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Take notice that a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

will be held in the

Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College,
1801 May St., Brownsville, Texas 78520

Commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025

to consider and act on the following Agenda:

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledges of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing on proposed 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Texas Southmost College District
4. Adjournment of Public Hearing

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AMENDED AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledges of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
 - a. If you wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Comment portion of today's meeting about an item on this agenda or another issue, please print your name and the agenda item or topic of discussion you wish to address on the sign-in sheet located at the

entrance of the Gorgas Board Room. If an item is not on the agenda it will be limited to a discussion of placing the topic/item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. Tex. Gov. Code §551.042

- b. In accordance with TSC Policy, only those persons who have signed up on the list shall be heard. The speaker must limit remarks to three minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Comment portion of the meeting and a total of no more than 12 minutes for any specific agenda item and 3 minutes per person. If there are more than four (4) individuals wishing to speak on a specific agenda item, those signing the request must allocate the time amongst themselves so as not to exceed 12 minutes per agenda item.
- c. A complaint against a specific employee or officer of Texas Southmost College shall be heard in a Closed Meeting, as authorized by the *Texas Government Code Title 5-Sections 551.074(1) and (2)*. If your topic concerns a complaint against a specific employee or officer, please note this on the sign-in sheet. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the presiding officer or designee shall refer the individual to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

TSC Policies

Employee Complaints: DGBA

Student Complaints: FLD

Public Complaints: GB

- d. You must make your point on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

- 4. Chairwoman's Report
- 5. President's Report
- 6. Rotary Club of Brownsville Sunrise Presentation
- 7. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Minutes of the following meetings:
 - a. Regular Meeting - June 26, 2025
 - b. Special Board Meeting - August 14, 2025
- 8. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Texas Southmost College District Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

9. Consideration and possible action on the Adoption of the 2025 TSC District Ad Valorem Tax Rate
10. Consideration and possible action on approval of Budget Amendment 25-004 in the amount of \$10,000,000
11. Finance Committee
 - a. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Texas Southmost College and the Texas Southmost College Foundation
 - b. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ended June 30, 2025
 - c. Third Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2025
 - d. Report on the Grants awarded to Texas Southmost College for the Month of June
12. Facilities Committee
 - a. Consideration and possible action to approve a Facility Assessment and Facility Dashboard Access with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)
 - b. Consideration and possible action on award for architectural design services for Fort Brown Campus and ITECC Building Roof Renovation Projects
 - c. Facilities Update
13. Academic Committee
 - a. Consideration and possible action on approval to pursue an associate of applied science in Culinary Arts, a certificate-level 2 in Catering and Private Chef and a certificate-level 1 in Baking and Pastry
14. Student Services Committee
 - a. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the 2025-2026 Matching Funds Agreement between the Stars Scholarship Fund and Texas Southmost College

15. Policies Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action to approve the revisions to the following LOCAL policies:

CG (LOCAL) Safety Program

CGF (LOCAL) Safety Program: Security Personnel

ECC (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Course Load and Schedules

FFDA (LOCAL) - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Sex and Sexual Violence

FFE (LOCAL) - Student Welfare Freedom from Bullying

FLD (LOCAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities Student Complaints

FMA (LOCAL) - Discipline and Penalties Discipline Procedure

16. Executive Session

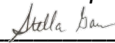
- a. Consultation with Attorney on Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section 551.071 Texas Government Code
- b. Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072 Texas Government Code
- c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code
 - Consideration on FY 24-25 Salary Schedule
 - Consideration on President's evaluation
 - Consideration on legal counsel contracts
 - Consideration on FY 25-26 TSC Strategic Priorities
- d. Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, Section 551.089 Texas Government Code
- e. Deliberation on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, Section 551.071 Texas Government Code

17. Action on Executive Session Matters

18. Announcement of Next Meeting Dates

- a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, September 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, October 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

19. Adjournment

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on 08/25/2025 at 4:45 pm by Dr. Stella E. Garcia. .

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