

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 9:59 a.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. 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. Richard Bray; Mr. Michael Brewster; Ms. Karen Buck; Mr. Rick Church; Ms. Barbara Corbisor; Ms. Megan Costanza; Ms. Karen Dahmann; Mr. Joseph Engle; Ms. Annette Ferguson; Ms. Sarah Barland Flisowski; Ms. M. Elia Flores; Ms. Jami Ingram; Ms. Leslie Janac; Mr. Todd Quinlan; Mr. Scott Schumacher; Ms. Susan Slowey and Mr. Jeff Tilley.

Also registered as in attendance were: Ms. Jean Phelps, concerned citizen; Mr. Bill Oliver, WTAW and Mr. Sam Peshek, The Eagle.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Borchardt.

**ITEM 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO H.B. 1903
RELATED TO FUND DISTRIBUTION**

Mr. Borchardt reviewed the meeting held on March 25, 2015, with Representative Raney to discuss the modifications to HB 1903 which were approved by the Board on March 24. He also reviewed the events of the Higher Education Committee hearing held on March 25. Representative Raney declined to accept the modifications and encouraged the Board to try again. Mr. Borchardt discussed the rider on HB 1 related to Blinn College and stated that the amendment filed by Representative Schubert to remove the rider was defeated. Mr. Borchardt asked that Executive Council be allowed to participate in the discussion. There were no objections.

Dr. McMullen made the statement that she does not support HB 1903 and regretted that she was not at the hearing on March 25. She discussed the rider process and the hearing. She gave her thoughts on what needs to occur to rectify the current legislative situation. She asked that the Board work toward achieving middle ground with Representative Raney. She gave her perspective on how the Higher Education Committee might work. She asked that she be allowed to be engaged in the process so she can help. She responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Borchardt thanked Dr. McMullen for her comments.

Mrs. Miller gave her perspective on the meetings with Representative Raney. She stated that the opportunity to provide modifications is encouraging but it takes time to make changes in a large institution. She committed to increased transparency. Mrs. Miller stated that currently, all community colleges allocate resources by institution, not campus. In order to make any recommended changes, software will be needed. She is concerned about the ability to develop an appropriate compromise in an extremely short time frame. The Board discussed meeting with Representative Raney to discuss allowing the Board the opportunity to develop a plan. Mrs. Miller feels a written action plan needs to be provided to Representative Raney. Mr. Borchardt asked if it is the desire of the Board to meet with Representative Raney and, if so, who should participate. It was discussed that Dr. McMullen, Mrs. Miller and possibly Ms. Boeker would meet with Representative Raney.

Mr. Toubin expressed his disappointment in the presentation at the Higher Education Committee hearing. He gave the history of the Bryan campus growth.

Mr. Powell feels that it is extremely important to impress upon Representative Raney the financial commitment the Board has made to Bryan. He discussed that Brazos County does not pay any taxes for the campus.

Mr. Borchardt stated that he is concerned that if the Brenham vs. Bryan issue continues we will fall short of providing service to our thirteen county service area.

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET TUITION AND GENERAL FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Ms. Shomaker reviewed a proposed establishment of new categories to fiscal year 2015-2016 tuition (a copy of the spreadsheets are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). She discussed the need for the new categories to compensate for the rapid enrollment growth. Mr. Borchardt discussed that the issue of fairness in tuition charges was an issue raised at the hearing.

Mr. Sommer asked that Ms. Shomaker review the recommended changes again. Mr. Toubin likes the idea of in-district money staying here and out-of-district students should pay more because they don't pay taxes.

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Toubin, the Board voted to set tuition and general fees for fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows:

In-(Taxing) District Texas Resident - \$48/SCH
 In-Service Area Texas Resident - \$102/SCH
 Out-of-Service Area Texas Resident - \$117/SCH
 Out-of-Service Non-Resident/International - \$200/SCH

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

The public was recessed for closed session at 11:02 a.m. Mr. Borchardt announced that there will be no action taken during closed session so everyone was free to go.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 5. 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

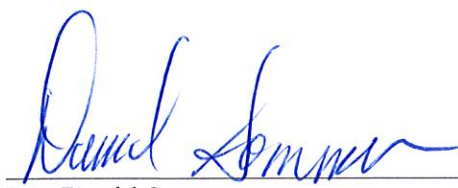
ITEM 6. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Boehm, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.


 Mr. Douglas Borchardt, Presiding
 President


 Mr. David Sommer
 Secretary