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Take notice that a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

will be held in the

Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College,

80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520

Commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023

to consider and act on the following Agenda:

**PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledges of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing on proposed 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Texas Southmost College District
4. Adjournment of Public Hearing

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
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, please print your name and the agenda item or topic of discussion you wish to address on the sign-in sheet located at the

entrance of the Gorgas Board Room. 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

- b. In accordance with TSC Policy, only those persons who have signed up on the list 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.
- c. 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 offer or designee shall refer the individual to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

TSC Policies

Employee Complaints: DGBA

Student Complaints: FLD

Public Complaints: GB

- d. 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 – June 15, 2023
- b. Special Meeting – August 9, 2023

6. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Texas Southmost College District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

7. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of the 2023 TSC District Ad Valorem Tax Rates Resolution

8. Finance Committee

- a. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ended June 30, 2023
- b. Third Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2023
- c. Fund Balance Operation report
- d. Institutional CARES Expenditures Report
- e. Grants Update

9. Student Services Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for GEAR UP
- b. Athletics NJCAA Update

10. Academic Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on an Agreement between Texas Southmost College and Cameron County for use of the County Airport
- b. Consideration and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College and DOTProduct LLC
- c. Consideration and possible action on amending the existing MOU template used between TSC and Skills Development Fund partners
- d. Consideration and possible action on an Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Southmost College (TSC) and the Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant Program, Cycle 12
- e. Consideration and possible action to approve an Affiliation Agreement renewal with Doctors Hospital at Renaissance
- f. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Our Lady of the Lake University

- g. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Sam Houston State University
- h. Consideration and possible action on approval of updating the matching grant support for the AmeriCorps Texas Operational grant

11. Facilities Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 23-22 for “Dedicated Chiller Plants for TSC Recreation and Child Care Centers”
- b. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 23-23 for “Thermal Plant Chiller Equipment”
- c. Consideration and possible action on award RFP 23-24 for “Thermal Plant Cooling Tower Equipment”
- d. Facilities Update

12. Policy Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on the following (LOCAL) policies: CDB, DEA, DEAA, DEAB, and FD

CDB (LOCAL) – ACCOUNTING INVENTORIES—add

DEA (LOCAL) – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMPENSATION PLAN—revise

DEAA (LOCAL) – COMPENSATION PLAN INCENTIVES AND STIPENDS—add

DEAB (LOCAL) – COMPENSATION PLAN WAGE AND HOUR LAWS—add

FD (LOCAL) – TUITION AND FEES—revise

13. 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

c. Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code

- Consideration and possible action on Salary Schedule
- Consideration and possible action on CEO Certification
- Evaluation of TSC President

14. Action on Executive Session Matters

15. Announcement of Next Meeting Dates

- a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, September 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, October 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

16. Adjournment

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