

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted its monthly Board meeting on May 20, 2021 at the Trinity River Campus, with Mr. Conrad Heede presiding. Other Trustees present were Mr. Kenneth Barr, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison, Mr. William Greenhill, Ms. Teresa Ayala, Mr. Leonard Hornsby, Ms. Jeannie Deakyne and Ms. Shannon Wood. Dr. Diane Patrick was 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.**

Ms. Ayala thanked Mr. Conrad Heede and Dr. Diane Patrick for their service on the TCC Board of Trustees.

Mr. Heede congratulated Ms. Wood for her District #2 election victory to the TCC Board of Trustees. Mr. Heede thanked members of TCC for their support including Chancellor Giovannini, Provost Dr. Elva LeBlanc and all campus Presidents, Associate General Counsel Ms. Carol Bracken and Vice Chancellor of Communications and External Affairs, Mr. Reginald Gates and his team, and all faculty and staff at TCC.

Dr. Patrick echoed Mr. Heede's appreciation to everyone at TCC for working together to help the Board and students at TCC. Dr. Patrick thanked Mr. Heede for his leadership as Board President. She also congratulated all the new elected Board of Trustees members.

Dr. Morrison thanked Mr. Heede and Dr. Patrick for their service on the Board.

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

- a. Consideration and Approval of Resolution and Order Declaring Results of General Trustee Election.

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Ayala, the resolution was unanimously approved.

- b. Swearing-In of Elected Officials

District #1 – Fort Worth City Councilman Mr. Carlos Flores swore in Ms. Teresa Ayala.

District #5 – City of Mansfield Mayor and former TCC Trustee Dr. Michael Evans swore in Mr. Leonard Hornsby.

District #3 – Tarrant County Commissioner Ms. Devan Allen swore in Ms. Jeannie Deakyne.

District #2 – Judge Timothy Murphy swore in Ms. Shannon Wood.

c. Election of Officers

The Board will select the following seat for Board President, Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Barr nominated Ms. Teresa Ayala as President of the Board. Dr. Morrison self-nominated for the President of the Board.

On a motion to close the nominations by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Hornsby, the nominees were unanimously approved.

The Board conducted a voice vote for the President of the Board position.

Mr. Barr, Mr. Greenhill, Ms. Wood, Ms. Deakyne, Ms. Ayala voted for Ms. Ayala to become Board President.

Mr. Hornsby and Dr. Morrison voted for Dr. Morrison to become Board President.

By majority vote, Ms. Ayala was elected TCC Board of Trustees President.

Mr. Greenhill nominated Mr. Barr as Vice President of the Board.

Dr. Morrison noted that she will not be voting.

Mr. Barr was elected as Vice President of the Board of Trustees by vote of acclamation.

Ms. Deakyne self-nominated for the Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Morrison noted that she will not be voting.

Ms. Deakyne was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees by vote of acclamation.

Mr. Greenhill and Ms. Ayala nominated Mr. Hornsby for Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hornsby was elected as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees by vote of acclamation.

d. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes– April 8, 2021.

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

e. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2021.

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

c. Trustee Activities

Mr. Greenhill updated the Trustees and public on the progress of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) Legislative Committee funding.

Dr. Morrison acknowledged the 100th birthday of Tarrant County College's first Chancellor, Dr. Joe B. Rushing and wished him a Happy Birthday. Dr. Morrison announced that she will be bringing Mr. Corey Cammon, a TCC alum and US Navy retiree to future board meeting as he may be a successor for the Board of Trustees in the future. She shared her excitement for the new TCC ads promoting the college. Dr. Morrison congratulated Ms. Courtlyn Walker, first graduating class from the TCC South Campus/Fort Worth ISD collegiate high school. This past weekend, Courtlyn graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor University with a bachelor's degree. Courtlyn is looking forward to starting her career as an educator. And that is one of many examples of what Success Within Reach looks like thanks to the faculty and staff at TCC.

Ms. Ayala recently attended the 46th Annual Texas Association of Chicano in Higher Education (TACHE) conference. The theme for this year's conference was Le Lucha Sigue continuing the fight for dignity, education and the Chicano identity. TCC is one of the sponsors of this event and was well represented by Dr. Mayra Olivares-Urueta, Ms. Linda Lopez, Dr. Christina Martinez Sullivan and Mr. Robert Ortez.

Mr. Greenhill congratulated TCC graduates as well as everyone for putting together a successful commencement.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration and Approval of Regular Rental Rates for the Corporate Center for Learning and Development.
- b. Consideration and Approval of Awarding Tenure to the Faculty Members Recommended.
- c. Consideration and Approval of Agreement with Barnes and Noble for the Cost of Science Lab Kits for Students Paid with Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds, also known as Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds.
- d. Consideration and Approval of the Renewal of Rosetta Stone for Online Language Application in the Amount of \$229,000.00 for a One-Year Term.
- e. Consideration and Approval of the Purchase of Blackboard Ally Software from DLT Solutions, LLC, for a Three-Year Term in the Total Amount of \$288,338.19 (Average of \$96,112.73 Annually).
- f. Consideration and Approval of Annual Agreement with Microsoft Premier Support for Direct Access and Support Training in the Amount of \$195,250.00.
- g. Consideration and Approval of the Increase of the Spending Authority with General Datatech for Fiscal Year 2021 by \$145,000 in the Amount of \$2,645,000 (Not to Exceed) for the Purchase of Cisco Network Switches.
- h. Consideration and Approval of the Renewal with Oracle America, Inc. Licensing and Technical Support in the Amount of \$779,846.47 for a One-Year Term.
- i. Ratification of Purchase of COVID 19 – Hand Sanitizing Stations from Empire Paper in the Amount of \$137,981.25.

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

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

- a. Ratification of Purchase of District-wide Bipolar Ionization Additions with Texas Air Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$243,450.00 and with Heat Transfer Solutions, Inc. in the Amount of \$193,620.00 (Total \$437,070.00).

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

- b. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Ayers Saint Gross for Tarrant County College Sustainability Master Plan Development - Phase I in the Amount of \$176,786.00.

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hornsby, the item was unanimously approved.

- c. Consideration and Approval of Construction Contracts with Multiple Contractors for the Annual District Classroom Renovations in the Amount of \$3,011,450.05.

On a motion by Mr. Hornsby, seconded by Mr. Barr, the item was unanimously approved.

- d. Consideration and Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Texas Refrigeration for Coil Replacement Project on Northwest Campus in the Amount of \$168,688.00.

On a motion by Ms. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Hornsby, the item was unanimously approved.

- e. Consideration and Approval of a Contract with Freedom Construction for the Construction of the Trinity River Ophthalmic Exam Rooms in the Amount of \$107,136.00.

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

6. **Monthly Financial Report Information.**

Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows for April 2021. Total income is at 91.6 percent, total expenses is at 61.7 percent. Pools decreased by \$3.9 million. No change in Treasury Bills. Total Portfolio decreased by \$4.2 million during April to an ending balance of \$802.8 million. Yield was 0.46 percent at April 30, 2021 and the WAM was at 123 days.

Ms. Alanis mentioned that the property tax collections continue to exceed budget and by about \$10 million which more than offsets the loss in tuition revenue this past year. TCC continues to experience savings on expenditures due to the campuses not being fully operational due to COVID-19. The Board will receive projection for next year's budget at next month's Work Session meeting.

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

Chancellor Giovannini congratulated the new Board of Trustees members as well as the new officers. Dr. Giovannini presented a couple of reports this month include the authority granted to Chancellor by the Board for the federal funding of the CARES Act (HEERF) to act in a timely manner during COVID-19. Two things were discussed tonight that required the usage of these funds included hand sanitizing and bipolar ionization in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chancellor reported on the success of the first TCC "rolling" commencement. He thanked and congratulated the Board members for their attendance, the 166 faculty and staff participating in this event. We had 7889 graduates, including 563 high school students. 1864 graduates attended commencement with over 9000 people attending this event. We received many positive comments in regards to this year's commencement and will factor in these successes into future commencement planning. Chancellor Giovannini highlight a few accolades that are included in the Board's packets of accolades. The American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the National Science Foundation announced that it has selected 12 finalist teams to advance to the final round of the innovation challenge and TCC was one of the finalists. This competition seeks to strengthen entrepreneurial thinking among college students by challenging them to apply STEM based solutions to real-world problems. TCC's submission is focused on improving the health of bee colonies. Lastly, Dr. Giovannini mentioned that the NYX Marcom Awards seeks the best work in marketing and communication throughout the world. Every entry is evaluated by 20 or more international jurors and TCC was awarded the gold in both categories entered. Chancellor Giovannini ended his report by sending his well wishes to Dr. Joe B. Rushing on his 100th birthday and thanked him for his serve to TCC.

- a. College Accolades.
- b. Recent Activities.

8. **Closed Session:** None

The Board will conduct 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.

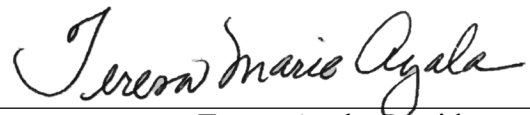
- i. Legal issues regarding any item listed on today's District Board Meeting agenda.
- b. Section 551.072, Deliberations Regarding Real Property
Deliberate the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position 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.

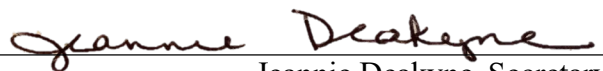
9. **Consideration and Action on Closed Session Items.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm. The next Work Session Meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021 and Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021.



Teresa Ayala, President
Board of Trustees



Jeannie Deakayne, Secretary
Board of Trustees