

MINUTES of the Special Board Meeting
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE
August 5, 2024

V. Bland Proctor, <i>Chair</i>	Luis A. Guerra, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Zacek, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Daniel Cano	Catherine McHaney	Dr. Josie Rivera	Ron Walker
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Also in attendance: VC Staff: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Keith Blundell, Terri Kurtz, Dr. Marisa Pierce, Cindy Buchholz, Matt Wiley, Darin Kazmir, Babette Lowe, Brittany Mace and Amy Mundy.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 4:00 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 4:13 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 CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2024

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

2. CONSIDER No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Calculations Performed by Ashley Hernandez, Victoria Tax Assessor-Collector for 2024

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. This is the same information that was shared in detail at the 330PM Board Workshop prior to this meeting. Mr. Blundell went on to reminded the board that in July, they approved Ashley Hernandez to calculate the no-new-revenue rate (NNR) and voter-approval rate (VAR) for the college. The appraisals were completed by the VCAD and Ms. Hernandez has performed those calculations. The taxable values increased by 4.51%. New improvements are exempted from the NNR calculation and were at \$96,210,132. The NNR assessment of \$0.1648 per \$100 valuation would generate \$541,626 less than what has been budgeted. The proposed rate of \$0.1709 per \$100 valuation would generate \$7,336 more than the proposed budget. The voter-approval rate of \$0.1769 per \$100 valuation would generate \$547,298 more than the proposed budget. Attached is a ten year history of tax rates, a worksheet with scenarios for tax planning

and an analysis of the change in appraisals. Land increased 15.91%. Homesites decreased 2.92% while Non-Homesites increased 9.93% and Personal Property increased 5.55%. Minerals increased 9.62%, but only represent 1.43% of the total appraisals for the County. The proposed rate of \$0.1709 per \$100 valuation is a 0.75% decrease from the prior year. The Debt Service rate includes the second payment on the new \$10 million tax bond issue and the college applied \$200,000 from its reserves to reduce the amount required for the new bond payment. During the bond presentations the goal was to keep the Debt Service rate below \$0.0341 per \$100 valuation for the first three years. The new Debt Service rate would be \$0.0286 per \$100 valuation, which is a below the goal of \$.0341 per \$100 valuation. Instead of staying flat or slightly increasing, the new Debt Service rate decreased by 3.63%. Mr. Luis Guerra moved to accept the calculations as presented. Mrs. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSIDER Proposed College Tax Rate for 2024

Mr. Luis Guerra made the following motion. "I would like to recommend a tax rate of \$.1709 per \$100 valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate." Mrs. Catherine McHaney seconded the recommendation. Mr. Bland Proctor, Board Chair asked the present board members that were all in favor to please raise their hand and say "aye". All present board members did so, recommendation carried unanimously. Afterwards, Mr. Bland Proctor stated that a public hearing will now be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4PM.

4. CONSIDER Resolution Relating to the Construction Best Method Process & Prevailing Wage Rate

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that the following three resolutions are done annually at this time each year. He went on to share that the Texas Government Code 2269.056(a) allows the College to determine the best method when considering a construction contract. This resolution sets the best value to Victoria College is construction manager-at-risk, except for minor repairs and renovations to existing structures and facilities. Minor repairs and renovations best method is either Competitive Sealed Proposal or Job Order Contracting whichever is considered to be the best value to Victoria College. In conjunction with the best method when considering a construction contract, it is recommended the Board adopt the most current prevailing wage rate(s) used for Victoria County, County of Gonzales, County of Calhoun, County of DeWitt and Lavaca County. Dr. Daniel Cano moved to accept the resolution as presented. Mr. John Zacek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER Resolution Relating to the Delegation of Authority Texas Education Code 44.031

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that Texas Education Code 44.031, as amended, allows the College Board of Trustees to delegate its purchasing authority under Subchapter B, Chapter 44 of the Texas Education Code to Dr. Jennifer Kent, President. Dr. Daniel Cano moved to accept the resolution as presented. Mrs. Catherine McHaney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER Resolution Relating to the Delegation of Authority under Government Code 2269


Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that the Texas Government Code 2269.053, as amended, allows the College Board of Trustees to delegate its purchasing authority under Subsection (a), Chapter 2269.053 of the Texas Government Code to Dr. Jennifer Kent, President.

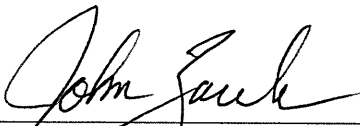
Mr. John Zacek moved to accept the resolution as presented. Dr. Daniel Cano seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bland Proctor informed the audience that no action would be taken after Executive Session, the meeting would be immediately adjourned.

Mr. Bland Proctor called the board meeting into closed executive session at 4:25PM. Dr. Jennifer Kent and Mary Ann Rodriguez were in attendance. The board came out of closed executive session at 4:39PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.


Bland Proctor, Chair


John Zacek, Secretary