

MINUTES of the Board Workshop
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE
July 21, 2025

V. Bland Proctor, <i>Chair</i>	Luis A. Guerra, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Zacek, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Daniel Cano	Catherine McHaney	Dr. Estella De Los Santos	Ron Walker
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Also in attendance: VC Staff: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Keith Blundell, Matt Wiley, Amy Mundy, Darin Kazmir, and Cindy Buchholz.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a board workshop on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 3:00 PM in Corporate Training Room 101 in the Academic Building of Victoria College located at 2200 E. Red River, Victoria, TX. Mr. Bland Proctor, Chair, presided over the meeting.

A. Call to Order:

1. Quorum Call:

Mr. Bland Proctor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and announced that a quorum of board members was present.

2. Certification of the Posting of the Notice of the Agenda

Dr. Jennifer Kent certified that the agenda had been properly posted per Texas statute also in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 and 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

B. Citizen Communication:

1. At this time, the public is invited to address the Board of Trustees.

No members of the public spoke to the Board.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:


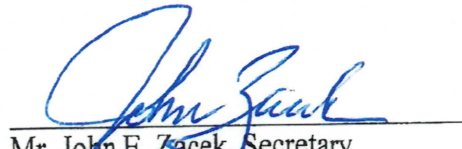
1. DISCUSS 2025-26 Preliminary Operating Budget

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared a 30-page handout with board. He went over it in detail, answering questions as the workshop went on. He shared that the total budget increased \$1,301,000 or 3.6%. State Appropriations decreased \$238,000. In accordance with the Governor's rider in SB1 freezing tuition and fees for Texas community colleges, there were no changes to the required tuition and fee rates, which were approved in May. As a result, there is a decrease in tuition and fee revenues of \$271,000. Mr. Blundell also shared that there was an increase in staff benefits of \$210,000 because of an 8% increase in health insurance rates. This budget includes a cost-of-living increase of 2%. It does not fund the normal 1.5% pay scale step increase this year. After netting added employees, retirements and terminations, the cost of salaries increased \$317,000. The budget funds the payment on a new revenue bond to be used on the SSC construction project of \$453,000. He also shared that we are still waiting on appraisals which should be received by July 25th. This budget does include an increase of \$214,000 for technology and deferred maintenance to assist in maintaining technology replacement costs and the increasing costs of roofs and HVAC equipment.

2. DISCUSS 2025 April and May Financial Statements

The financial statements will be discussed in detail the 4PM board meeting following the adjournment of the board workshop.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 4:11 PM


Mr. V. Bland Proctor, Chair
Mr. John E. Zacek, Secretary