

**MINUTES of the Special Board Meeting**  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE  
**August 10, 2026**

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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, Terri Kurtz, Cindy Buchholz, Amy Mundy, and Darin Kazmir.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026 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 4:15 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 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Calculations Performed by Ashley Hernandez, Victoria Tax Assessor-Collector for 2026**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared that this information had been discussed in great detail during the 3:30 PM Board Workshop held prior to this meeting. The board had discussion and he answered all questions the board had. The summary is repeated below: *The appraisals were completed by the VCAD and Ms. Hernandez has performed those calculations. The taxable values increased by 3.52%. New improvements are exempted from the NNR calculation and were at \$375,475,941. The NNR assessment of \$0.1808 per \$100 valuation would generate the same as what has been budgeted. The proposed rate of \$0.1800 per \$100 valuation would generate exactly the proposed budget. The voter-approval rate of \$0.1901 per \$100 valuation would generate \$865,320 more than the proposed budget. Mr. Blundell attached a ten-year history of tax rates, a worksheet with scenarios for tax planning and an analysis of the change in appraisals. Land increased 2.05%. Homesites increased 6.65% while non-Homesites increased 27.90% and Personal Property increased 0.97%. Minerals decreased 47.32%, but only represent 0.46% of the total appraisals for the County.*

The proposed rate of \$0.1808 per \$100 valuation is a 1.3% decrease from the prior year. The new Debt Service rate would decrease to \$0.0207 per \$100 valuation, The Debt Service rate decreased due to the maturity of the 2012 refunding bonds used to construct the Health Services Center. A motion will need to be made at the 4PM Special Board Meeting immediately following this workshop.

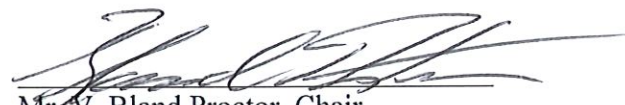
**2. DISCUSS Proposed 2026-27 Operating Budget**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He went over the 32-page handout while discussing the proposed tax rate during agenda item #1. He reminded the board that this had been discussed in July. He went over a few changes that had occurred since. The total budget decreased \$1,202,000 or 3.2%. State Appropriations decreased \$352,000. In accordance with the Governor's rider in SB1 freezing tuition and fees for Texas community colleges, there were no changes to the required tuition and fee rates, which were approved in May. As a result, there is a decrease in tuition and fee revenues of \$190,000. This budget includes a cost-of-living increase of 2% and a step of 1.5%. After netting added employees, retirements and terminations, the cost of salaries increased \$237,000. One of the college's property tax bonds matured in FY 2026 resulting in savings of \$699,000 in tax revenue and bond payments. All contingent on the board's recommendation, if their recommendation is the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.1808/\$100 which would be a \$0.0024 decrease in the tax rate (1.3%). There was an increase in property tax revenues of \$372,000. The budget includes an increase of \$200,000 for technology and deferred maintenance to assist in maintaining technology replacement costs and the increasing costs of roofs and HVAC equipment.

**3. DISCUSS Proposed College Tax Rate for 2026**

Mr. Keith Blundell discussed the proposed college tax rate in detail during discussions of Agenda Item #1 and Agenda Item #2.

There being no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

  
Mr. V. Bland Proctor, Chair

  
Mr. John E. Zacek, Secretary

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section of sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on the Victoria College website, the VC Student Services Building, and the Victoria County Courthouse on July 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. by Mary Ann Rodriguez for the Board of Trustees.