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TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 30, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via video conference at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Mr. Ruben Herrera, Vice Chair; Dr. Tony Zavaleta, Secretary; Mrs. Delia Saenz, Mr. J.J. De Leon and Ms. Eva Alejandro. Absent was Mr. Arturo Rendon. Also present was Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garza, at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

Secretary Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Chair Garza announced a submission for public comment via video conference and attorney, Mr. Frank Perez, read the college's policy and rules for public comments.

Mr. Antonio Guevara was introduced as the public speaker and he thanked the Board and President Rodriguez for the opportunity to speak and stated that his purpose was to provide some context on the agenda item 10c. (Consideration and possible action to move to the second phase of the Energy Audit Project or stop the project). Mr. Guevara began his comment with a quote from John Lewis which stated, "If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just; you have a moral obligation to do something about it." He continued his comment by explaining that he is an ex-employee of the college, an adjunct instructor with the college, a running candidate for the TSC Board of Trustees, and also a tax payer. He added that his motivation for the institution to become better and more perfect is sincere and genuine. Mr. Guevara expressed to the Board that what is done here matters and will undoubtedly change the trajectory of the many lives that finally walk the stage

commitment to the project. However, due to the multiple uncertainties the college has been facing he stated that he did not feel it would be in the college's best interest to move forward with this project at this time.

Further discussion ensued as Mr. De Leon shared about a program called SECO through Comptroller.Texas.Gov that provides the same services as E3 for schools and higher education institutions. He explained that now that the college has the obtained the assessment from E3, it can be used with this program which provide grants and replacements for energy savings. Mr. De Leon stated that looking into this program might be another option for the next step in this project in the future.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Herrera to authorize President Rodriguez to reject the continuation of the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Leon and carried with six votes and one absence.

d. Consideration and possible action on award for RFP 20-17 "Campus Security Services"

Dr. Gisela Figueroa, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the item and explained that the college had engaged in an RFP for Campus Security Services. She introduced Mr. Jaime Salazar, Executive Director of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management, to provide more details on the item. Mr. Salazar began with a timeline of the college's efforts, the scope of work for campus security, the detailed security schedule for fiscal year 2020, the proposed security schedule for fiscal year 2021, the pricing tabulation and the evaluation criteria. Finally, Mr. Salazar explained the recommendation to award RFP 20-17 for "Campus Security Services" to Allied Universal Security Services.

Vice Chair Herrera inquired if the services provided to the college currently met the requirements that were requested of the firms in the RFP. Mr. Salazar responded that the incumbent provider had improved since his arrival to the campus; however, he stated that considering where we were, where we are, and where we are going, he did not believe the incumbent had the capacity to go there with the college. Vice Chair Herrera then asked President Rodriguez if his recommendation was the same as Mr. Salazar's. President Rodriguez responded that based on the committee's feedback and the need to be in compliance with local and state regulations, laws, and statutes, he concurred that Allied Universal was the best option.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Herrera to award for RFP 20-17 for "Campus Security Services" to Allied Universal Security Services and authorize President Rodriguez to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz and carried with six votes and one absence.