

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 17, 2022
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted its monthly Board meeting on February 17, 2022 at the Trinity River Campus, with Ms. Teresa Ayala presiding. Other Trustees present were Mr. Kenneth Barr, Mr. William Greenhill, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison, Mr. Leonard Hornsby, Ms. Shannon Wood and Ms. Jeannie Deakyne. Also present were Chancellor Giovannini and members of the TCCD staff.
2. **Public Comment/Special Presentation.** None
3. **Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.**
 - a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022 (Rescheduled for February 10, 2022)

On a motion by Dr. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Barr, the minutes were unanimously approved.
 - d. Trustee Remarks

Ms. Wood toured Southeast Campus visiting several areas including the food pantry, veteran's center and the culinary program. Lunch was prepared and served by students of the culinary program. She also visited the South Campus automotive mechanic, welding and other technical programs.

Ms. Deakyne visited the Southeast Campus in December for a concert benefiting the food pantry at Southeast Campus. She along with Mr. Hornsby, Chancellor Giovannini and Vice Chancellor Reginald Gates visited Washington for the annual National Legislative Summit hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The conference included discussions of community college programs and needs, as well as the impact of community colleges.

Mr. Hornsby spoke more about their visit to the National Legislative Summit including the opportunity to meet with Texas Representative Marc Veasey, Representative Beth Van Duyne as well as the Chief of Staff for Mike Burgess, Representative Kay Granger, Representative Roger Williams and Representative Jake Ellzey. Dr. Jill Biden spoke during the summit as well as many other elected officials.

Mr. Barr spoke with his sister-in-law, who is the program director for the Leader Kids operating program of Leadership Fort Worth. This partnership with Fort Worth ISD aims to help eighth grade students develop their leadership skills. The students visited

TCC Trinity River Campus and has an opportunity to meet and ask questions of leadership of TCC Trinity River Campus, including Mr. Richard Chance the Dean of Community Education.

Mr. Greenhill had knee surgery recently and met many health care professionals that graduated from TCC during his rehab.

Dr. Morrison thanked fellow Trustees for their hard work. She congratulated student services at the six TCC campuses for their dedication to helping students with engagement and success. In recognition of Black History month, the student services department has put on several great events to celebrate black history month.

Ms. Ayala thanked Dr. Morrison for her contribution to TCC as a board member for the last 45 years. She is entering her 46th year as a TCC Trustees. Ms. Ayala shared some highlights of Dr. Morrison's many years serving TCC. A video montage celebrating Dr. Morrison introduced by Chancellor Eugene Giovannini included members of the community such as Mayor Mattie Parker, Congresswoman Kay Granger, State Senator Roy West, the grandmother of Juneteenth Mrs. Opal Lee, Former TCC Board of Trustees Chair Mrs. Louise Appleman, FWISD Board President Mrs. Tobi Jackson, Congressman Marc Veasey, Former TCC Trustee Dr. Diane Patrick, FWISD 1st Vice President Mr. Quinton Phillips, Tarrant County Commissioner Mr. Roy Charles Brooks and State Senator Ms. Beverly Powell. Dr. Morrison graciously acknowledged the video presentation with brief remarks... "you've taken my breath away".

4. **Consideration and Approval of the Consent Agenda.** None

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

- a. Consideration and Approval of the Purchase of Hardware from Sequel Data Systems, Inc., Converge One, and GDT for NetLab Server Hardware, Software, Extended Maintenance, and Installation Assistance in the Amount of \$394,035.30 for a Three-Year Period

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

- b. Consideration and Approval of the Student Fees for Academic Year 2022–2023

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

- c. Consideration and Approval of Patient Care Technician, Level 1 Certificate Program

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

- d. Consideration and Approval of the Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Jacobs Project Management Company for the Real Estate and Facilities Asset Management Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,253,258.00 (Continued from Previous Meeting)

On a motion by Mr. Barr, 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 January 2022. Total income for the year is at 71.3 percent, total expenses are on track. Ms. Alanis also reported on TCC investments.

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

a. College Accolades

Dr. Giovannini presented the board with the many accolades at Tarrant County College featured in their board packets.

a. Briefing: Redistricting After 2020 Census - Ms. Lisa McBride and Mr. Jesse Gaines

b. Briefing: Faculty Placement and Promotion - Dr. Elva LeBlanc

c. Informational: Monthly Bond Program Report - Ms. Susan Alanis

d. Informational: Barnes & Noble Renewal - Ms. Alanis

Dr. Giovannini provided updates on items e., f. and g.

e. Informational: HEERF Expenditure Update

f. Informational: College Accolades

g. Informational: Recent Activities

8. **DGBA Appeal Hearing.** Mr. Jack Reynolds provided comments regarding his grievance appeal.

9. **Closed Session.**

The Board entered into a closed session meeting at 8:19pm in order to discuss matters permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

b. 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.

ii. Discussion of legal issues regarding complaint filed against the Chancellor.

c. 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.

- d. Section 551.074, Deliberations on Personnel Matters
Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- e. 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 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.

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


The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 12:40am. Ms. Ayala read a statement regarding the allegations that have been made regarding Chancellor Giovannini. Dr. Morrison moved to place Dr. Giovannini on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation and to appoint Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Elva LeBlanc as Acting Chancellor during this time. Mr. Barr seconded the motion and made comments regarding Dr. LeBlanc's qualifications to serve as Acting Chancellor.

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

The next Work Session Meeting will be on Thursday, March 10, 2022 and Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43am.



Teresa Marie Ayala, President
Board of Trustees



Jeannie Deakyne, Secretary
Board of Trustees