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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 2, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on July 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Board Members present were Ms. Delia Saenz, Chair; Dr. Norma Lopez Harris, Vice Chair; Mr. Edward Camarillo, Secretary, Dr. Tony Zavaleta, Ms. Alejandra Aldrete; Mr. J.J. De Leon. 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 Vice Chair Saenz at 5:30 p.m. She called roll and confirmed a quorum.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

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

3. Public Comment

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

Trustee De Leon asked to be recognized, and Vice Chair Saenz called for a point of order. Mr. Frank Perez, Legal Counsel, clarified the procedure for a point of order. Trustee De Leon provided an overview of board policy guiding the establishment of special board meetings versus regular board meetings in relation to the election of officers. He requested that the Vice Chair and/or board legal council explain the authority under which the July 2nd meeting was declared a regular board meeting, rather than a special board meeting. Vice Chair Saenz stated that while she understood Trustee De Leon's point, she overruled the point of order and continued the meeting. Mr. Perez affirmed that Vice Chair Saenz's overruling of the point of order meant the question would not be addressed during the meeting, however, implications of the ruling could be discussed in executive session.

4. **Consideration and possible action on Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**

Vice Chair Sanz made a motion to nominate Trustee Camarillo as Secretary, Trustee Lopez Harris as Vice Chair, and herself as Chair. Trustee Lopez Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-3.

5. **Consideration and possible action to nominate TSC trustee to the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors**

Mr. Frank Perez, Legal Counsel, was called upon to present the item. He reported that TSC received notice of a vacancy on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, and the Board may nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy and submit to the Cameron Appraisal District before the August 10, 2026, due date.

Chair Saenz made a motion to approve the resolution nominating Trustee Aldrete for a position on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

6. **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**
   - **UTRGV**
     - **Lease Agreement**
     - **Parking Agreement**
     - **HVAC Fees**
     - **REK Fees**
   - **CPB offer for purchase of property**

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 6:34 p.m.

7. Action on Executive Session Matters

- **UTRGV**
  - **Lease Agreement**
  - **Parking Agreement**
  - **HVAC Fees**
  - **REK Fees**

- **CPB offer for purchase of property**

Trustee De Leon made a motion that the Board authorize legal counsel to negotiate the real estate issues with other parties, as discussed in executive session. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Saenz thanked the Trustees who voted for her nomination as chair, and said she seeks to gain the trust of all Trustees. She noted that it was a new chapter for TSC and invited the Trustees to work together as a united board, achieving common goals, for the good of the college, students, and the communities they serve.

8. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Trustee Aldrete made a motion to adjourn. Trustee De Leon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Delia Saenz

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 July 2, 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.