

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

**Special Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees convened at 5:31 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 (arrived at 5:52 p.m.); Mrs. Stacey Aschenbeck; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm and Mr. Charles Moser.

Board members not present: Mr. Richard Powell

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Mary Hensley, District President/CEO; 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; Mrs. Cathy Boeker, Associate Vice President, Government & Public Affairs; Mr. Joe Baumann; Mr. Mark Bernier; Mr. Richard Bray; Ms. Karen Buck; Ms. Megan Costanza; Ms. Annette Ferguson; Ms. M. Elia Flores; Ms. Marie Kirby; Ms. Andi Liner; Dr. Michelle McGehee; Mr. Richard O'Malley; Mr. Todd Quinlan; Mr. Jeff Tilley; Mr. Michael Welch and Ms. Christine Wied.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Patrick Crank, Brenham Banner-Press.

**ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sommer.

**ITEM 2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

Ms. Kelli Shomaker reviewed the budget development process for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (a copy of the Power Point Presentation is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). She reviewed the proposed use of FY16 unallocated funds of \$9,926,597. She highlighted the Administration's responses to questions submitted by Board members regarding the budget (a copy of the responses is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Ms. Shomaker responded to additional questions from the Board regarding new positions added to the budget. Ms. Karen Buck, Assistant Vice President for Instruction, described the current faculty requests and the 5-step process utilized to determine the justification for faculty positions.

Ms. Shomaker described the next step in the budget process. The tax rate options will be presented to the Board at the August 18 meeting. Mr. Sommer reviewed an article written by Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor and Mr. Mike Young, President, Texas A&M University (TAMU), which outlined TAMU's approach to reducing the financial burden placed on the students.

Mr. Sommer asked what Blinn College is doing to reduce the burden on students. A discussion took place regarding steps that have already been taken as well as additional efficiencies needed to move forward.

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

The public was recessed for a break at 6:03 p.m.

The public was recessed for closed session at 6:05 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION:**

- (A) REAL PROPERTY (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)**
- i. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NEGOTIATING, FINALIZING AND EXECUTING A SALES CONTRACT FOR A SMALL TRACT OF LAND IN THE HURTS BLOCK 4, LOT 7 SUBDIVISION, 504 HIGH STREET, BRENHAM, TEXAS**

**ITEM 4. POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

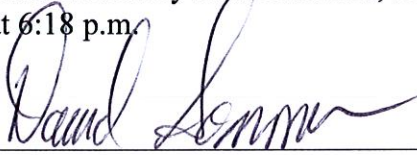
Additional discussion was held regarding the College's plan to meet the new reporting requirements approved by the Texas Legislature. Since the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board have not set reporting criteria, the Administration has chosen not to alter the budgeting process.

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

The public session was reconvened at 6:11 p.m.

**ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Borchardt, seconded by Mrs. Aschenbeck, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

  
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 Mr. David Sommer, Presiding  
 President

  
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 Mr. Atwood Kenjura  
 Secretary