

**MINUTES of the Special Board Meeting**  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE  
**April 28, 2025**

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| V. Bland Proctor,<br><i>Chair</i> | Luis A. Guerra,<br><i>Vice-Chair</i> | John Zacek,<br><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, Matt Wiley, Amy Mundy, Darin Kazmir, Cindy Buchholz, Rachel Nessel, Bradley Johnson, Bobby Cubriel, Matt Weiler and Janelle Espinoza.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a regular board meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 4:00 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 meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and announced that a quorum of board members was present. He also welcome a group of SGA students that were in audience to observe.

**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 CONSIDERATION:**

**1. CONSIDER Proposed 2025-2026 Academic Year Tuition and Fee Schedule**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He reminded the board that they met in March for a Board Workshop and discussed the proposed rates in detail. He reminded them that in November 2024, Governor Abbot issued a 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 Fall 2025 semester. 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 to adopt the Spring and Summer rates.

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%.

Mr. Blundell stated that the administration recommends the attached tuition and fee schedule. The total cost per SCH for in-district students will be \$124 SCH. The total cost per SCH for out-of-district students will be \$185 SCH and the total cost per SCH for out-of-state/non-resident students will be \$222 SCH. Students in the programs listed will be subject to either a \$105 or \$40 per SCH differential tuition. Rates for dual credit students will be \$78 SCH for in-district, \$121 SCH for out-of-district and \$137 SCH for non-resident.

**Fiscal Impact:** This schedule would provide \$219,410 less revenue than the prior year budget.

Mr. Ron Walker moved to accept the tuition and fees for Fall 2025 as presented, with registration to begin on May 1, 2025. Spring and Summer 2026 tuition and fees will be revisited at a later time. Mrs. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

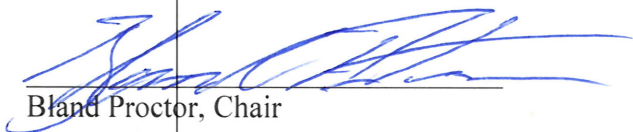
## **2. CONSIDER Proposed 2025-2026 Academic Year Instructional Fee Changes**


### **a. EMS Course Fees (correction from March 24, 2025 Board Meeting)**

Ms. Betsy Crane presented. She shared with the board that at the March 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting there was an error on the course number. They approved a fee of \$175 for EMSP 2343, the course should have been EMSP 2243.

Mr. Ron Walker moved to accept the course number correction as presented. Mr. John Zacek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM

  
Bland Proctor, Chair

  
John Zacek, Secretary