

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 23, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted its monthly Board meeting on September 23, 2021 at the Trinity River Campus, with Ms. Teresa Ayala presiding. Other Trustees present were Mr. Kenneth Barr, Mr. William Greenhill, Mr. Leonard Hornsby, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison, Ms. Shannon Wood and Ms. Jeannie Deakyne. Also present were Chancellor Giovannini and members of the TCCD staff.

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

Several members of the community spoke during the Public Comment portion of today's Board of Trustees meeting related to faculty hiring.

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

a. Consideration of Resolution Providing for the Levy and Collection of an Annual Ad Valorem Tax on All Property Within the Boundaries of Tarrant County College District on January 1, 2021, Except Such Property as May be Exempt from Taxation
On a motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the minutes were unanimously approved.

b. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2021.

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

c. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2021.

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

d. Trustee Activities

Ms. Wood read a statement regarding the hiring process of faculty at Tarrant County College.

Ms. Deakyne spoke about the 20th anniversary of September 11th. She mentioned that on a recent trip back to DFW, her Uber driver was a veteran who is attending TCC.

Mr. Barr expressed his excitement to see so many students on campus.

Mr. Greenhill, Mr. Hornsby and Chancellor Giovannini attended the CCATT/ Institute (BOTI) annual conference. This conference is a collaboration between Texas Association of Community Colleges and the Success Center. Some of the topics of discussions included “Create the Culture for Change and Transformation” and “Monitor What Matters”.

Mr. Hornsby continued Mr. Greenhill’s sentiments regarding success of the CCATT/BOTI conference and also expressed his appreciation for this conference. He enjoyed each presentation, especially the Equity and Inclusion presentation by Dr. Warren. Dr. Giovannini also presented during the CCATT/BOTI conference speaking about TCC’s 3 Goals and 8 Principles. Mr. Hornsby also attended the Clifford L Davis Scholarship banquet, which provides future law students with scholarships.

Dr. Morrison expressed her appreciation for all the work that Chancellor Giovannini and TCC staff are doing to promote student success.

Ms. Ayala attended the Juntos Se Puede annual Scholarship Reception at Northwest Campus. Sixteen students received scholarships to continue their educational journey. During this event Dr. Blankenbaker delivered the welcome and highlighted the many programs at Northwest campus. The guest speaker was HWNT State Chair elect Sandra Garcia, who gave a moving speech about her educational journey. Ms. Ayala also spoke about the partnership with TCC and the Trinity Metro to provide transportation to students at TCC. Lastly, Ms. Ayala mentioned that today is North Texas Giving Day and she encourage others to give to the TCC Foundation to support the success of TCC students.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration and Approval of the Annual Renewal of Proctoring Services from Proctorio, Inc. in the Amount of \$600,000.00
- b. Consideration and Approval of Collection Agency Services Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Vendor Pool for an Initial Two-Year Term with the Option to Renew for an Additional Two Years with an Aggregate Annual Spend Not to Exceed \$150,000.00

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

5. Consideration and Approval of Individual Action Items.

- a. Consideration and Approval of the Purchase of 2,000 Surface Go Tablets from Xerox Business Solutions Southwest to Refresh and Expand the Library Loaner Device Fleet in the Amount of \$1,568,000

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

- b. Consideration and Approval of Purchases from GDT, Graybar, and Premier Communications to Upgrade All Campuses to Wi-Fi-6 Technology Across the District in the Amount Not to Exceed \$3,572,390.43

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

- c. Consideration and Approval of Purchase from Sequel Data Systems, Inc. and Dell Technologies to Upgrade and Expand of the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Environment in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,315,770.96

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

- d. Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Promotional Items from Consolidus, LLC and Mulholland Custom Imprints for an Initial Two-Year Term with the Option to Renew for Three Additional Years with an Aggregate Annual Spend Not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00

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

- e. Consideration and Approval of Amendment to Service Agreement for Tubbesing Services, LLC., for District-Wide Uninterruptible Power Supply Monitoring and Maintenance Program to Increase the Annual Amount to \$115,605.00 for the Remaining Renewal Options

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

- f. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Infinity Contractors International LTD for Purchase and Installation of Bi-Polar Ionization Equipment District-wide in the Amount of \$1,025,482.00

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

- g. Consideration and Approval of a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the Northwest Campus Redevelopment Project Special Inspection and Materials Testing Services in the Amount of \$300,327.00

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

- h. Consideration and Approval of Rental Rates for District Pool Facilities for Academic Year 2021-22 of \$75 per Hour (3-Hour Minimum) for Public and Non-Profit Licensees and \$500 per Four-Hour Event for All Other Users

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

- i. Consideration and Approval of Resolution and Participation Agreement to Authorize Tarrant County College District Participation in Keller Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 and Appointment of Representatives

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

approved.

- j. Consideration and Approval of Resolution and Participation Agreement to Authorize Tarrant County College District Participation in Bedford Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 and Appointment of Representatives

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

- k. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford for Design Services on Districtwide Pay-Go Funded Integrated Instructional Learning Environments Classroom Upgrades in the Amount of \$541,513.81

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

- l. Consideration and Approval of Access Easement and Right-of-Way on Tarrant County College-Owned Property Northeast of the Intersection of the Trinity River and North Main to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

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

- m. Consideration and Approval of Recommended Revisions to Board Policies Related to Employment Practices, Utility Contracts, Board Authority and Ethics, Child Abuse Reporting, Curriculum Design, and Course Load

On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Deakyne the item was unanimously approved.

6. Monthly Financial Report Information.

Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows for August 2021. Total income is at 100.4 percent, total expenses is at 84.3 percent. Pools increased by \$10.1million. \$50 million Treasuries matured in August. \$10 million Agencies matured in August. Total Portfolio decreased by \$50.2 million during August to an ending balance of \$692.3 million. Yield was 0.44 percent at August 31, 2021 and the WAM was at 101 days.

7. Chancellor's Report Information.

- a. New Staff Member Introduction
Dr. Carlos Morales introduced Dr. Shelly Pearson as Vice President for Academic Affairs TCC Connect
- b. New Staff Member Introduction
Ms. Susan Alanis introduced Mr. Ronnie Watkins as Executive Director of Finance and Administrative Services
- c. College Accolades
Dr. Giovannini highlighted the College Together with Campfire First Texas Early Education Apprenticeship program was recently awarded \$120,000 from

the Texas Workforce Commission, this funding will support the partnership TCC has with Campfire First Texas Early Education Apprenticeship program, which provides early education teachers working with ages 0-5, a pathway for their educational advancements and earning increase wages and college credit for professional certifications.

Forbes recognized TCC as one of the best instate employers in 2021. This recognition was through a survey of 80,000 employees across 25 industry sectors. The survey covered employees working conditions, salary, potential for growth and diversity.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has ranked TCC as one of the best in green power usage. The EPA green power partnership program has named the top 30 colleges. TCC was ranked 2nd in Texas and 25th nationally.

- d. Update on Exercise of Authority – **None**
- e. Briefing on College Marketing – Mr. Reginald Gates, Vice Chancellor of Communications and External Affairs and Ms. Suzanne Groves, Executive Director of PR and Marketing provided an overview of TCC’s Integrated Marketing Strategy 2020 – 2021.
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8. **Closed Session.**

The Board entered into a closed session meeting at 8:22pm in order to discuss matters permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

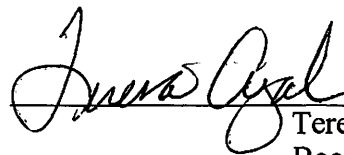
- a. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney
To see the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly 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.

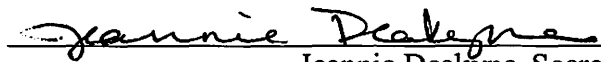
9. **Consideration and Action on Closed Session Items.**

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

The Board reconvened from the Closed Session with no decisions at 9:39pm The next Work Session Meeting will be on Thursday, November 11, 2021 and Monthly Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021.



Teresa Ayala, President
Board of Trustees



Jeannie Deakne, Secretary
Board of Trustees