

MINUTES of the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE
August 26, 2019

√ V. Bland Proctor	Daniel Cano
√ Luis A. Guerra	√ Catherine McHaney
√ John Zacek	√ Dr. Josie Rivera
	√ Ron B. Walker

STAFF

√ Dr. David Hinds	√ Jennifer Yancey
√ Mary Ann Rodriguez	

MEDIA

√ Amber Aldaco

Also in attendance: Keith Blundell, Dr. Edrel Stoneham, Terri Kurtz, Tracey Bergstrom, Felix Appelt, Amy Mundy, and community members Todd Brown and Harold Mallort.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met Monday, August 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Corporate Training Room - 101 of the Academic Building.

A. Call to Order:

1. Mr. Bland Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum of board members was present.
2. Dr. David Hinds certified that the agenda had been properly posted per Texas statute.

B. Citizen Communication:

1. Mr. Proctor invited attendees wishing to speak to the board, on items other than the proposed tax rate, to come forward. No comments were made.
2. Mr. Proctor officially opened the 1st Public Hearing. There were two visitors present to address the board, Mr. Todd Brown and Mr. Harold Mallory. Mr. Brown expressed his concern over the proposed tax rate, increased taxes and the financial state of the college. Mr. Mallory also shared his concern over increased taxes and recommended the Board consider holding their meetings later in the day so more citizens would have the opportunity to attend. Board members thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Mallory for their comments. They assured everyone that the college is financially sound and audited annually by an external firm. They shared that they don't take the assessment of a tax or the raising of student tuition and fees lightly, but over time, the State has reduced its share to fund the cost of higher education. They commended the college administration for their work in reducing expenses as much as possible and presenting a budget that is approximately \$372,000 less than the prior year. With no other comments from the

attendees, Mr. Proctor closed the public hearing.

C. Consider Board of Trustees Committee Reports
N/A

D. Items for Consideration:

1. CONSIDER Minutes of the Open Finance & Resources Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2019

Mr. Ron Walker moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Josie Rivera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDER Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 12, 2019

Mrs. Catherine McHaney moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. John Zacek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


3. CONSIDER 2019-2020 Operating Budget

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared that no changes had been made to the budget since the August 7th Committee meeting. Mr. Ron Walker shared that the Finance Committee had reviewed the final product and there were no changes since the last meeting. Mr. Luis Guerra, chair of the Finance Committee, commended Dr. Hinds, Mr. Keith Blundell and Ms. Tracey Bergstrom for their hard work on presenting a good budget. Mr. Guerra made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the 2019-2020 Operating Budget as presented, no second was needed, all present were in favor – the 2019-2020 Operating Budget presented was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



Bland Proctor, Chair



John Zacek, Secretary