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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on June 18, 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; Ms. Alejandra Aldrete; Mr. Edward Camarillo; and Mr. Edgar Garcia. 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

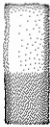
Trustee Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Garza reflected on her 18 years of service on the TSC Board of Trustees. She thanked her children for standing by her throughout her tenure. She also thanked the Scorpion Community for their passion and dedication to the students. She acknowledged the good work of her fellow Board Members, past and present, as well as President Rodríguez. She pledged to remain a strong advocate for Texas Southmost College and the TSC Foundation, as well as for the students, who entrust their education to the college. She also thanked the many elected officials for their advocacy on behalf of TSC. She closed by saying that she believes the college will remain strong for the next 100 years, and said it has been her great honor to be of service.



5. President's Report

Recognition of Chair Garza

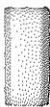
President Rodríguez recognized Chair Garza for her dedication, leadership and service to Texas Southmost College, over the past 18 years. As a proud Scorpion alumna, she has fulfilled her promise of giving back to the college, serving countless hours to support TSC's mission. Her leadership has impacted generations of students, and she has helped shape TSC into an institution that helps change lives for the better. He noted that Chair Garza's legacy is measured by the countless opportunities she has created and the enduring foundation she has helped build for future generations of Scorpions.

A video was played in highlighting key moments during Chair Garza's tenure.

Scorpion Salsa Social

TSC continued its year-long 100th anniversary celebration with the Scorpion Salsa Social at the Jacob Brown Auditorium on June 12. The event included a salsa tasting station, salsa dance lessons, and a salsa showcase. The event headliner, Tito Puente, Jr., provided a world-class musical experience. President Rodríguez thanked the 100th anniversary committee and the many staff members, under the leadership of Dr. Stella Garcia, who made this event a great success. He also thanked Chair Garza, Vice Chair Saenz, Secretary Lopez Harris, and Trustee Zavaleta for joining in the event.

The centennial celebration will continue with Movies on the Lawn later this month, followed by a Drone Spectacular on July 2nd.



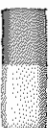
Summer Camps

Throughout this summer, TSC is holding a number of summer camps. The camps kicked off on June 2-4 with the Scorpion Soccer camp. Approximately 35 young athletes, ages 5-12 participated in the camp. President Rodríguez thanked Coach Zamora, the TSC student athletes, and Student Life staff, who supported the camp. The following week, TSC launched a number of camps through the WTCE division and Student Service's P-Tech Expansion summer camps initiative. More than 450 young students are participating in a wide variety of camps at TSC. They are engaging in career exploration in skilled trades, health, automotive, and maritime industries. They are also learning new skills—and even certifications—in cyber defense, NCCER core training, Certified Nurse Assistant and private security.

President Rodríguez said the summer camps are successful because of the dedicated effort from the WTCE and Student Services teams: from securing funding, to planning and marketing the camps, to hosting the students and ensuring they have a positive learning experience.

CJI Graduation

TSC graduated another class of cadets through the Criminal Justice Institute on June 6. Students graduated from two programs: the Basic Peace Officer Certification and Basic Correctional Officer programs. The Basic Correctional Officer program is an excellent example of how TSC is meeting the evolving needs of its communities. TSC partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission to offer this training as part of the Registered Apprenticeship Program. The keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony was Mr. Alberto Treviño, the Texas Workforce Commissioner representing labor and a proud TSC alum.



President Rodríguez announced that 100% of the cadets passed their certification exams. The program is maintaining a sustained record of distinction, which is a testament to the exceptional dedication from the

faculty and WTCE leadership. He thanked Chair Garza, Secretary Lopez Harris, and Trustee Camarillo for participating in the graduation ceremony.

Pathways Visit

TSC had a successful visit from Dr. Martha McDonald, the college's coach from the Texas Success Center's Texas Pathways initiative, which is a program administered through the Texas Association of Community College to align K-12 education, community colleges, and universities with regional industries. It provides students with clear, structured educational roadmaps designed to help them efficiently earn high-quality credentials and transition into high-wage, in-demand careers.

During the visit, Dr. McDonald determined that TSC is highly aligned around its mission, strongly committed to student success, and demonstrating measurable progress toward the specific goals and action steps established through the Texas Pathways initiative. President Rodríguez thanked the Instruction and Student Services divisions, which have remained persistent in successfully translating the Pathways plan into institutional practice.

Harmony Academy Commencement Speech

President Rodríguez connected with the Harmony School of Innovation Class of 2026, serving as their commencement speaker on June 1. The college had previously celebrated four members of their graduating class when they first earned their associate's degree at Texas Southmost College during the Spring Commencement Ceremony. The Harmony administration is enthusiastic about the ongoing expansion of their dual enrollment program with TSC, and the college looks forward to our continued collaboration.

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: sign language classes, registration roundup, a blood drive, and dual enrollment summer orientation. President Rodríguez extended his thanks to the entire Student Services team for the great work they do throughout the semester.

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 their dedication in continuing to support student success during the summer months.

6. **Consideration and possible action on approval of the minutes of the following meetings:**
- a. **Special Meeting – May 13, 2026**

Trustee Aldrete made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 13, 2026.
Trustee Camarillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b. **Regular Meeting – May 21, 2026**

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 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 to approve the award of RFP 26-09 for Investment Advisory 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 Meeder Public Funds receiving the highest score from the committee. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the evaluation results for the respondents, as well as the college's satisfaction with previous services.

Vice Chair Saenz made a motion to award RFP 26-09 for investment advisory services to Meeder Public Funds and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the contract, as presented. Secretary Lopez Harris seconded the motion. The board voted 6-1 to approve the motion.

b. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ended April 30, 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 April 30, 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 of e-book bundle subscription purchase for the nursing program

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Herminio Guajardo, Dean of Health Professions, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Guajardo said the online textbooks would be used for all nursing courses. The proposed purchase would be made through the Nursing Shortage Reduction Program grant funding.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the purchase agreement of e-book bundle subscription with Lippincott/Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc. through exempted purchasing method and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the purchase order contract, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible action to approve the affiliation agreement between Texas Southmost College and Comprehensive Breast Care Center of Texas, Inc.

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Herminio Guajardo, Dean of Health Professions, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Guajardo said the proposed MOU would provide health professions students with additional opportunities for clinical training.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the affiliation agreement between Texas Southmost College and Comprehensive Breast Care Center of Texas, Inc. and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible action to approve the affiliation agreement between Texas Southmost College and DHR Health System

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Herminio Guajardo, Dean of Health Professions, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Guajardo said the proposed agreement is a renewal of the current agreement to provide clinical training for credit and non-credit students.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement between Texas Southmost College and DHR Health System and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and possible action to approve the affiliation agreement between Texas Southmost College and Texas Oncology

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, and Dr. Herminio Guajardo, Dean of Health Professions, were called upon to present the item. Dr. Guajardo said the agreement would provide training for Health Professions students, as well as students enrolled in other College programs whose training falls within the scope of services provided by Texas Oncology, such as social work and medical billing.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement between Texas Southmost College and Texas Oncology and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the agreement, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and possible action on approval of online proctoring solution contract

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, and Ms. Patricia Galvan, Director of Education, Technology and Online Learning, were called upon to present the item. Ms. Galvan provided an overview of the proposed proctoring services with a new vendor. The board engaged in a brief discussion of the advantages of the new online services, such as the students will not have to download software, as well as the proposed change in cost.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve a three-year contract for online proctoring solutions with Honorlock, Inc. through OMNIA Partners purchasing method in the total amount of \$265,510 and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the purchase order contract, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

f. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fees Schedule

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Vice President of Instruction, was called upon to present the item. He provided a brief overview of the proposed changes to the previous tuition and fee schedule.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fees Schedule as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

g. Consideration and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College for Workforce Training and Continuing Education programs and Jubilee Brownsville

Dr. Stella Garcia, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations, and Dr. Angelica Fuentes, Associate Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education (WTCE), were called upon to present the item. Dr. Fuentes said the proposed MOU is a renewal that would facilitate TSC's continued offering of non-credit workforce training and continuing education programming to eligible students from Jubilee Brownsville. The Board engaged in a brief discussion of the possibility of replicating this initiative with additional charter schools.

Trustee Zavaleta made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College for Workforce Training and Jubilee Brownsville and authorize Dr. Rodríguez to execute the MOU as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Student Services Committee

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

a. Consideration and possible action on approval for customer relationship management platform licensing subscription

Mr. Rene Villarreal, Associate Vice President of Administrative Technology, was called upon to present the item. He said the proposed purchase is a renewal that would be made under the exempted purchasing process.

Secretary Lopez Harris made a motion to approve customer relationship management platform licensing subscription with Salesforce, Inc through exempted purchasing method in the amount of \$53,622 for current fiscal year and subsequent year and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the purchase order, as presented. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. Facilities Committee

Chair Garza called upon Trustee Camarillo to present the report.

a. Consideration and possible action to approve the chiller replacement purchase for the TSC Performing Arts Center

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, and Mr. Ronald Robles, Executive Director of Facilities and Physical Plant, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Robles reviewed the proposed equipment and the quotes received, with Fox Mechanical providing the lowest quote. The Board engaged in a brief discussion of the timeline for installation.

Trustee Camarillo made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 200-ton chiller for the TSC Performing Arts Center with Fox Mechanical through TIPS contract 25010501 in the amount of \$346,920 and authorize President Rodríguez to execute the purchase order contract, as presented. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Facilities Update

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- a. Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Mr. Ronald Robles, Executive Director of Facilities and Physical Plant, and Mr. Gerardo Mascorro, HVAC Supervisor, were called upon to present the item. Mr. Robles provided an update on the following items: thermal plant chiller installation design and construction status, and the tennis, basketball, and pickle ball court rendering.

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

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

11. 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
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The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

12. Action on Executive Session Matters

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

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

b. Action related to emergency purchase of HVAC equipment and maintenance, as discussed in executive session

Mr. Ronald Robles, Executive Director of Facilities and Physical Plant, and Mr. Gerardo Mascorro, HVAC Supervisor, were called upon to report on the events leading to the emergency purchase. Mr. Mascorro described a major water leak in the chilled water system under the thermal plant that occurred. He noted that Physical Plant staff and contractors were able to fix the issue, which included bringing in portable cooling units and expert contractors to address the leak and restart the system.



Trustee Garcia made a motion that the Board of Trustees, accept, approve, and ratify the emergency purchase related to HVAC equipment and maintenance as discussed and presented in executive session; acknowledge that the President of Texas Southmost College informed the Board of Trustees of this emergency purchase at the next regular board meeting, following such purchases; acknowledge the emergency nature of the purchases; and acknowledge that Texas Southmost College complied with the board resolution dated June 26, 2025 and with Board legal and local policies. Vice Chair Saenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Saenz, Secretary Lopez Harris, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Camarillo, Trustee Aldrete, and Trustee Zavaleta expressed their gratitude to Chair Garza for her mentorship, leadership, and dedication to Texas Southmost College, resulting in positive change at the college. They recognized the exceptional time she devoted to the work and her focus on students and their success. The Board presented Chair Garza with a commemorative print of the college, plaque of appreciation, and mariachi serenade.

Chair Garza thanked the community for their support.

13. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

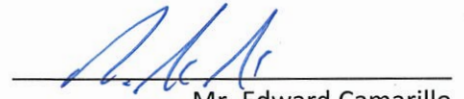
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- a. Special Board Meeting – Monday, June 22, 2026**
 - b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**
 - c. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.**

14. Adjournment

Trustee Camarillo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Ms. Delia Saenz
Chair, Board of Trustees



Mr. Edward Camarillo
Secretary, Board of Trustees

The video recording of the Public Hearing and Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on June 18, 2026 is available on the TSC.EDU website. These minutes were prepared by Dr. Angela K. McCauley, Chief Institutional Editor and Special Projects. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996.