

**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 24, 2022

6:00p.m.

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1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Trustees conducted its monthly Board meeting on March 24, 2022 at the Trinity River Campus, with Ms. Teresa Ayala presiding. Other Trustees present were Mr. Kenneth Barr, Mr. William Greenhill, Dr. Gwendolyn Morrison and Ms. Jeannie Deakyne. Also present were Acting Chancellor Dr. Elva LeBlanc and members of the TCCD staff.
  
2. **Public Comment/Special Presentation.** None
  
3. **Board Action Items and Board Business Related Items.**
  - a. Consideration and Approval of Ratification of Appointment of Dr. Elva LeBlanc as Acting Chancellor and Assignment Pay  
On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Barr, the item was unanimously approved.
  
  - b. Consideration and Approval of Resolution to Adopt a Redistricting Timeline and Criteria  
On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Ms. Deakyne the item was unanimously approved.
  
  - c. Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2022 Board Meeting  
On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the minutes were unanimously approved.
  
  - d. Trustee Remarks  
  
Mr. Greenhill visited with students from the Business Professionals of America State Conference Aldine ISD Middle School from Houston Texas. These students came to the Trinity River campus for a tour. Mr. Greenhill and Ms. Shannon Bryant and staff members from Corporate Solutions and Economic Development visited Diamondback Industries.  
  
March is Women's History Month, and Dr. Morrison gave accolades to Dr. May Owens for her contribution to Tarrant County College including the pleasure of serving with her on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Morrison also wanted to highlight an alum of TCCD, who is graduating from SMU's Dedman School of Law on May 12, 2022. Haley Taylor Schlitz

will be the youngest woman and African American woman in the history of the United States to graduate from law school.

Mr. Barr recognized TCCD student Megan Stiffler named 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholar. She is a biology major at TCCD and plans to attend TCU in the fall, her goals are to attend medical school.

Ms. Deakyne highlighted some partnerships with area schools including attending a banquet at Southeast campus to celebrate Arlington ISD teachers. Mr. Deakyne also attended the DAR Medal of Honor event in Houston honoring Ms. Opal Lee and her contributions towards establishing the Juneteenth National Independence Day. She also attended the City of Arlington Community Prayer Breakfast to pray over leaders, first responders and educators. She also shared the Impact Statements brochure that the Communications and External Affairs team created to provide the board with up-to-date impact information about TCCD.

Ms. Ayala recognized Ariela Maritinez, who is the assistant director of graduate recruitment and admissions at TCU. Ariela is an alumnus of TCCD and came back to TCC Connect for a speaking engagement. She is very grateful for the guidance and experience she received at TCCD. Ms. Ayala also recognized the 47th Annual Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE) state conference. During this conference Christina Palacios, the Coordinator of Student Financial Aid received the 2022 Distinguished Community College Staff Award. Also, Arturo Martinez Director of Creative Services was selected to showcase his work in a pop-up exhibit. Dr. Carlos Morales, president of TCC Connect was a Career Leadership Development Institute (CLDI) faculty member along with Eddie Franco from TCCD. This year TCCD was a platinum sponsor for the event. Ms. Ayala reminded TCC students that the Trinity Metro transit service is available to offer free rides to and from TCCD and surrounding areas.

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

- a. Consideration and Approval of the Faculty Development Leave Award to the Provided List of Instructors for the Academic Year 2022-202
- b. Consideration and Approval of Tenure Award to the Faculty Recommended on the Provided List
- c. Consideration and Approval of the Purchase of Internet and Telephone Services from Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) and GTT Communications, Inc. (GTT) for 36 months in the amount of \$532,846.34
- d. Consideration and Approval of Fee Expenditure for Locke Lord Not to Exceed \$200,000.00

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 a Request to Increase the Previously Approved Spending Authority for Dell Computer of \$750,000 to a Limit of \$1,700,000 (Not to Exceed)  
On a motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the item was unanimously approved.
- b. Consideration and Approval of the 5-Year CISCO Network Enterprise Agreement with General Datatech L.P. (GDT) in the amount of \$2,477,361.12 (approximately \$495,500.00 annually)  
On a motion by Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Barr, the item was unanimously approved.
- c. Consideration and Approval of a Request to Increase the Previously Approved Spending Authority with Alpha Business Images of \$1,000,000.00 to a Limit of \$1,500,000.00 (Not to Exceed) for Media Advertising Placements  
On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Barr, the item was unanimously approved.
- d. Consideration and Approval of Statement of Work for Intelligent Buildings, LLC., for Design Guidance supporting the District-wide Smart Building Program in the Amount of \$138,600.00  
On a motion by Ms. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the item was unanimously approved.
- e. Consideration and Approval of Revisions to DED(LOCAL)—COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS/HOLIDAYS to Memorialize Holidays Observed, Add Juneteenth as an Observed Holiday and Memorialize Scheduled Breaks  
On a motion by Dr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Greenhill, the item was unanimously approved.
- f. Consideration and Approval of Amendments to LOCAL Board Policies DBA, DC, DEA, DJ, DK, and DJK related to Employment Practices; Elimination of DD – Personnel Positions and GB – Public Complaints and Hearings  
On a motion by Mr. Barr, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the item was unanimously approved as amended.

**6. Monthly Financial Report Information.**

Chief Operating Officer Susan Alanis reported the financials as follows for February 2022. Ms. Alanis reported that we've collected about 85 percent of our revenue for the year. She also reported that we're running about \$6M behind on tuition compared to last year. Total income is at 84.8 percent, total expenses is at 48.7 percent. Ms. Alanis also provided the investments report.

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

Dr. LeBlanc and members of TCCD presented on the following items.

- a. Informational: Imminent Closure of North Richlands Hills Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 2
- b. Informational: Transmittal of Annual Racial Profiling Report
- c. Informational: Faculty Recommended for Promotion in Rank
- d. Informational: Closing of Land Swap with Hillwood in Alliance Corridor
- e. Informational: TCC Paid Media Presence for April 2022
- f. Informational: College Accolades
- g. Informational: Recent Activities

**8. Closed Session.**

The Board entered into a closed session meeting at 7:38pm 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.
  - 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 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.** None

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

The next Work Session Meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2022, and Monthly Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

  
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Teresa Marie Ayala, President  
Board of Trustees

  
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Jeannie Deakne, Secretary  
Board of Trustees