

# TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Special Meeting

March 17, 2022

5:00 p.m.

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**1. Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted a Special meeting on March 17, 2022 at the Trinity River Campus, with Ms. Teresa Ayala presiding. Other Trustees present were Mr. Kenneth Barr, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison, Mr. William Greenhill, Mr. Leonard Hornsby, and Ms. Shannon Wood. Also present were members of the TCCD staff.

**2. Public Comment.** None

**3. Closed Session:**

The Board may enter into a closed session 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 seek 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 Special Meeting agenda.
  - ii. Consideration of complaint filed against Dr. Giovannini.
  - iii. Discussion of Dr. Giovannini's employment contract, including but not limited to potential termination, and all other appropriate action as permitted or required by law.
  - iv. Consideration of complaint filed by Dr. Giovannini.
- 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 of Trustees reconvened from the Closed Session meeting at 8:31pm, Ms. Ayala provided remarks regarding the closed session. Ms. Ayala then asked for a motion.

Mr. Barr made the following motion: “Based upon consultation with the District’s attorneys, I move that the Board commence the process set forth in Dr. Giovannini’s employment contract to terminate his employment with TCCD for good cause. I further move that President Ayala be authorized to execute all documents necessary to effect that process, and to take any other related action permitted or required by law”.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Greenhill and unanimously approved.

Ms. Ayala read the following statement into the record:

“Today the attending Board of Trustees unanimously decided to commence the formal process of terminating Chancellor Eugene Giovannini’s contract for good cause. We believe this action is in the College’s best long-term interests.

“As this process gets underway, we are confident that the operations of the College are in good hands under the strong, capable leadership of Acting Chancellor Dr. Elva LeBlanc. I want to be completely clear that nothing will distract her or our faculty, staff and students from the outstanding work they are currently doing in their work together each day.


“We pledge to remain keenly focused on further nurturing and advancing the College’s vital mission and values for the benefit of all our community stakeholders.”

Ms. Ayala announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held Thursday, March 24, 2022.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Hornsby and seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

9. Adjournment.

  
Teresa Marie Ayala, President  
Board of Trustees

  
Jeannie Deakyne, Secretary  
Board of Trustees