

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

February 14, 2023

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Oso Creek Campus, Culinary Arts Building, Tres Grace Community Room, 7002 Yorktown Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas with the following present:

**From the Board:**

Ms. Carol Scott, Mr. Carl Crull, Mr. Rudy Garza, Jr., Mr. David Loeb, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

Dr. Nicholas Adame joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**From the College:**

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Jonda Halcomb, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Ms. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Cheryl Sanders, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Mary McQueen, Vice President of Advancement and Government Relations; Ms. Jessica Alaniz, Director of Risk Management; Ms. Delia Perez, Director of CEO Office and Board Relations, and other staff and faculty.

**CALL TO ORDER QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/VISION STATEMENT**

Ms. Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present. She requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Del Mar College Vision Statement.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item).

There were no public comments made for this meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

1. Discussion and possible action relating to Appointment to fill At Large Regent Vacancy, including Applicant Interviews, Appointment of Regent, and Administration of Oath  
.....Ms. Carol Scott  
(Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)

Six applicants, Dr. Anantha S. Babbili, Mr. Shawn Flanagan, Ms. Susan DeCou Lamb, Ms. Frances Morey, Mr. Julio C. Reyes, and Ms. Denise Villagran, submitted application materials in connection with the At Large Regent vacancy. At a Called Meeting of the Board on January 31, 2023, three applicants, Dr. Anantha S. Babbili, Mr. Julio C. Reyes, and Ms. Denise Villagran, were chosen to be interviewed by the Board. The three applicants drew for the order to interview. The interview order was: Mr. Reyes, Ms. Villagran, and Dr. Babbili. The applicants were allowed an opportunity to make a brief opening statement to introduce themselves and were then asked the following questions:

1. What makes Del Mar College's Mission powerful for you?
2. What is a Regent's role in a Community College and how would you carry out that role?
3. What do you believe you would bring to the Board of Regents that makes you unique and best qualified to serve?

The candidates were asked additional questions by individual Board Members and provided an opportunity to give a closing statement.

At 11:19 a.m., the Chair announced the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

3. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

- A. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074(a)(1)**: (Personnel matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Appointment to fill At Large Regent Vacancy, with possible discussion and action in open session;
- B. **TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 551.089**: (Deliberations), regarding security devices or audits, regarding security assessments or deployments relating to information, resources, technology, network security information or the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure or security devices with possible discussion and action in open session; and
- C. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071**: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending legal or contemplated matters or claims, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:04 p.m.

Chair Scott thanked the three applicants interviewed that expressed interest for the At Large Regent Vacancy.

Regent Kelly made a motion to appoint Dr. Anantha Babbili to fill the At Large Regent vacancy for the remainder of the term. Regent Loeb seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. A vote was taken by show of hands, and the motion passed, 6-0 amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Crull, Garza, Loeb, and Turner in favor.

Ms. Jessica Alaniz, Director of Risk Management, administered the oath of office to Dr. Babbili.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr