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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 21, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on May 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Ms. Delia Saenz, Vice Chair; Dr. Norma Lopez Harris, Secretary; Dr. Tony Zavaleta; Mr. Edward Camarillo; and Mr. Edgar Garcia. Absent was Ms. Alejandra Aldrete. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garza at 5:30 p.m. She called roll and confirmed a quorum.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

Trustee Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Chair Garza asked if there were any speakers signed up for public comment. There were no public speakers.

4. Chairwoman's Report

County Commissioner Court Proclamation

The Cameron County Commissioner's court formally recognized TSC's centennial anniversary during their April meeting. The proclamation emphasized TSC's positive impact on the greater Brownsville community over the past 100 years. Chair Garza thanked Vice Chair Saenz, Secretary Lopez Harris, Trustee Camarillo, and President Rodríguez for participating in the meeting.

Bougainvillea Ball

TSC hosted the annual Bougainvillea Ball in April, inviting alumni, including past Bougainvillea Kings and Queens, to attend the event. It was a wonderful evening, with good food, music, and friends. Chair Garza thanked Vice Chair Saenz and President Rodríguez for participating.

Play Day at the Zoo

Chair Garza said Play Day at the Zoo was a fun family event. She said the event was well organized, providing a fun, educational day for the community.

5. President's Report**End of the Year Student Recognitions**

Over the past month, TSC held a number of events to celebrate students' important milestones.

- Student Life hosted the Student Leadership Academy Graduation for 21 students who were engaged in the year-long academy. President Rodríguez thanked Trustee Camarillo for participating in the event.
- Student-athletes on the soccer and cross-country teams were honored at the annual athletics banquet. President Rodríguez thanked Trustee Camarillo for participating in the event.
- A recognition ceremony was held for students from WTCE Phlebotomy Apprenticeship program, who earned an Occupational Skills award and a nationally recognized certificate of completion from the U.S. Department of Labor. President Rodríguez thanked Chair Garza for participating in the ceremony.
- Associate Degree Nursing graduates, as well as graduates from the Workforce Training Allied Health Professions program were also recognized as they prepare to support essential healthcare industries in the Rio Grande Valley. President Rodríguez thanked Chair Garza, Vice Chair Saenz, and Secretary Lopez Harris for participating in the ceremonies.
- TSC's largest student recognition, commencement, was held on May 16th. TSC recognized its largest graduating class, which was 1,138 members strong. Dr. Stephen L. Pruitt, President of SACSCOC, was the keynote speaker at all three ceremonies. President Rodríguez thanked the Trustees for their participation, as well as the many dedicated faculty and staff who worked behind the scenes to make it a memorable day for graduates.

Instruction Division events

TSC's Instructional Division also held significant end-of-the-year events.

- During the Noche de Mariachi, TSC connected with high school students and their families and provided a sampling of the music program's offerings. President Rodríguez thanked Chair Garza, Vice Chair Saenz, and Secretary Lopez Harris for participating in the event.
- Students' and faculty's creative works—stories, poetry, and art—were featured during the Scorpion's Quill Showcase. The second edition of the literary and arts journal was expanded to include works from Dual Enrollment students. President Rodríguez thanked the many faculty and staff who brought the publication to life.

TSC out in the community

Texas Southmost College was also well-represented in the community over the past month.

- Chair Garza and President Rodríguez participated in the groundbreaking for the Gateway Bridge modernization project. The project is expected to improve traffic flow, which will be good for the campus community.
- President Rodríguez participate in two community roundtable events: YTexas/Powering the Future of Texas and the U.S. Department of Labor's American Talent Strategy. The events provided excellent opportunities to connect with local, state, and federal representatives, and share how Texas Southmost College is contributing to the development of a strong workforce pipeline.
- The annual Building Financial Capacity Coalition - Financial Summit was held at the TSC Performing Arts Center, bringing in hundreds of students from BISD to cheer on their high schools' Money Smart Ambassadors. President Rodríguez thanked Vice Chair Saenz for participating in the event.

- TSC also hosted the National Crime Victim's Rights Week on campus, in partnership with the Cameron County District Attorney's Office. President Rodríguez thanked Vice Chair Saenz for participating in the event.

Student Services Events

To wrap up a successful spring semester, the hard-working Student Services team hosted a number of events, designed to engage the college's communities and promote student persistence, such as:

- Harlingen dual enrollment info session
- Earth day events
- CTE signing day
- ACE Art Showcase
- Registration Roundups
- Mindful Mondays

President Rodríguez extended his thanks to the entire Student Services team for the great work they do throughout the semester.

Cybersecurity

President Rodríguez called upon Mr. Luis Villarreal to provide a briefing on recent cybersecurity matters. Mr. Villarreal reported on an event that impacted the Canvass learning management platform. Canvass' parent company, Instructure, conducted a thorough investigation, and TSC was not found to have been impacted by the attack. He also discussed the state requirement to submit an information security plan by June of this year. He provided an overview of the plan's requirements, noting that the reports are considered restricted and confidential.

Financial Aid Audit

President Rodríguez called upon Mr. Rene Villarreal to provide a briefing on a recent financial aid audit conducted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mr. Villarreal reported that TSC demonstrated compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and guidelines governing the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. The exceptional monitoring outcome reflects TSC's strong commitment to compliance, data integrity, and responsible stewardship of financial aid resources. President Rodríguez thanked the Financial Aid team for their excellent work, as well as the IT, Finance and Administration, and Institutional Research departments, that assisted in the audit process.

Video Presentation

President Rodríguez shared a video, which highlighted college activities that have occurred since the board last met.

President Rodríguez thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued commitment to the college and the communities it serves. He also thanked the entire campus community for helping students successfully complete the spring semester.

6. **Consideration and possible action on approval of the minutes of the following meeting:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting – April 16, 2026**

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2026. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Finance Committee

Chair Garza called upon Vice Chair Saenz to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 26-08 for Campus Fire Alarm Monitoring Services

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the RFP timeline, scope of work, evaluation committee, pricing and scoring tabulation, evaluation criteria, and budget and financial impact. Four vendors responded to the RFP, with Superior Alarms receiving the highest score from the committee.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to award RFP 26-08 for Campus Fire Alarm Monitoring Services for a three-year contract term in the amount of \$61,680 to Superior Alarms and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the contract, as presented. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action on adoption of the 2026 Historic Preservation Plan Resolution granting tax exemptions to eligible historic sites listed in the 2025 Historic Preservation Plan adopted by the City of Brownsville

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed list of 2026 tax exemptions, as well as the financial impact of the historic preservation exemptions.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to adopt the 2026 Historic Preservation Plan Resolutions granting tax exemptions to eligible historic sites listed in the 2026 Historic Preservation Plan Schedule A, removing the properties listed on Schedule B (expired term). Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible action on approval for campus vending machine services annual contract through RFP 25-09 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed services and projected expenses. This is the first available renewal of the contract with El Valle Canteen, LLC.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve campus vending machine services annual contract with El Valle Canteen, LLC through RFP 25-09 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and possible action on approval for auditing annual services through RFQ 24-07 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the scope of work and financial implications, and noted that this is the second available renewal of the contract with Cascos and Associates.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve auditing annual services with Cascos & Associates through RFQ 24-07 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and possible action on approval for worker's compensation insurance annual contract through RFP 24-11 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the scope of work and financial implications, and noted that this is the second available renewal of the contract with TASB Risk Management Fund.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve the annual contract renewal for workers compensation insurance with TASB Risk Management Fund through RFP 24-11 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

f. Consideration and possible action on approval for financial advising annual services through RFQ 24-15 for FY 2026-2027 and subsequent two years

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the scope of work and financial implications, and noted that this is the second available renewal of the contract with Estrada Hinojosa. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the work products deliverables under the contract.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve financial advising annual services with Estrada Hinojosa through RFQ 24-15 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

g. Consideration and possible action on approval for office supplies annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of the proposed purchases and projected expenses, which are in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual purchases for office supplies from Office Depot through OMNIA contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

h. Consideration and possible action on approval on award of RFP 26-12 for Campus Data Cabling Services

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the RFP timeline, scope of work, pricing and scoring tabulation, review criteria, and budget and financial impact. One vendor responded to the RFP.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to award RFP 26-12 for campus data cabling services to International Global Solutions (IGS), Corp. and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the contract, as presented. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

i. Consideration and possible action on approval for Information Technology (IT) Outsourcing and Staffing annual services through RFP 26-02 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the scope of work and potential financial impact. This is the first available renewal under the current contract.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve information technology (IT) outsourcing and staffing annual services with ALINEDS, App Maisters Inc., CampusWorks Inc., Cynosure Technologies, Ferrilli, Franklin Fitch INC., IntegrateUs LLC, Net2source, PMCS Services, PRICESENZ LLC, Rex Black, Inc., Software Professionals, Inc. and Specialist Staffing Solutions, Inc. through RFP 26-02 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

j. Consideration and possible action on approval for email protection premium plus licenses annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual fees for email protection premium plus licenses with Howard Industries, Inc. DBA Howard Technology Solutions through Buyboard/ TIPS contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

k. Consideration and possible action on approval for Adobe licenses annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual purchases for adobe licenses from JourneyEd.com, Inc. through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

l. Consideration and possible action on approval for Microsoft software annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual fees for Microsoft software with SHI Government Solutions through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

m. Consideration and possible action on approval for CISCO Meraki subscription for FY 2026-2027 and subsequent two years

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve purchase of CISCO Meraki subscription with Sequel Data Systems, Inc through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract in the total amount of \$183,000 for three years and authorized President Rodríguez to execute the purchase order, as presented. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

n. Consideration and possible action on approval for computer/networking equipment and software annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual purchases for computer/networking equipment and software from CDW Government, Inc. through OMNIA contract and from Dell Marketing, LP through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

o. Consideration and possible action on approval for remote managed services annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual fees for remote managed services with Sequel Data Systems through TIPS contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

p. Consideration and possible action on approval for Wi-Fi hotspot/iPhone devices annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state coop purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve annual fees for Wi-Fi hotspot/iPhone devices with T-Mobile USA, Inc. through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

q. Consideration and possible action on approval for telecommunication annual services through RFP 24-14 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is for the second renewal under the current contract with T-Mobile.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve telecommunication annual services with T-Mobile USA, Inc. through RFP 24-14 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

r. Consideration and possible action on approval for technology infrastructure annual services for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Luis Villarreal, Vice President of Information Technology, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed scope of work and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing program.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve technology infrastructure annual services from JSJ Rodríguez Inc. dba Telepro Communications through TIPS contract for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

s. Consideration and possible action on ratification of approved contract for streaming video and digital advertising services

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, was called upon to present the item. TSC was informed that Rio Sports Live had changed its name to RSLN, LLC., which stands for Rio Sports Live Network. Dr. Garcia said that because of the vendor's name change, it is recommended that the board ratify the contract with the organization's new name.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to ratify the approved contract for streaming video and digital advertising services with RSLN, LLC, formerly known as Rio Sports Live, through the exempted purchasing method. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

t. Consideration and possible action on approval of television and digital advertising annual services for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, and Mr. Ricardo Vasquez, Executive Director of Marketing, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Vasquez provided an overview of the proposed services and financial impact. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve television and digital advertising annual services with Entravision Communications Corp, Mobile Video Tapes, Inc., NBC Universal, LLC. and NexStar Broadcasting Group through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

u. Consideration and possible action on approval of billboard advertising annual services for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, and Mr. Ricardo Vasquez, Executive Director of Marketing, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Vasquez provided an overview of billboard placement. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve billboard advertising annual services from Lamar Texas Limited Partnership through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

v. Consideration and possible action on approval of printed and digital advertising annual services for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, was called upon to present the item. Dr. Garcia said the services are primarily used for legal notices. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve printed and digital advertising annual services with AIM Media Texas Operating, LLC through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

w. Consideration and possible action on approval of digital billboard advertising annual services for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, and Mr. Ricardo Vasquez, Executive Director of Marketing, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Vasquez provided an overview of billboard locations and usage. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method. The board engaged in a brief discussion regarding the comparison of digital billboards' pricing and reach.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve digital billboard advertising annual services with ChatterBox Ads LLC and Acme Partnership, LP dba Media Choice, LLC through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

x. Consideration and possible action on approval of promotional items and printing solutions annual purchases through RFP 23-20 for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, and Mr. Ricardo Vasquez, Executive Director of Marketing, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Vasquez provided an overview of proposed items and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the third and final renewal under the current contracts. The board engaged in a brief discussion, during which they advocated for a diversity of items.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve promotional items and printing solutions annual purchases with 4Imprint, Inc, Big Hit Creative Group, Elite Promotions, Huntington Sky Production LTD (Fast Signs), Lugra Incorporated, Printed Promotionals and Slate Group through RFP 23-20 for FY 2026-2027. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

y. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ended March 31, 2026

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He presented the Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ending March 31, 2026. The item was for information only. No action was taken.

8. Academic Committee

Chair Garza called upon Trustee Zavaleta to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action on approval to pursue an Associate of Applied Science in American Sign Language (AAS-SLNG)

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Christopher Alves, Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Alves provided an overview of the program's purpose and structure.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the pursuit of the proposed Associate of Applied Science in American Sign Language (AAS-SLNG) with an initial implementation of the proposed degree in Fall 2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College and the Brownsville Independent School District for Associate of Arts in Teaching

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Christopher Alves, Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Alves said the proposed MOU would allow TSC Teacher Education candidates to complete observation hours at BISD campuses.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the MOU between Texas Southmost College and BISD, and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement, as presented. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible action on approval for nursing curriculum testing software annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. The software is used by LVN and ADN nursing students, and the proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the increase in the cost as compared last year, which is due to an expanding student enrollment.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve nursing curriculum testing software annual fees from Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and possible action on approval for medical simulation manikin warranty annual fees for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the exempted purchasing method.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve medical simulation manikin warranty annual fees from Elevate Healthcare Inc. through the exempted purchasing method for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and possible action on approval for food products for Child Care Center annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, and Ms. Marisela Nava, Director of the Child Care Center, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Hernandez reviewed the proposed vendors and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the co-op purchasing method. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the colleges reimbursement through the no- and reduced-cost lunch programs.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve annual purchases for food products for Child Care Center from Labatt Food Services through Choice Partners contract and Sysco Central Texas through OMNIA contract for FY 2026- 2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

f. Consideration and possible action on approval for technical programs maintenance supplies annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed purchases and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the cooperative purchasing method.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve annual purchases for technical programs maintenance supplies from CV Industrial Hardware, LLC through Buyboard contracts for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

g. Consideration and possible action on approval for library services platform annual services through RFP 25-11 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the first renewal of the library services platform under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve library services platform annual services with EBSCO Information Services, LLC through RFP 25-11 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

h. Consideration and possible action on approval for virtual classroom software annual purchases through RFP 24-04 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the second renewal of virtual classroom software under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve virtual classroom software annual purchases with Class Technologies, Inc. through RFP 24-04 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

i. Consideration and possible action on approval for institutional effectiveness software annual contract through RFP 24-05 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the third renewal of institutional effectiveness software under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve institutional effectiveness software annual contract with Watermark Insights, LLC through RFP 24-05 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

j. Consideration and possible action on approval for online tutoring annual services through RFP 23-08 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the third renewal of online tutoring services under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve online tutoring annual services with Brainfuse, Inc. through RFP 23-08 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

k. Consideration and possible action on approval for bookstore services annual contract through RFP 22-18 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the final renewal of online bookstore services under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve bookstore services annual contract with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc. through RFP 22-18 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

l. Consideration and possible action on approval for welding gas and other consumables annual purchases through RFP 24-09 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Interim Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the second renewal of annual purchases under the current contract.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve welding gas and other consumables annual purchases with Matheson Tri-Gas and Triple-S Steel Supply, LLC dba Alamo Iron Works through RFP 24-09 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

m. Consideration and possible action on approval of Agreement for Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Program Instructional Services between the Brownsville Independent School District and Texas Southmost College

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, was called upon to present the item. The subaward grant would continue funding for BISD adult education students' certification and job skills training into a career pathway while co-enrolled in an AEL high school equivalency course.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the agreement for Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Program Instructional Services between the Brownsville Independent School District and Texas Southmost College and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement, as presented. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

n. Consideration and possible action on approval for cadet equipment for Criminal Justice Institute Program annual purchases through RFP 24-08 for FY 2026-2027

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, was called upon to present the item. The proposed purchase is for the second renewal of equipment under the current contract. Mr. Cristobal Abrego, Training Coordinator and Instructor in the Criminal Justice Institute, provided an overview of annual equipment purchases.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve cadet equipment for Criminal Justice Institute Program annual purchases with Manny's Uniforms through RFP 24-08 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Facilities Committee

Chair Garza called upon Trustee Garcia to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action on approval for campus heating ventilation and air condition annual maintenance services through RFP 25-06 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of the projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the first renewal of services under the current contract.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve campus heating ventilation and air condition annual maintenance services with Gulf Mechanical Solutions, LLC through RFP 25-06 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action on approval for campus lawn maintenance annual services through RFP 25-07 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of the projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the first renewal of services under the current contract.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve campus lawn maintenance annual services with American Cuts, LLC through RFP 25-07 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible action on approval for (On-Call) Architectural and Engineering Professional annual services through RFQ 24-05 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of proposed services and vendors. The proposed purchase is for the second renewal of services under the current contract.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve (On-Call) Architectural and Engineering Professional annual services with Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., GOERO International LLC dba ERO Architects, Millennium Engineers Group, Ethos Holistique Holdings, LLC dba Ethos Engineer, Green, Rubiano & Associates, Inc., Half Associates, Inc., Gignac & Associates, LLP, ROFA Architects, Inc., ORANGE MADE LLC, Negrete Kolar Architects LLP, Tom Green and Company Engineers, Inc., Amtech Solutions, Inc., DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc., Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, N. Martinez & Associates, Inc., and Sam Garcia Architect, LLC through RFQ 24-05 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and possible action on approval for preventive maintenance services for campus thermal plants annual services through RFP 23-11 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the third renewal of services under the current contract.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve annual preventive maintenance services for campus thermal plants with Fox Mechanical, LLC through RFP 23-11 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and possible action on approval for general building renovations and minor repair annual services through RFP 23-13 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed services and semi-year encumbrances. The proposed purchase is for the third renewal of services under the current contract.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve general building renovations and minor repair annual services with CAMCO Industrial Sales and Services, Grand River Maintenance and Services, LLC, Signs and More, LLC, WingCo Construction, LLC, and ZIWA Corporation through RFP 23-13 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

f. Consideration and possible action on approval for campus custodial annual services through RFP 23-18 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is for the third renewal of services under the current contract. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the current vendor's services, as well as the timeline for the next RFP period.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve campus custodial annual services with Pritchard Industries, LLC through RFP 23-18 for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

g. Consideration and possible action on approval for maintenance supplies annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of proposed supplies and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state cooperative purchasing method. The board engaged in a brief discussion of how purchases for supplies are distributed among the vendors.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve annual purchases for maintenance supplies from Home Depot, and Lowe's Companies through OMNIA contracts, and Grainger Inc., through Buyboard/OMNIA contracts for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

h. Consideration and possible action on approval for HVAC maintenance supplies annual purchases for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of proposed supplies and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state co-op purchasing method. Mr. Gerardo Mascorro, HVAC Supervisor, described the vendors' specializations. The board engaged in a brief discussion of anticipated purchases for the upcoming year.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve annual purchases for HVAC maintenance supplies from Carrier Enterprise, LLC, and Inscos Distributing, Inc. through Buyboard contracts for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

i. Consideration and possible action on approval for fixed asset inventory annual services for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of proposed services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state co-op purchasing method.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve fixed asset inventory annual services from Records Consultants, Inc. through Buyboard for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

j. Consideration and possible action on approval for campus security annual services through RFP 24-13 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of proposed services and projected expenses. The proposed purchase is in accordance with the state co-op purchasing method.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve campus security annual services with Op6 Inc. through RFP 24-13 with hybrid model with Brownsville Police Department for FY 2026-2027. Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

k. Facilities Update

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an update on the following items: thermal plant cooling tower installation, thermal plant chiller installation design and construction status, hydronic line replacement, and Arnulfo L. Oliveira Student Services Center window replacements in rooms 1 & 1A and 2 & 2A.

Trustee Garcia commended the staff on the excellent work they do in maintaining the beautiful campus. Chair Garza also thanked the staff for their dedicated efforts.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

l. Information on possible auction planned for the month of June

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He said the college has identified property (furniture and equipment) as surplus property, and the auction is scheduled for June 13, 2026. He reported that the auction has been advertised in local newspapers, on social media, the TSC website, and they are planning a campus email blast.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

10. Student Services Committee

Chair Garza called upon Secretary Lopez Harris to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 26-11 for Charter Services Athletic Department

Dr. David Plummer, Vice President of Student Development, and Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton, Associate Vice President of Educational Partnerships and Outreach, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Tipton reviewed the RFP timeline, scope of work, evaluation committee, pricing and scoring tabulation, proposed equipment, evaluation criteria, and budget and financial impact. Three vendors responded to the RFP, with Red Charter Busses, LLC receiving the highest score from the committee.

Secretary Lopez Harris made a motion to award RFP 26-11 for Charter Services Athletic Department to Red Charter Buses, LLC and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the contract, as presented. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action on approval for student success platform contract extension through RFP 21-05 for FY 2026-2027

Mr. Rene Villarreal, Associate Vice President of Administrative Technology, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief description of services and the projected expenses. The proposed item is for a contract extension of the current student success platform contract.

Secretary Lopez Harris made a motion to approve the student success platform contract extension with EAB Global Inc. through RFP 21-05 in the total amount of \$357,285 for the three additional years. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible action on agreement renewal with City of Brownsville for Multimodal Transportation to provide transportation services to Texas Southmost College students

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He provided an overview of the proposed services and projected expenses. The proposed item is for a renewal of the current agreement with the City of Brownsville for transportation services for TSC students. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the students' ample use of the services.

Secretary Lopez Harris made a motion to approve interlocal annual agreement with City of Brownsville/Multimodal Transportation to provide transportation services to Texas Southmost College students to and from the College campus, as well as all routes of the Brownsville Metro in the amount of \$90,000 for FY 2026-2027 and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. Policies Committee

Chair Garza called on Vice Chair Saenz to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action to revise FAA LOCAL policy

Mr. Ruben Pena, College Legal Counsel, was called upon to present the item. Mr. Pena provided an overview of the proposed revision, which is in accordance with additional guidance the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provided on SB 412 regarding policies on pregnancy and parenting discrimination.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve the revision to FAA Local. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Policy Update 51: legal frameworks review

Mr. Ruben Pena, College Legal Counsel, was called upon to present the item. He briefed the board regarding TASB's Policy Update 51.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

Chair Garza shared an email she received from a parent, who complimented the board on the good work taking place in the dual enrollment program, as well as the beautiful spring commencement ceremony. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the ongoing success of the dual enrollment program.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

12. 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**
- d. Deliberation regarding cybersecurity infrastructures, security devices or security audits; Section 551.0761 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**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

13. Action on Executive Session Matters

a. Consideration and possible action on FY25-26 Salary Schedule

Trustee Camarillo made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize and approve the FY 2025-26 salary schedule, as discussed in executive session. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action on sale of property

Secretary Lopez Harris made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the President to proceed with the negotiations for the sale of real property, as discussed in executive session. Vice Chair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

14. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

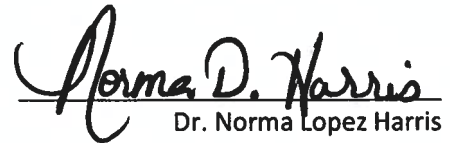
- a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday June 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Special Board Meeting – Monday, June 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Camarillo made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Ms. Adela Garza
Chair, Board of Trustees



Dr. Norma Lopez Harris
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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