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**TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**August 14, 2025**

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on August 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Ms. Delia Saenz, Vice Chair; Dr. Norma Lopez Harris, Secretary; Ms. Alejandra Aldrete; Dr. Tony Zavaleta, and Mr. Edgar Garcia. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College. Absent was Mr. Edward Camarillo.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garza at 5:46 p.m. She called role 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. Review of Texas Southmost College District Proposed Budget for FY26**

Chair Garza called on Mr. Carlos Pecero, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Pecero reviewed the budget and tax rate timelines, budget type comparisons, and projected revenue and expenses.

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

**5. Consideration and possible action on the proposed TSC District 2025 Tax Rate and schedule of public hearing**

Chair Garza called on Mr. Carlos Pecero, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, to present the item. Mr. Pecero reviewed the three proposed property tax rates: voter-approval tax rate, prior year tax rate, and no-new-revenue tax rate. He also reviewed the property tax rate adoption schedule.

**Chair Garza made a motion to approve a tax rate of 0.111809 per \$100 of valuation, as presented. Trustee Aldrete seconded the motion. The following board members voted to approve the tax rate: Chair Adela**

**G. Garza, Vice Chair Delia Saenz, Secretary Dr. Norma Lopez Harris, Trustee Dr. Tony Zavaleta, Trustee Alejandra Aldrete, and Trustee Edgar Garcia. Trustee Edward Camarillo was absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**It was noted that the Public Hearing has been scheduled for August 28, 2025, at 5:30 pm.**

**6. Executive Session**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

**7. Action on Executive Session Matters**

**a. Consultation with Attorney on Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section 551.071 Texas Government Code**

**Trustee Aldrete made a motion that the TSC Board allow TSC Legal Counsel and TSC Board Counsel to negotiate a settlement of legal complaints, as discussed in executive session. Trustee Saenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**b. Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072 Texas Government Code**

No action was taken.

**Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code**

No action was taken.

**c. Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits; Section 551.089 Texas Government Code**

No action was taken.

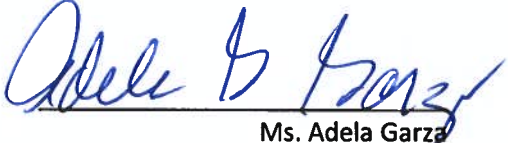
**8. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates**

**a. Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 28, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

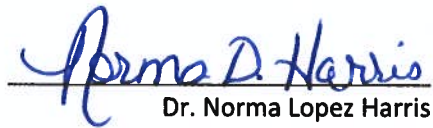
**b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, September 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

**9. Adjournment**

Trustee Aldrete made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Saenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Ms. Adela Garza  
Chair, Board of Trustees



Dr. Norma Lopez Harris  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

*The video recording of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on August 14, 2025 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.*