

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Tuesday, January 29, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, President, presiding; Mr. David Sommer, Secretary; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA and Mr. Richard Powell.

Board members not present: Mr. Atwood Kenjura, Vice President and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

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. Karen Buck; Mr. Richard O'Malley; Ms. Rebecca Ruffino and Mr. Jeff Tilley.

Also registered as in attendance were: Dr. Deborah Vollmer Dahlke, Mr. Mark Humphrey, Mr. Todd McDaniel and Ms. Susan Vestal, Research Valley Partnership and Mr. Mark Whitehead, KWHI.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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. RESEARCH VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Todd McDaniel, President/CEO, Research Valley Partnership (RVP), discussed opportunities with the RVP and Blinn College (a copy of the power point presentation is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He reviewed the purpose, make up and focus of the RVP. He reviewed the Innovation Economic Development effort and how Blinn can contribute to Workforce Development. Blinn's involvement is not contained to Brazos County. The RVP is a regional effort that also includes Washington County, and recognizes Blinn's role in Economic Development. RVP will look to Blinn to train skilled labor to supply the workforce for the RVP clients. He praised Blinn for working with Texas A&M in Workforce Development. He spoke of Biocorridor Phase 2 and the significance of vaccine production as well as the importance of Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies, Texas Triangle Park and Axis Pipe and Tube. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Texas A&M Engineering Academy is well on track to meet their goals in Workforce Development. RVP would like our area to become the "Engineering Center of Excellence", focusing on Advanced Manufacturing. Mr. McDaniel informed the Board that Governor Greg Abbott announced an award of \$4 Million to Austin Community College for Biomanufacturing related investments from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund. RVP would like to apply for some of those funds for Blinn College. He stated that there are currently lots of legislative discussions in Austin about the future of skills training and skills development fund.

Mr. McDaniel responded to questions from the Board. The Board thanked Mr. McDaniel for his presentation and support of Blinn College.

ACTION ITEM:

ITEM 3. AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SPEND UP TO \$ 4,500,000.00 ON THE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED 2015 STUDENT SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON THE BRYAN CAMPUS

Mr. Richard O'Malley, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning and Construction, reviewed the need for Blinn to spend up to \$4.5 million for the construction improvements for the proposed 2015 student services improvement projects on the Bryan Campus. The Board asked that the updates on the visual and budgetary aspects of the projects be brought to the Board periodically.

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board voted to authorize the Administration to spend up to \$4.5 million on the construction improvements for the proposed 2015 student services improvement projects on the Bryan Campus, as presented by the Administration.

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

The public was recessed for closed session at 10:02 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION:

- (A) REAL PROPERTY (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)**
 - i. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE BRENHAM, BRYAN, SCHULENBURG AND SEALY CAMPUSES**
- (B) PERSONNEL MATTERS (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)**
 - i. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OR OFFICERS**

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 5. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public was reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

ITEM 6. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- (A) REVIEW AND ACTION TO PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN, SCHULENBURG AND SEALY**

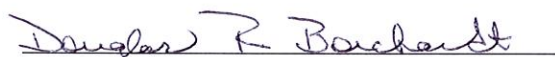
**(B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OTHER ITEMS
DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

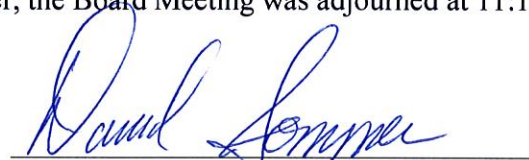
**ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE
DISTRICT PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

On a motion by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to appoint members to serve on the District President Search Committee.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.


Mr. Douglas Borchardt, Presiding
President


Mr. David Sommer
Secretary