



TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## Texas Southmost College District

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### Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 15, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session August 15, 2008, at 2:12 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Dr. Roberto Robles, Mr. David Oliveira, Mr. Rene Torres, and Ms. Adela Garza. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

### UTB/TSC President

*Juliet V. Garcia, Ph.D*

### Special Meeting

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gonzalez at 2:12 p.m.

#### 1. Tax Rate

##### Consideration and possible action on Texas Southmost College District 2008 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Dr. David Pearson, Vice President for Partnership Affairs, reported that the operating budget for the District is funded by ad valorem tax revenues, and that the District has drafted a budget to cover its needs for the upcoming fiscal year. He added that the taxes necessary to cover the budget would require a proposed tax rate that exceeds the effective rate, and must be approved by the Board. The District's operating budget funds scholarships, capital improvements, deferred maintenance, insurance, and administration.

Dr. Pearson introduced Ms. Melba Sanchez, Assistant Vice President for Finance, to make a presentation regarding the proposed 2008 tax rate for the Texas Southmost College District. Ms. Sanchez reported that in order to fully fund the preliminary TSC District budget for fiscal year 2009, the Board must adopt a

maintenance and operations tax rate of 0.110614 and a debt tax rate of 0.050475 per \$100 valuation.

Ms. Sanchez explained that while the District's posting in accordance with *truth in taxation* would appear to raise taxes, the reality is that adopting the current tax rate would not raise the current tax rate. Mr. Torres asked that a press release be prepared to explain the truth in taxation process to the community. Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Campirano concurred that a press release would serve to address concerns raised by the community and prevent any false assumptions in regard to adopting the current tax rate.

**A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to propose that a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.110614 and a debt tax rate of \$0.050475 per \$100 valuation be placed on the agenda for adoption at the September 18, 2008, Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campirano and carried unanimously.**

#### **Consideration and possible action on Setting Dates for Public Hearings**

**A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to propose that the public hearings on the proposed 2008 Ad Valorem Tax Rate be held on Thursday, August, 28, 2008, and Monday, September 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room on the UTB/TSC Campus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried unanimously.**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 2:40 p.m.



Mr. Chester Gonzalez  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**NOTE:** The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 15, 2008 is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Gloria Miranda, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KISD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.