

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Janis Sneed Banquet Room
Student Center Building
Blinn College, 1007 Walter Schwartz Way
Brenham, Texas**

Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 7 p.m. in the Banquet Room with the following members present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, President, presiding; Mr. Leon B. Toubin, Vice President; Mr. Steve M. Westbrook, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr., Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr., and Mr. Norwood Lange.

Board members not present: None.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Daniel J. Holt, President; Dr. Robert Brick, Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Debra R. LaCour, and Dr. Van Miller, Vice Presidents; Dr. Cathy Kemper, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation; Ms. Karen Buck, Ms. Leslie Ellis, Mr. David Fleeger, Mr. Tim Hardy, Mr. Grady Hendricks, Ms. Becky Krebs, Mr. Jeffrey Lee, Mr. Doug McKee, Mr. Gus Mutscher, Mr. Richard O'Malley, Mr. Joe Al Picone, Dr. Milton Radke, Ms. Rebecca Ruffino, Mr. Jeff Tilley, and Dr. Michel Zuch.

Also registered as in attendance were: Dr. Frank Ashley, TAMU; Mr. Sam Bell, Brenham ISD; Mr. Jason Bienski, City of Bryan; Mr. John Brieden, State Farm Insurance and Washington County Judge Candidate; Mr. Glenn Brown, City of Bryan; Ms. Trish Buck, Brazos Valley Council of Governments; Mr. Richard Cortez, Jr., City of Bryan; Mr. Eddie Coulson, A&M Consolidated HS; Dr. Nancy Dickey, TAMU; Mr. Joey Dunn, City of Bryan; Ms. Peggy Felder, City of Burton; Dr. Brett Giroir, TAMU; Mr. Dennis Goehring, City of Bryan; Mr. Sam Harrison, Blinn Foundation; Mr. Royce Hickman, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Larry Hodges and Mr. Steve Holditch, Research Valley Partnership; Mr. Mike Hopkins, Hopkins Distributing; Ms. Ann Horton, City of Bryan; Mr. Clint Kolby, Washington County Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Ed Kruse, Mr. Howard Kruse, and Mr. Paul Kruse, Blue Bell Creameries; Ms. Jenny Ligon, TEEEX; Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, TAMU; Ms. Katy-Marie Lyles, City of College Station; Mr. Kenny Mallard and Mr. Todd McDaniel, Research Valley Partnership; Dr. Mike McKinney, TAMU; Ms. Page Michel, Washington County Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Dorothy Morgan, Washington County; Mr. John Muegge, Washington County Judge Candidate; Ms. Gloria Nix, City of Brenham; Mr. Chris Peterson, Research Valley Partnership; Ms. Joan Quintana, TEEEX; Ms. Julie Renken, Washington County; Mr. Terry Roberts, City of Brenham; Mr. David Ruesink, City of College Station; Mr. Ron Schmidt, Blinn Foundation; Mr. Jeffery Seemann, TAMU; Mr. Gary Sera, TEEEX; Mr. John Simms, Trinity Medical Center; and Ms. Evelyn Tiffany-Castiglioni, TAMU.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenjura. He reviewed important past events held in the Banquet Room and discussed the importance of the evening's guests and partnerships with Brazos County.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 3. BLINN COLLEGE PRESIDENT WELCOME AND GUEST RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Holt thanked everyone for their attendance. He noted the distinguished guests from Texas A&M University, Cities, and Counties. Dr. Holt also discussed the impact of the Research Valley Partnership and the incredible growth currently occurring in Brazos County. Between Texas A&M University and Blinn College, the two institutions have been servicing their communities for 276 years and have worked in partnership for 50 years. Blinn College has the number one transfer rate to Texas A&M University. In addition to the success with transfer courses, Blinn College is making great strides in workforce education. Dr. Holt introduced key people at each table and gave a special thanks to Dr. Nancy Dickey. Dr. Holt introduced Mr. Larry Hodges, Chairman of the Research Valley Partnership to say a few words.

ITEM 4. THE RESEARCH VALLEY PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Mr. Larry Hodges, Chairman of the Research Valley Partnership, expressed his appreciation to Dr. Holt and his staff for putting this event together. Mr. Hodges explained the importance of the partnership between the cities of Bryan and College Station, as well as, Brazos County. He discussed the vital role Blinn will play in workforce education in the coming years. Mr. Hodges introduced Dr. Brett Giroir, Vice Chancellor for Research with Texas A&M University.

ITEM 5. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - BIOCORRIDOR

Dr. Brett Giroir, Vice Chancellor for Research with Texas A&M University, gave a presentation about developing the third coast in biotech and pharmaceutical innovations. He commented that this program was not just about Texas' growing commitment to biopharmaceutical product development; but more importantly, about economic development, helping the people, and teamwork. Dr. Giroir reviewed the Research Valley Biomedical Research Objective, the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine, the Texas A&M University Institute for Preclinical Studies, the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing, Project GreenVax, and the Institute for Innovative Therapeutics. He expressed the next generation of manufacturing vaccines and biologic drugs must be flexible, adaptable, scalable, and economical. Dr. Giroir commented that Blinn College, Texas A&M University, and the Texas Engineering Extension Service will be needed for huge expansion of workforce that will be needed to accomplish the goals in this field. He said the possibilities are endless for this Bio Corridor which is already underway in Brazos County. Dr. Boehm asked how long from start to finish these projects will take. Dr. Giroir advised there was no real answer but that this is a growing process and we are just in the beginning stages.

ITEM 6. BLINN COLLEGE COMMENTS

Dr. Holt briefly spoke of the importance of taking risks to ensure that Blinn College is around for another 50 years. He introduced Dr. Mike McKinney, Chancellor of Texas A&M University.

**ITEM 7. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,
AND TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COMMENTS**

Dr. Mike McKinney, Chancellor of Texas A&M University, spoke about making radical changes in order to change the world we live in. He discussed the true partnership between Blinn College and Texas A&M University. He commented that A&M graduates more people from Blinn than any other institution. Dr. McKinney introduced Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University.

Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University, discussed that A&M admits 8,000 freshmen each year, but 28,000 want to be freshmen. He asked the audience, "How do you do that? Blinn College, that's how!" He commented on that his meeting the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, and how Secretary Duncan recognizes the partnership between Blinn College and Texas A&M University as a model for education. Dr. Loftin also advised that Blinn College graduates do better and earn a higher grade point average at Texas A&M University than other transfer students. Dr. Loftin introduced Dr. Nancy Dickey, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs with Texas A&M University.

Dr. Nancy Dickey, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs with Texas A&M University, commented that this evening celebrates the commitment of this great partnership across cities, counties, and colleges. She also noted that we need to remember we are able to do these things because of the taxpayers and we are responsible for stretching every tax dollar for maximum benefit.

ITEM 8. PARTNER CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER GUEST COMMENTS

Dr. Holt opened the floor to Mr. Jason Bienski, Mayor of Bryan. Mr. Bienski thanked everyone for attending and representing the new growth and success in Bryan/College Station, Brazos County, and Blinn College. He remarked the upcoming events will put our areas on the world wide map.


ITEM 9. CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Holt thanked everyone for their attendance, and gave a special thanks to representatives from Texas A&M University.

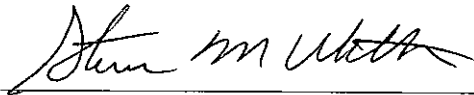
ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kenjura thanked everyone for being a part of tonight's event and hopes to live up to all expectations.

On a motion by Mr. Borchardt, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura
President



Mr. Steve M. Westbrook
Secretary