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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 13, 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; and Mr. Edgar Garcia. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College. Absent was Mr. J.J. De Leon.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Saenz 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 Saenz asked if there were any speakers signed up for public comment. There were no public speakers.

4. Review of Texas Southmost College District Proposed Budget for FY27

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President for Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the proposed revenue and expenses for the college's three fund types, which would result in a balanced budget for FY 27.

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

5. Consideration and possible action on the proposed TSC District 206 Tax Rate and schedule of public hearing

Mr. Carlos Pecero, Vice President for Finance and Administration, was called upon to present the item. He reviewed the key items that make up the property tax rate, as well as the three property tax rate options the Board may consider. He also presented the property tax rate adoption schedule. The Board engaged in a brief discussion to confirm that adopting the voter-approved tax rate would result in a decreased rate from the previous year.

Chair Saenz made a motion to adopt a tax rate of 0.096148 and debt tax rate of 0.003586 per \$100 of valuation as presented. Vice Chair Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Following Executive Session, Chair Saenz amended her motion:

Chair Saenz made a motion to adopt a tax rate of 0.096148 and a debt tax rate of 0.003586 per \$100 of valuation, as presented, and schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Vice Chair Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Trustee Garcia joined the meeting during Executive Session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:36 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
- 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

7. Action on Executive Session Matters

There was no action taken.

8. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates

- a. Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Trustee Camarillo made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Lopez Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Ms. Delia Saenz
Chair, Board of Trustees


Mr. Edward Camarillo
Secretary, Board of Trustees

The video recording of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 13, 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.