

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING**  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE  
**September 11, 2017**

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| √ Ronald B. Walker | √ Daniel Cano       |
| √ Luis A. Guerra   | √ Catherine McHaney |
| √ V. Bland Proctor | √ Michelle Yates    |
|                    | √ John Zacek        |

**STAFF**

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| √ Dr. David Hinds       | √ Jennifer Yancey |
| √ Mary Ann<br>Rodriguez |                   |

**MEDIA**

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| √ Victoria Advocate –<br>Gabriela Canales |
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**Guests:** Keith Blundell, Terri Kurtz, Tracey Bergstrom, Cindy Buchholz, Darla Guajardo, Darin Kazmir, Jacob Flores, Babette Lowe, Bobby Cubriel, Jackie Mikesh, Sue Prudhomme, Shari Gould, Sharon Hyak, Dr. Edrel Stoneham, Dr. Patricia Rehak, Jerry Hamilton, and Bobby Cubriel.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Corporate Training Room, Academic Building, Room 101. Mr. Ronald B. Walker, Chair, presided over the meeting.

**A. Call to Order:**

1. Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and announced that a quorum of board members was present.
2. Dr. David Hinds certified that the agenda had been properly posted per Texas statute.

**B. Citizen Communication:**

1. The public was invited to address the board. No public comments were heard during this time.

**C. Consider Board of Trustees Committee Reports:**

None

**D. Items for Consideration:**

1. **CONSIDER Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 5, 2017.**  
Mr. Luis Guerra moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. CONSIDER Nomination of Advisor Board of the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts:**

Ms. Sue Prudhomme presented. She informed the board that the Advisory Board recommended Dr. Marylynn Fletcher as their new board member. Mrs. Catherine McHaney moved to accept the nomination as presented. Mr. Bland Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. CONSIDER Fourth Quarter Investment Report 2016-2017: Printing Services Copier**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He informed the board that this is the required quarterly disclosure of our investments for the quarter ended 08-31-17. The majority of the College's funds are in DDA accounts at the depository bank due to minimum interest rates higher than most investment rates. Those accounts are not considered investments since they are liquid. The remaining investments include a few Texpool accounts that we keep open in case the market turns around and the rates earned at Texpool become higher than our depository bank rate. The Texpool account balances are below the minimum balance required to earn interest. Mr. John Zacek moved to accept the report as presented. Mr. Luis Guerra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER Resolution Adopting the 2017 Victoria College Tax Rate:**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He reminded the board that in July, they had approved Rena Scherer to calculate the effective tax rate (ETR) and rollback rate for the college. The appraisals were completed by the Victoria County Appraisal District and Ms. Scherer has performed the calculations.

The taxable values increased by 0.69%. New improvements are exempt from the ETR calculation and were at \$74,354,149. The ETR assessment of \$0.2071 per \$100 valuation would bring in \$600,018 less than what has been budgeted. The current rate of \$0.2065 per \$100 valuation would generate \$636,462 less than the proposed budget. A rate of \$0.2170 per \$100 valuation would be the rate needed to meet the proposed budget. The Rollback rate of \$0.2227 per \$100 valuation would generate \$347,537 more than the proposed budget.

Mr. Blundell also reminded them that they had voted to propose a tax rate of \$0.2170 at the August 14, 2017 meeting. Since this rate is higher than the effective tax rate, the Board was required to hold two public hearings on the proposed tax rate. Those meetings were held on August 23, 2017 and September 5, 2017. The Board is now required to adopt the tax rate within 3-14 days after the second public hearing. Mr. Luis Guerra moved to approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.2170, which is effectively a 4.78% increase in the tax rate. Mr. John Zacek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a raise of hands of all board members.

After the agenda items were covered, Terri Kurtz, Human Resources Executive Director, gave an update on recent VC Surveys. She shared with the board the results from "Great Colleges to Work For" and our Internal Satisfaction Survey. They were both very positive. The Great Colleges survey showed VC improved significantly in 25 areas (4%+); in total across the board we increased by an average of 7%. Mr. Ron Walker congratulated all VC employees for their efforts! Cindy Buchholz then provided a preliminary fall enrollment report. Dr. Hinds

also shared that at the last City Council meeting he attended, the council did approve UHV's Ben Wilson Project.

Finally, Ms. Jennifer Yancey shared the wonderful volunteer man-hours and contributions during our recent Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Truckloads of items were received from Laredo Community College, Dr. Henry Carranza (LCC board member), the VP of Instruction, Dr. Vincent Solis and from the County Judge. VC is planning to travel to Laredo Community College in the very near future and presenting a Resolution in their honor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Ronald B. Walker, Chair

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Bland Proctor, Secretary