

## TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order. The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on February 20 2020 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. Ms. Leah Hawkins' a 6-year fulltime TCC employee expressed her concerns regarding the termination of her health benefits without warning. She mentions that she contacted HR and they told her according to Texas Insurance Code she is not and was never eligible for benefits due to her status as a TRS retiree. She mentioned that the HR representative stated that a recent ERS audit revealed this and it required her benefits to be terminated. Ms. Hawkins' suggested that intensive training be scheduled for all HR employees to prevent this from happening again to anyone else.

Ms. Jessica Ramirez, a representative with United Fort Worth a Grassroots organization in Fort Worth, Texas and I.C.E out of Tarrant County was requesting that TCC adopt the Safe Campus Resolution to make TCC campus a safe place for our undocumented community.

Diane Wood is also a member of I.C.E out of Tarrant County organization. Ms. Wood also expressed her concerns regarding the safety of undocumented students of TCC. She is advocating for TCC to adopt a safe campus resolutions.

3. Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.

a. Approval of December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Mrs. Ayala, seconded by Dr. Patrick, the minutes for December 12, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

b. Work Session:

c. Audit & Finance Committee:

d. Trustees Activities:

Dr. Evans mentioned he attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit on February 9-12, 2020 along with Chancellor Giovannini, Mr. Heede, Mr. Greenhill and Mr. Barr. Dr. Evans mentioned they heard from several speakers while in Washington. They heard from Mr. John Pallasch, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training with the U.S. Department of labor; Mr. Charlie Cook, political analyst and publisher of the Cook Political Report; Ms. Diane Jones, Principle Deputy under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Educations. They also heard from Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' affairs, Mark Tekano. Dr. Evans mentioned that each of these individuals gave an insight on where we might be as a country on certain legislative matters. On Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> they sat down with different representatives such as; Senator John Cornyn, Congressman Marc Veasey, Kenny Merchant, Roger Williams, the legislative liaison from Michael Burgess office, as well as, a legislative liaison from Congresswoman Kay Grangers office.

Some of the legislative priorities our Trustees spoke and advocated for were, the importance of re-

authorizing the Higher Education Act, in particular the short-term Pell grant. They advocated for lowering the threshold for Pell grant eligibility to 150 clock hours, and to increase the Pell grant maximum award by boosting the maximum grant providing annual increases to the maximum award as this would help with funding and help our students. Trustees spoke to representatives about the Second Chance Pell Grant banned 25 years ago. This would give a second chance for incarcerated individuals. Trustees also discussed the support for state investments in lowering the cost for community colleges by establishing a federal-state partnership. This would enhance college affordability by way of setting up a matching state funding process, where the state would match the funds given to us by the federal government in hopes to deter the state from lowering their funding commitment to our colleges and schools. Also discussed was enhancing transparency and data by developing a national student database. Trustee Evans mentioned the investment in education and workforce development and the much-needed support of our Dreamers in assisting in granting permanent legal status for our students.

Mr. Greenhill mentioned that Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) held their annual breakfast in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, February 11 with other college trustees and administrators. CCATT will be hosting a Trustee Leadership Conference in McAllen, Texas on February 28. Mr. Greenhill also mentioned the Board of Trustee Institute (BOTI) Conference in Lost Pines, Texas on March 23-25, 2020.

Dr. Morrison attended the Clifford Davis Legal Association event on SO Campus on February 1 as well as the 14th Ariel Hunter-Chriss Women and Minority Owned Enterprise and Business Professionals' Conference on SO campus on February 6-7, 2020. Dr. Morrison also invited everyone to attend the two exhibits at Trinity River East Campus called *SEPIA Magazine*. Also mentioned was *ADJUSTED LENS: IMAGING BLACKNESS* on Thursday, February 27, 2020 5:30 – 8pm.

Mr. Heede mentioned that he and Trustee Ayala attended the Tarrant Transportation Summit on Friday, February 14 put on by Tarrant County Precinct 3 to talk about the future of transportation.

Mrs. Ayala spoke with Mr. Wayne Gensler with Trinity Metro about the need of transportation for TCC students. Mrs. Ayala visited the Welding Technology lab, automotive, upholstery and collision repair programs at SO campus. She stressed the importance of how well TCC is preparing students coming out of these programs prepared for a career. TCC collaborated with TX A&M law school and hosted Mr. Thomas Saenz, President and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund at Trinity River Campus for the State of LatinX Civil Rights. Mr. Saenz shared a hopeful message about the opportunity for civil rights law to not only protect Latinos but all minority groups. Mrs. Ayala also visited SE campus with a group of students from Argentina; they are here to observe classes and the culture at TCC. This group stresses the importance of not only bilingualism, but also biculturalism.

Dr. Patrick congratulated TCC Connect Campus for winning the 2020 Intelligence Pick for the Best Online Community College award. After assessing over 286 colleges and universities and comparing 338 education programs nationwide, Tarrant County College Connect emerged as the leader receiving the highest score of 99.80.

Dr. Giovannini mentioned that this is truly a college recognition, since over 20,000 students at TCC take online courses, only 4,600 students are strictly online students.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Policy Additions/Revisions to DEA (LOCAL) Substitute Faculty Pay.
- b. Consideration and Approval of Final Deductive Change Order with Mart, Inc for Southeast Campus - Exterior Door Access Control Project Credit: -\$74,951.28

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Dr. Evans the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

5. Consideration and Approval of Individual Action Items.

- a. Consideration and Approval of the Student Fees for 2020-2021.

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

- b. Consideration and Approval of Funding for Cooperative Renewal Agreements for District - Furniture Purchases Amount: Not to Exceed \$2,500,000.00.

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the renewal agreement was unanimously approved.

- c. Consideration and Approval of Annual Renewal Professional Services Agreement with ABM Texas General Services to Provide District Grounds Services Amount: \$492,807.36.

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

- d. Consideration and Approval of Contract with GFC Contracting to Provide South Campus-Welding Technology Lab Expansion Amount: \$2,569,798.08.

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

- e. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Infinity Contractors to Provide Southeast Campus Cooling Towers Replacement Installation Amount: \$1,857,343.85.

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

- f. Consideration and Approval of Trinity River Campus Medium Voltage Electrical Distribution System Studies and Replacement of West Fork Transformer. Amount: Not to Exceed \$500,000.00.

On a motion by Dr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the studies and replacement was unanimously approved.

- g. Consideration and Approval of South Campus Roof Replacement on South Health Physical Education Building. Amount: \$185,470.00.

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

- h. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Cable's Plumbing to Provide South Campus Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II Amount: \$ 146,568.29.

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

- i. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Solid Border for Subscription Services and Annual Maintenance Renewal for Palo Alto Firewall Devices Amount: \$197,431.00.

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

- j. Consideration and Approval of Contract with General Datatech to Purchase District Upgrading Network Switches and Wireless Access Points Amount: \$910,567.72.

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

- 6. Monthly Financial Report Information. Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows. Total income is at 72.4 percent, total expenses is at 41.7 percent. Pools increased \$55.6 million. Purchased three agencies at \$10 million each. One \$10 million agency matured and one \$10 million called. Total Portfolio increased \$66.8 million during January to an ending balance of \$480.9 million. Yield was 1.89 percent at January 31, 2020 and the WAM was at 332 days.

7. Chancellor's Report Information.

- a. New Staff Member Introductions – Shannon Bryant, Executive Vice President for Corporate Solutions and Economic Development, introduced Mr. Rodney Johnson as the new Director for Tarrant Small Business Development Center.
- b. College Accolades.
- c. Recent Activities.  
Chancellor Recent Activity Report in February 2020 packet.

8. 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 see 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

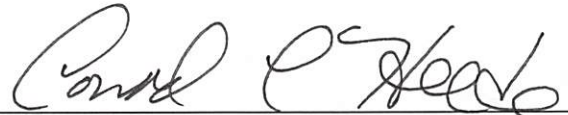
Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- 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.

9. Consideration and Action on Closed Session Items. None.
10. Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. The next Work Session Meeting will be on March 5, 2020 and Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2020.

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