

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Board Room
Third Floor, Administration Building
Blinn College, 802 Green Street
Brenham, Texas**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:29 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. David Sommer, Secretary; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA; Mr. Richard Powell and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: None

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Ana M. "Cha" Guzmán, Interim District President; Dr. Sylvia McMullen, President, Brazos County Campuses; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services/CFO; Dr. Dennis Crowson, Senior Vice President, Student Services; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Associate Vice President, Government & Public Affairs; Mr. Joe Baumann; Ms. Kris Beckendorf; Mr. Mark Bernier; Mr. Richard Bray; Ms. Megan Costanza; Mr. Joseph Denman; Mr. Joseph Engle; Ms. Annette Ferguson; Ms. Rebecca Garlick; Mr. Michael Hutton; Ms. Angela Lawrenz; Ms. Michelle Marburger; Ms. Michelle McGehee; Dr. Cheryl Metz; Mr. Richard O'Malley; Mr. John O'Neill; Ms. Shelley Pearson; Ms. Sami Rahman; Mr. Scott Shumacher; Mr. Shawn Welch and Ms. Lisa Wiese.

Also registered as in attendance were: Ms. Stacy Aschenbeck, Precinct 4 candidate for Blinn College Board of Trustees; Mr. Kevin Bosse, President, Buccaneer Alumni Letterman Association; Mr. Patrick Crank, Brenham Banner-Press; Ms. Deborah Goss, Precinct 4 candidate for Blinn College Board of Trustees; Mr. Alex Hedgecock, Bryan campus student; Mr. Jim Kolkhorst, President, Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association; Mr. Bill Oliver, WTAW; Mr. Sam Peshek, The Eagle; Mr. David Reynolds, Precinct 1 candidate for Blinn College Board of Trustees and Mary-Janet Reyes, KWHI.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Borchardt. The prayer was given by Mr. Sommer and the pledge was led by Mr. Sommer.

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 2. INTERIM DISTRICT PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Guzmán reviewed administrative activities related to legislative issues, dual credit and other program activities (copies of the power point presentation, announcements and upcoming events are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

- Will host a Faculty Hiring Fair Thursday, April 9, on both the Brenham and Bryan campuses, with particular emphasis on attracting part-time faculty to meet our growth needs.
- The Blinn College Alumni & Friends and the Buccaneer Alumni Lettermen Associations will host the Blinn College Clay Shootout Friday, April 24, to raise money for academic scholarships and athletic equipment. The inaugural Clay Shootout will be held at the Boswell Porter 4-H Shotgun Range located at 7676 County Road 247 in Caldwell. To learn more or register, visit <https://foundation.blinn.edu> or email kyle.merten@blinn.edu.
- Earlier this month the Division of Social Sciences announced the launch of the Central Texas Historical Association under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Howell. This makes Blinn the first community college in Texas to sponsor a regional historical association. The organization will host an annual conference, publish an annual journal and sponsor an array of educational programs.
- Blinn-Sealy will host its second annual Boots & Blue Jeans for Blinn from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., March 28, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sealy (1390 U.S. Highway 90). Last year's event raised \$10,000 in support of campus scholarships and programs. Tickets are available at <https://foundation.blinn.edu>.
- Six Blinn Students - Brenham campus Theatre Arts students recently drew the attention of several university theatre programs at the Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA) TheatreFest in Houston. Gabriel Arias (Hempstead), Corrine Booth (Austin), Colleen Dougan (Brenham), Alex Joshi (McKinney), Jaqueline Kana (Sealy) and Kayla Kelly (Humble) all participated in TheatreFest. Arias, Dougan and Kelly took part in the performance auditions while Booth presented her technical portfolio for the TETA technical auditions. Each student that participated was called by university recruiters expressing interest in having the students attend their respective universities.
- Blinn's student chapter of the American Dental Hygienists' Association recently attended a joint conference of the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association Student Annual Session and the Texas Dental Hygiene Educators Association Annual Session in San Marcos. Students and faculty participated in a variety of events, including professional development and governmental affairs in support of improving the public's total health through advancement of the art and science of dental hygiene. Second-year students Ashley Stevenson of Brenham and Morgan Davis of Waller earned second place for their presentation, "Laser Therapies of Dental Hygiene." Theirs was one of 12 entries from associate and bachelor's degree programs across the state. Stevenson was awarded the B.J. Long Memorial Scholarship and Madelyne Mann of San Marcos received the Nicole Eusebio Memorial Service Scholarship for their outstanding leadership, excellent academic standing and service to the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Veterinary Technology Information Session - March 25, noon - 1:00 p.m., Post Office campus
- Lifetime Learning Luncheon - March 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Don Ervin "Trials That Made Headlines"
- District UIL, Brenham campus, March 28, 8:00 a.m.
- Sealy campus "Boots & Blue Jeans 2015" - March 28, 6:00 p.m., KC Hall, Sealy
- Holocaust Survivor to Speak - March 30, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center
- Associate Degree Nursing Information Session - April 1, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., HSC Suite 2500
- "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" Theatre Production - April 9, 7:00 p.m., and April 10, 7:00 p.m., Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center
- Veterinary Technology Information Session - April 15, noon - 1:00 p.m., Post Office campus
- Criminal Justice Information Session - April 21, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Bryan campus Student Center
- Legal Assistant Information Session - April 21, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Bryan campus Student Center
- Blinn College Alumni & Friends and the Buccaneer Alumni Lettermen's Associations - Clay Shootout - Friday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Brazos County 4-H Sportsman Club

ITEM 3. BRAZOS COUNTY CAMPUSES UPDATE

Dr. McMullen reviewed the move to the Tejas Center and recent and upcoming activities and events (copies of the power point presentation, announcements and upcoming events are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

UPDATES

- Latest update regarding campus renovations and the moving of services to the Tejas Center location.
- Blinn's speech and debate team won four individual awards at the recent Texas Community College State Championship in Pasadena. Garrett Pessink, a first-year student from Whitehouse, won the state championship in communication analysis and third place in impromptu speaking. Ryan Schulman, a second-year student from Newport Beach, California, placed fourth in after-dinner speaking and seventh in impromptu speaking. Chrystian Lopez and Thomas Matchett also represented Blinn at the event, which included 111 total entries from eight colleges.
- Several Blinn College personnel served as judges at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo speech contest.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

- On March 12, the Brazos County Advisory Committee met. Committee members visited the new property and witnessed the Texas Workforce Commissioner's check presentation for approximately \$115,000 to provide safety and skills training for almost 200 employees at Axis Pipe and Tube's new pipe mill in Bryan. An upcoming presentation is currently being scheduled for a \$400,000 grant to provide similar training for Blue Bell Creameries.

ITEM 4. REPORTS

- **84th SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE UPDATE**

Ms. Cathy Boeker reviewed the progress of the 84th session of the Texas legislature (copies of a list of current bills to watch are attached to and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Hedgecock, Bryan campus student, spoke about differences between in-district and out-of-district tuition. He is concerned about how the information is calculated. The Board said they would address his concerns during the tuition agenda item. He also expressed concern about a policy related to student computer use.

Mr. Joseph Denman, Bryan campus Professor of Social Science, expressed concern related to a potential movement to have High School teachers begin teaching dual credit courses. He urged the Board to guard the quality of Blinn College course offerings.

ITEM 6. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND LIST OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2015

Ms. Annette Ferguson, Assistant Vice President/Controller, reviewed highlights from the financial statements and list of checks for the period ending February 28, 2015 (copies of the financial statement and list of checks are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 7. BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Borchardt read a statement regarding current issues facing Blinn College (a copy of the statement is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM 8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 6, 2015, SPECIAL MEETING; THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015, REGULAR MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015, SPECIAL MEETING

ITEM 9. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT NOTICE OF MAY 9, 2015, GENERAL ELECTION OF THE BLINN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTING PRECINCT POSITIONS 1 AND 4 TO SERVE FULL SIX-YEAR TERMS AND PRECINCT POSITION 3 TO SERVE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF UNEXPIRED TERM

ITEM 10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE A.W. HODDE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to approve **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8-10: ITEM 8** - minutes for the February 6, 2015, Special Meeting; the February 17, 2015, Regular Meeting and the February 19, 2015, Special Meeting; **ITEM 9** - the Administration to adopt Notice of the May 9, 2015, General Election of the Blinn College Board of Trustee members representing precinct positions 1 and 4 to serve full six-year terms and precinct position 3 to serve remaining two years of unexpired term (a copy of the Notice of Election is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*); **ITEM 10** - the Administration to appoint Mr. Cody Stelter to replace Mr. Ron Eilers on the A.W. Hodde Technical Education Center Advisory Committee and complete the term ending June 2015, and to appoint Mr. Chris Callahan to replace Mr. Ron Keiso and complete the term ending June 2017 (copies of the bios of Mr. Stelter and Mr. Callahan are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*), as presented by the Administration.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO H.B. 1903 AND H.B. 2621 RELATED TO FUND DISTRIBUTION AND BOARD STRUCTURE

Mrs. Carolyn Miller discussed planned testimony related to HB 1903 (copies of H.B. 1903 and H.B. 2621 are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). The Board is committed to an equitable distribution of funds throughout our system. Efforts will take place to work with Representative Raney to make the Bill more manageable for Blinn College. Mr. Borchardt discussed the challenges imposed by HB 1903 as currently written. Dr. Guzmán discussed the implications of the exponential growth of the Bryan Campus.

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Board voted to recommend modifications to HB 1903 to remove "tuition and fees" from line 10; remove "and" from line 11 and revise Section 2 to "2019".

ITEM 12. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET TUITION AND GENERAL FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

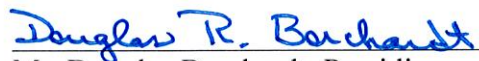
Dr. Guzmán asked Ms. Shomaker to present the Administration's recommendation related to tuition increase for 2015-2016. Ms. Shomaker reviewed the college financial strategic plan and intended use of additional revenue generated (a copy of the financial strategic plan and intended use of additional revenue generated are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). She reviewed supporting documentation to increase tuition. Ms. Shomaker clarified the in-district vs. out-of-district tuition differences and the reasoning. Ms. Shomaker responded to questions from the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to establish the increase in tuition and general fees for fiscal year 2015-2016, which motion was then withdrawn.

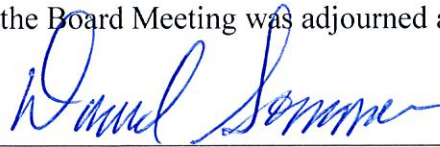
After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to increase in-district tuition by \$3.00, out-of-district and non-resident/out-of-state tuition by \$10.00 and general fee by \$2.00.

ITEM 19. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Toubin, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.



Mr. Douglas Borchardt, Presiding
President



Mr. David Sommer
Secretary