trustees