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Take notice that a 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 Wednesday, September 29, 2021

to consider and act on the following Agenda:

AMENDED AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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 – August 26, 2021

6. Academic Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action to approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Valley Baptist Medical Center – Harlingen for the Health Professions programs
- b. Consideration and possible action on the Academic Agreement for the award of dual credit between Texas Southmost College and Out-of-Service Area school districts

7. Finance Committee

- a. Monthly Financial Statement Report for the month ended July 31, 2021
- b. Update on grants awarded to Texas Southmost College for the month August 2021
- c. All institutional CARES expenditures report
- d. Consideration and possible action on approval of matching grant support for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Texas Reskilling and Upskilling for Education (TRUE) Institutional Capacity grant

- e. Consideration and possible action on approval of Budget Amendment 22-001 to recognize Fall 21 lost revenue
- f. Consideration and possible action on agreement for legal services with Mr. Ruben R. Peña

8. Facilities Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on approval of three commercial rooftop HVAC units purchase for the International Technology, Education, and Commerce Center (ITECC) building Consideration and possible action on approval of emergency purchase for a partial roof repair at ITECC (JCP)
- b. Facilities Update

9. Student Services Committee

- a. Presentation on Student Services REK Improvements

10. Policy Committee

- a. Consideration and possible action on approval of local policies (update 41)
DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits Leaves and Absences, DLB (LOCAL) Employment Performance: Suspension, DMAA (LOCAL) Term Contracts: Termination Mid-Contract, DMAB (LOCAL) Term Contracts: Nonrenewal, and ECC (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Course Load and Schedules

LOCAL:

Section D – Personnel

DEC (LOCAL) COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: LEAVES AND ABSENCES

DLB (LOCAL) EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE: SUSPENSION

DMAA (LOCAL) TERM CONTRACTS: TERMINATION MID-CONTRACT

DMAB (LOCAL) TERM CONTRACTS: NONRENEWAL

Section E – Instruction

ECC (LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULES

11. 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
 - Consideration and possible action on Salary Schedule

12. Action on Executive Session Matters

13. Announcement of Next Meeting Dates

- a. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, October 21, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on 09/24/2021 at 11:44 a.m. by Claudia Karr.

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