

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 15, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted its Board Meeting on April 15, 2021 at the Trinity River Campus, with Mr. Conrad Heede presiding. Other Trustees present were Ms. Teresa Ayala, Mr. William Greenhill and Mr. Leonard Hornsby. Dr. Diane Patrick, Mr. Kenneth Barr and Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison were also present via video conferencing. Also present were Chancellor Giovannini and members of the TCCD staff.

Mr. Heede read the following statement.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Subsequently, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted in the Declaration, Governor Abbott temporarily suspended the application of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, in order to permit telephonic open meetings. This was an effort to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus by avoiding large group meetings while still ensuring continued governmental operations and preserving transparency in the decision-making process. Tarrant County College District gave notice of its intent to conduct a video conference / open meeting thereafter and of its intent to permit the public to make comment at the meeting by telephone.

2. **Public Comment/Special Presentation.**

Mr. Heede invited Dr. Elva LeBlanc to introduce outgoing Joint Consultation Committee (JCC). Mr. Daiju Hoshino to speak about his time as the JCC Chair. Mr. Hoshino thanked all members of the JCC for the 2020 – 2021 year and he introduced Mr. Michael Downs as the new Chair. Mr. Downs, he introduced new members for 2021 – 2022.

3. **Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.**

- a. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Dr. Patrick, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Hornsby, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- c. Trustee Activities

Dr. Morrison spoke about the 3 Goals and 8 Principles as TCC unites as One College for

student success and servicing the community. Dr. Morrison spoke at the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities where she recognized Ms. Rainey Dock Matthews. Ms. Matthews was appointed by Mayor Price to serve as the Chair on this committee, she is an advocate for people with disabilities and a former TCC alum. Ms. Matthews is a regular user of the free transit access that was negotiated by TCC and Trinity Metro for all TCC students to utilize. Dr. Morrison recognized Ms. Matthews for her service as a student and community advocate in helping people with disabilities.

On April 24th, Dr. Morrison will celebrate the 45th anniversary of her election on the TCC Board of Trustees. She expressed that she enjoys serving on the Board of Trustees for many reasons, one of them being the Visions Unlimited Program, which provides opportunities to homeless individuals seeking higher education through TCC. She showed an informative video featuring Dr. Tina Jenkins, Program Director and Dr. William Brown instructor with the Visions Unlimited Program. The video also featured students and graduates of the program.

Dr. Morrison thanked Dr. Patrick for her service on the TCC Board of Trustees and wish her well as she explores her future endeavors. Dr. Morrison also thanked the three Board of Trustees members Mr. Heede, Ms. Ayala and Mr. Hornsby who are running for re-election on May 1st.

Dr. Patrick thanked Dr. Morrison for her kind words as well as all the members of the Board of Trustees, she has enjoyed working with each member to service TCC students and the community.

Mr. Greenhill also thanked Dr. Patrick and mentioned that she is still on the Legislative Committee with the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT). Mr. Greenhill is the Chair of this committee to review the process for board appointments and he will be submitting recommendations for the vacancies on the board, he also explain the different committees within CCATT to Mr. Hornsby and encouraged him to get involved.

Ms. Ayala thanked Dr. Patrick for her years of service to TCC and also congratulated Dr. Morrison on her 45 years of continued service to TCC.

In keeping with the goal of serving the community, Ms. Ayala and TCC collaborated with other organizations as well as students from Diamond Hill Jarvis High School, Northside High School and UNT Medical School for vaccine and voter registration events to those in communities that may not have access to the vaccine or able to register to vote, through these events over 400 people were registered for the vaccine and/or registered to vote.

Ms. Ayala congratulated the Diamond Hill Jarvis High School's soccer team. They are one win away from the school's first state title in 70 years.

Ms. Ayala participated in the Integrated Learning – Student, Faculty Engagement Common Reader virtual event hosted by the Northwest Campus Humanities Division. “The Book of Unknown Americans” by author Cristina Henríquez intends to connect with students and engage them to read more and to conduct more meaningful conversations about their culture, community, home and life. Ms. Henríquez spoke to TCC students, who were winners of the essay contest. She provided the students with feedback, encouragement and answered their questions. Ms. Ayala congratulated the winners and gave thanks to all the faculty and staff invoiced in this event.

Mr. Heede echoed his thanks to Dr. Patrick and congratulated Dr. Morrison for her many years of service.

Earlier today Mr. Heede attended the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce luncheon, where he had the opportunity to meet several community leaders and members. He answered questions about TCC and received several heartwarming accolades about the quality of education at TCC.

4. **Consideration and Approval of the Consent Agenda.**

None

5. **Consideration and Approval of Individual Action Items.**

- a. Ratification of Original Participation Agreement and Consideration and Approval of a Resolution and an Amended and Restated Participation Agreement to Extend Tarrant County College District Participation in Crowley Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1.

On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Ms. Ayala, the item was unanimously approved.

- b. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Carrillo Engineering for Assessment Services for the South Campus Storm Drain in the Amount of \$126,906.80.

On a motion by Ms. Ayala, seconded by Dr. Patrick, the item was unanimously approved.

- c. Consideration and Approval of the Addition of WRG to the List of Previously Approved Furniture Vendors for the Statutory Exempted Procurement Method Expenditures in a Cumulative Amount Not to Exceed \$6,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

6. **Monthly Financial Report Information.**

Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows for March 2021. Total income is at 89.3 percent, total expenses is at 54.7 percent. Pools decreased by \$23.8 million. Total Portfolio decreased by \$34.2million during March to an ending balance of \$806.9 million. Yield was 0.47 percent at March 31, 2021 and the Weighted Average Maturity was at 132 days.

Ms. Alanis stated that TCC is at 99 percent of property tax budget planned for the year and \$11 million ahead of where we were this time last year. We are still about \$4 million below where in tuition from last year. However, TCC budgeted for a 10 percent decline due to the uncertainty of COVID.

7. **Chancellor's Report Information.**

- a. New Staff Member Introductions
Chancellor Giovannini introduced Dr. Daniel Lufkin, South Campus President

b. Update on Exercise of Authority

Chancellor Giovannini reported that there was no authority exercised as of April 15, 2021. The Trustees will be presented with an update on a monthly basis.

c. College Accolades.

d. Recent Activities.

Dr. Giovannini spoke about the many accolades that are distinctive to TCC. Tarrant County College has been recognized as one of the top schools in Texas for students interested in pursuing careers in Mental Health Nursing according to 2021 Plexus Global ranking, TCC ranked number 4 in Texas for Mental Health Nursing Program and number 39 in the entire country.

TCC signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Tarleton State University. Through the leadership of President James Hurley, TCC entered into an agreement regarding scholarships with Tarleton. This will allow part-time students to receive aid, as many of them find it difficult to continue college on a full-time basis after TCC. Students at Southeast Campus can now use the City of Arlington “on demand” public transportation services not only for school, but as needed. Dr. Giovannini extended his thanks to Dr. Diane Patrick for her service over the years.

8. **Closed Session:**

The Board may enter a closed meeting 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.**

No Closed Session meeting.

10. **Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting.**

The next Work Session Meeting will be on Thursday, May 13, 2021 and Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021. This meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.



Conrad C. Heede, President
Board of Trustees



Diane Patrick, Secretary
Board of Trustees