



Take notice that a Regular Meeting of the

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF**

**TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT**

will be held in person and by video conference in the

Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College,

80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520

**Commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021,**

to consider and act on the following Agenda:

**REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

- a. Announcement by the Chair of the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees that this meeting is conducted at the Performing Arts Center at Texas Southmost College, and by video conference pursuant to the Resolution of this Board that was adopted by unanimous vote during a duly called and conducted meeting of this Board on March 24, 2020.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- a. If you wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Comment portion of today's meeting about an item on this agenda or another issue, you must send an email to [PublicComments@tsc.edu](mailto:PublicComments@tsc.edu) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- b. In that email you must provide:
  - i. your legal name,
  - ii. complete telephone number,
  - iii. the organization you represent or are speaking on behalf of, and
  - iv. the agenda item or topic of discussion you wish to address. If an item is not on the agenda, it will be limited to a discussion of placing the topic/item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. Tex. Gov. Code §551.042.
  - v. You will be notified via email of your invitation to join the public meeting via Zoom and provided a link with which to log into the meeting.

**Board of Trustees**

*Ruben Herrera, J.D.*  
*Chair*

*Tony Zavaleta, Ph.D.*  
*Vice Chair*

*Eva Alejandro*  
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*Delia Saenz*

*J.J. De Leon, M.Ed.*

**TSC President**

*Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, Ph.D.*

- c. In accordance with TSC Policy, only those persons who have timely and properly submitted the email described above shall be heard. The speaker must limit remarks to three minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Comment portion of the meeting and a total of no more than 12 minutes for any specific agenda item and 3 minutes per person. If there are more than four (4) individuals wishing to speak on a specific agenda item, those signing the request must allocate the time amongst themselves so as not to exceed 12 minutes per agenda item.
- d. A complaint against a specific employee or officer of Texas Southmost College shall be heard in a Closed Meeting, as authorized by the *Texas Government Code Title 5-Sections 551.074(1) and (2)*. If your topic concerns a complaint against a specific employee or officer, please note this on the sign-in sheet. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the presiding officer or designee shall refer the individual to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

**TSC Policies**

Employee Complaints: DGBA


Student Complaints: FLD

Public Complaints: GB

- e. You must make your points on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*.
4. President's Report
  5. Consideration and possible action on the Minutes of the following meetings:
    - a. Regular Meeting – November 19, 2020
    - b. Special Meeting – November 23, 2020
  6. Academic Committee
    - a. Consideration and possible action on the addition of language to a Board-approved agreement for dual credit between TSC and school districts within TSC's service area
    - b. Consideration and possible action on creating a new Associate of Science in Engineering (AS.ENGR) with initial implementation in Fall 2022
    - c. Consideration and possible action on approval of MOU between Workforce Solutions Cameron (WFSC) and Texas Southmost College (TSC) regarding WFSC's grant application to Texas Workforce Commission Apprenticeship Texas Expansion grant program
    - d. Update on EMS Certification Exam Pass Rate and Plan of Action for Success

- e. Consideration and possible action on creating a new Associate of Arts in Psychology (AA.PSYC) with initial implementation in Spring 2022
  - f. Consideration and possible action on approval of MOUs contingent on grant funding between Texas Southmost College (TSC), Brownsville Independent School District (BISD), and Communities in Schools (CIS)
7. Finance Committee
- a. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2020
  - b. Update on grants awarded to Texas Southmost College for the Month of December 2020
  - c. Annual Financial Report and Audit for Texas Southmost College District for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2020
  - d. Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year Ended 2020
  - e. First Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021
  - f. Consideration and possible action on contract extension for “Investment Advisor Services”
  - g. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 21-03 for “Campus Vending Machine Services”
  - h. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 21-04 for “Windstorm and Hail Insurance”
  - i. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 21-06 for “Medical Simulation Manikins”
8. Student Services Committee
- a. Presentation of U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid Program Review
9. Policy Committee
- a. Consideration and possible action on adopting (CLA) Local – Naming and/or Renaming of College Properties and Entities
10. 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
    - Update on Real Estate matters
  - c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code
    - Consideration and possible action on the FY 2020-2021 Salary Schedule

11. Action on Executive Session Matters
12. Announcement of Proposed Meeting Dates
  - a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
13. Adjournment

*This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on January 15, 2021 at 4:46 p.m. by Claudia Cortina.*  \_\_\_\_\_

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