

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 12:03 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. David Sommer, President, presiding; Mr. Douglas Borchardt, Vice President; Mr. Atwood Kenjura, Secretary; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA; Mr. Richard Powell and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: Ms. Stacey Aschenbeck and Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Ana M. 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; Ms. Kris Beckendorf; Mr. Rich Bray; Ms. Lisa Caton; Ms. Megan Costanza; Ms. Andrea Liner; Ms. Susan Myers and Mr. Jeff Tilley;

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. T. Edward Clee, community member; Mr. Patrick Crank, Brenham Banner-Press and Ms. Tashara Parker, KAGS.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sommer.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCALLY DISPLACED WORKERS

Dr. Guzmán reviewed the recent layoffs in the Brenham area. The local community supported Blinn College during a difficult legislative session and we now want to repay the favor. She outlined support services for the companies who have laid off workers and those individuals who have been impacted. Dr. Guzmán asked the Board to authorize the President to lower tuition, waive certain fees or offer additional scholarships for displaced workers. The Board asked that more specific information be provided. The Board asked that any reduction of fees, scholarships, etc. be brought back to the Board for approval. Mrs. Boehm moved that Dr. Guzmán move forward with working with companies to identify their needs and bring back to the Board any adjustments in fees or result in a financial impact to the College. Mr. Borchardt added to the motion to not limit the support to just Washington County. Mrs. Boehm and Mr. Kenjura agreed.

ITEM 3. RATIFICATION OF ACTION BY INTERIM DISTRICT PRESIDENT DR. ANA GUZMAN TO COMMIT BLINN COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$50,000 FACILITY AND \$50,000 EQUIPMENT COMMITMENT TO LEASE AND OPERATE

Mr. Sommer reviewed the background of the Federal Economic Development Assistance Cooperative Agreement Grant Program. He read a letter from Page Michel, President and CEO, Brenham Economic Development Fund (a copy of the letter from Ms. Michel is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Mr. Kenjura discussed the opportunity. He clarified that \$50,000 is a cash commitment from the College at this point with another \$50,000 in equipment upon the completion of the building. Mr. Borchardt also discussed the benefits of the program.

On a motion by Mr. Borchardt, seconded by Mr. Kenjura, the Board voted to ratify the action by Interim District President, Dr. Ana Guzmán to commit Blinn College to participate in the Federal Economic Development Assistance Cooperative Agreement Grant Program in an amount of \$50,000 for the facility and \$50,000 in equipment and a commitment to lease and operate the facility.

ITEM 4. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public was recessed for break at 12:29 p.m.

The public was recessed for closed session at 12:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

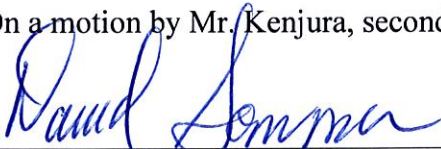
ITEM 5. CLOSED SESSION:

(A) PERSONNEL MATTERS (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)

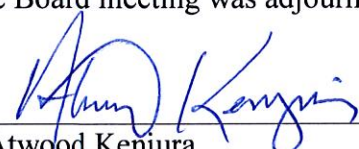
- i. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OR OFFICERS**
 - a. CONSIDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND DUTIES OF DR. MARY HENSLEY, SOLE FINALIST FOR COLLEGE PRESIDENT**
- ii. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE APPOINTMENT FOR AT-LARGE, POSITION 1, OF THE BLINN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mr. Powell, the Board meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



 Mr. David Sommer, Presiding
 President



 Mr. Atwood Kenjura
 Secretary