

**MINUTES of the BOARD WORKSHOP**  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VICTORIA COLLEGE  
**August 9, 2021**

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: *In Person:*** VC Staff: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Keith Blundell, Cindy Buchholz, Terri Kurtz, and Darin Kazmir.

The Victoria College Board of Trustees met for a board workshop on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 2:30 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 2:33 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 Discussion:**

**1. DISCUSS Proposed College Tax Rate 2021**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate calculations performed by Ashley Hernandez, Victoria Tax Assessor-Collector for 2021. Mr. Blundell stated that the taxable values increased by 7.27%. He also shared that new improvements are exempted from the NNR calculation and were at \$88,249,705. The NNR assessment of \$0.2048 per \$100 valuation would generate \$185,593 less than what has been budgeted. The current rate of \$0.2203 per \$100 valuation would generate \$875,492 more than the proposed budget. The voter-approval rate of \$0.2200 per \$100 valuation would generate \$854,955 more than the proposed budget. Mr. Blundell attached a ten year history of tax rates, a worksheet with scenarios for tax planning and an analysis of the change in appraisals. He went through the worksheet and explained the formulas used for the calculations. He also shared that land increased 2.35%. Homesites increased 7.09% while Non-Homesites increased 10.97% and Personal Property increased 2.27%. Minerals decreased 21.06%, but only represent 0.77% of the total appraisals for the County.

**2. DISCUSS Proposed 2021-22 Operating Budget**

Mr. Keith Blundell presented. He shared the proposed budget summary and discussed in detail. The budget for the year ending 8/31/21 is \$33,974,773 and the proposed budget for the year ending 8/31/22 is \$33,813,875. There are approximately \$160,898 in operational budget reductions over prior year. State funds declined. There were changes to the required tuition and fee rates, which were approved in March. As a result, there is an increase in tuition and fee revenues of \$59,870. In this budget, the pay scale includes a step increase of 1.5% only; administration is not requesting a cost of living increase. After netting added employees, retirements and terminations, the cost of salaries decreased by \$430,000. Administration is recommending the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.2076/\$100 which would be a \$0.0127 decrease in the tax rate from last year. However, due to a 7.27% increase in the taxable values, property taxes will increase by \$235,840.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.



Bland Proctor, Chair



John Zacek, Secretary