

MINUTES of the Board Workshop
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE
March 24, 2025

V. Bland Proctor, <i>Chair</i>	Luis A. Guerra, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Zacek, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Daniel Cano	Catherine McHaney	Dr. Estella De Los Santos	Ron Walker
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Also in attendance: VC Staff: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Keith Blundell, Terri Kurtz, Darin Kazmir, Cindy Buchholz, Donna Rodriguez and Matt Wiley.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a board workshop on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 3:30 PM in Corporate Training Room 101 in the Academic Building of Victoria College located at 2200 E. Red River, Victoria, TX. Mr. Bland Proctor, Chair, presided over the meeting.

A. Call to Order:

1. Quorum Call:

Mr. Bland Proctor called the workshop to order at 3:32 p.m. and announced that a quorum of board members was present.

2. Certification of the Posting of the Notice of the Agenda

Dr. Jennifer Kent certified that the agenda had been properly posted per Texas statute also in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 and 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

B. Citizen Communication:

1. At this time, the public is invited to address the Board of Trustees.

No members of the public spoke to the Board

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS Preliminary 2025-2026 Operating Budget

2. DISCUSS Proposed 2025-2026 Academic Year Tuition and Fee Schedule

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board a 20-page handout which he reviewed. Page 1 showed a 10-year history of our primary revenues. He pointed out that our state appropriations continue to decline. In 2015-1, we are at 22.5% and currently we are at 17.1% state appropriations revenue. It is still early in the process, no deadlines at this time. He reviewed page 6 – Ad Valorem Tax Preliminary Analysis.

Page 8 was a letter from Governor Abbott. The letter extending the freeze of tuition and fees for university systems for two additional years. This freeze was never an official order, and the letter did not mention community colleges. However, when asked, the Governor said he thought it should apply to community colleges. Therefore, we are not recommending any increase in the general tuition and mandatory fees for the 2025-2026 academic year. There is still a chance that community colleges might be excluded from the new rider, so it would be prudent to wait until we know more about the legislation.

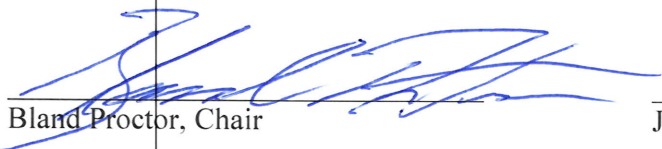
It is the intention of the college to continue the state's Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program for dual credit students next Fall. That program will separate Educationally Disadvantaged (ED), from non-ED

students. ED Students are students on free or reduced lunch. In the FAST program the state will reimburse VC \$58.52 per SCH for the ED students and the college cannot charge the student for anything else, including materials. For the non-ED students, we are limited to \$58.52 SCH for tuition, but we can charge them for fees and materials. We recommend keeping a \$40 SCH in-district tuition rate and maintaining the out-of-district fee of \$43 SCH to these students. The non-resident/foreign tuition rate will hold at \$56 per SCH. The ED students will receive state funding revenue. The recommended tuition and fees for dual credit under the FAST program are \$66,168 higher than prior year's revenues. Administration further recommends the differential tuition be waived for these students, but lab fees and course fees be charged.

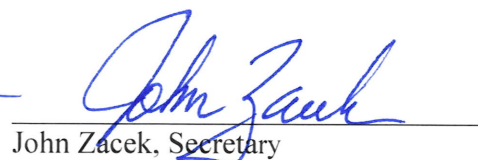
For non-dual credit students, the College is budgeting for a 2.4% decline in semester credit hours (SCH) used to determine tuition and fee revenue for the year. The administration recommends maintaining the required tuition and fees due to the Governor's letter. Therefore, we recommend holding the in-district tuition rate to \$60 per SCH and the out of district fee to \$61 per SCH each. We recommend holding the general fee to \$41 per SCH and the technology fee to \$23 per SCH and no change in the non-resident/foreign tuition rate of \$158 per SCH. We recommend no changes to the differential tuition rate for allied health programs or industrial/workforce programs. These changes would result in an overall decrease in the tuition and fee revenue of \$219,410 or 2.62%

Administration will continue to have budget discussions as we get closer to end of fiscal year to bring before the board for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM



Bland Proctor, Chair



John Zacek, Secretary