

MINUTES of the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE
August 9, 2021

V. Bland Proctor, <i>Chair</i>	Luis A. Guerra, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Zacek, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Daniel Cano	Catherine McHaney	Dr. Josie Rivera	Ron Walker
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Also in attendance: *In Person:* VC Staff: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Keith Blundell, Cindy Buchholz, Edrel Stoneham, Terri Kurtz, Marty Deckard, Matt Wiley, Lydia Huber, Jerry Hamilton, Babette Lowe, Betsy Crane, Jacob Flores, Ceci Oldmixon, Darin Kazmir, Amy Mundy

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, 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.

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 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 19, 2021

Mr. Luis Guerra moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Josie Rivera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDER No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Calculations performed by Ashley Hernandez, Victoria Tax Assessor-Collector for 2021

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He reminded the board that in July, they approved Ashley Hernandez to calculate the no-new-revenue rate (NNR) and voter-approval rate (VAR) for the college. The appraisals were completed by the VCAD and she has performed those calculations. The calculations were reviewed in greater detail just prior at the 230PM board workshop. The taxable values increased by 7.27%. New improvements are exempted from the NNR calculation and were at \$88,249,705. The NNR assessment of \$0.2048 per \$100 valuation would generate \$185,593 less than what has been budgeted. The current rate of \$0.2203 per \$100 valuation would generate \$875,492 more than the proposed budget. The voter-approval rate of \$0.2200 per \$100 valuation would generate \$854,955 more than the proposed budget. Attached is a ten year history of tax rates, a worksheet with scenarios for tax planning and an analysis of the change in appraisals. Land increased 2.35%. Homesites increased 7.09% while Non-Homesites increased 10.97% and Personal

Property increased 2.27%. Minerals decreased 21.06%, but only represent 0.77% of the total appraisals for the County. Mr. John Zacek moved to accept the calculations as presented and made the motion to accept the tax rate of \$.2076 per \$100 valuation. He also noted that this year's proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate. Ms. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. A record vote must be noted in the minutes. All board members present raised their hand in favor of the proposed rate, motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSIDER Proposed College Tax Rate 2021

Mr. John Zacek moved to accept the calculations as presented and made the motion to accept the tax rate of \$.2076 per \$100 valuation. He also noted that this year's proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate. Ms. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. A record vote must be noted in the minutes. All board members present raised their hand in favor of the proposed rate, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bland Proctor announced that a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4PM in the Academic Building of Victoria College, Room 101.

4. CONSIDER Resolution relating to the Construction Best Method Process & Prevailing Wage Rate

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that these resolutions are presented annually. The Texas Government Code 2269.056(a) allows the College to determine the best method when considering a construction contract. This resolution sets the best value to Victoria College is construction manager-at-risk, except for minor repairs and renovations to existing structures and facilities. Minor repairs and renovations best method is either Competitive Sealed Proposal or Job Order Contracting whichever is considered to be the best value to Victoria College. In conjunction with the best method when considering a construction contract, it is recommended the Board adopt the most current prevailing wage rate(s) used for Victoria County, County of Gonzales, County of Calhoun, County of DeWitt and Lavaca County. Mr. Luis Guerra made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Dr. Josie Rivera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER Resolution relating to the Delegation of Authority

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that the Texas Education Code 44.031, as amended, allows the College Board of Trustees to delegate its purchasing authority under Subchapter B, Chapter 44 of the Texas Education Code to Dr. Jennifer Kent, President. Mr. John Zacek made a motion to accept the resolution as presented delegating the authority to Dr. Jennifer Kent. Mr. Luis Guerra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER Resolution relating to the Delegation of Authority under Govt Code 2269

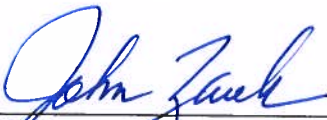
Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared that the Texas Government Code 2269.053, as amended, allows the College Board of Trustees to delegate its purchasing authority under Subsection (a), Chapter 2269.053 of the Texas Government Code to Dr. Jennifer Kent, President. Ms. Catherine McHaney made a motion to accept the resolution as presented delegating the authority to Dr. Jennifer Kent. Dr. Josie Rivera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session is called under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, and in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, to discuss personnel matters, Annual Evaluation of the College President. Mr. Bland Proctor called the meeting into closed session at 4:14 PM. He shared that no action would be taken after closed session was over, the meeting would be immediately adjourned. Dr. Jennifer Kent was called into the executive session after a brief moment.

The regular board meeting was called back into open session at 4:47 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.



Bland Proctor, Chair



John Zacek, Secretary