

MINUTES of the Board Workshop
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, and Darin Kazmir.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a board workshop on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 3:30 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 3:33 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. DISCUSS 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. He 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. Mr. Blundell pointed out that 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%.

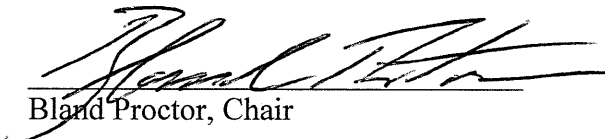
2. DISCUSS Proposed 2024-25 Operating Budget

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared with the board that the proposed budget attachment is an increase of \$139K from last year (about a .3% increase). State appropriations is looking to come in at \$5,481,536, a slight increase of \$147,090. There were changes to the required tuition and fee rates, which was approved in March. As a result, there is a decrease in tuition and fee revenues of \$159,000. The college's 1999 revenue bonds of \$6 million matured in August 2019. The college will continue to fund the annual payment of \$442,000 into the project fund until the time comes to re-issue the revenue bonds for a future project. The college will continue to fund the required debt service for the new \$10,000,000 tax obligation bond. There was an increase in property tax revenues of \$558,000. The cost of health insurance decreased \$14,000.

3. DISCUSS Proposed College Tax Rate for 2024

Mr. Keith Blundell discussed in agenda item #1.

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


Bland Proctor, Chair


John Zacek, Secretary