

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

June 11, 2021

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened at the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, by video teleconference, with the following present:

From the Board:

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, Mr. Bill Kelly, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

Mr. Ed Bennett and Mr. Rudy Garza attended via videoconference.

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Dr. Jonda Halcomb, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Mr. August Alfonso, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ms. Patricia Benavides-Dominguez, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Lorette Williams, Executive Director of Communication and Marketing; Dr. Natalie Villarreal, Executive Director of Government & Board Relations; Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development; Delia Perez, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President & Board Liaison, and other staff and faculty.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the Coronavirus Pandemic Crisis, this meeting was conducted by video and/or teleconference and was conducted in accordance with guidance from the Texas Governor's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office. Provisions were made for the public to participate in this meeting with public comments via livestream and/or telephonically.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item) by calling a toll-free phone line prior to the Board meeting and registering with their name and subject of public comment.

There were no public comments made for this meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

2. 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)

Three applicants, Mr. Orlando Salinas, Mr. John C. Tamez, and Dr. Linda Villarreal, submitted application materials in connection with the At Large Regent vacancy. All three were interviewed by the Board in the following order: Mr. Salinas, Mr. Tamez, and Dr. Villarreal. 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 were provided an opportunity to give a closing statement.

At 9:48 a.m., the Chair announced the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

3. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

- A. **TEX. GOV’T CODE § 551.071:** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
- B. **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.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:11 a.m.

Regent Hutchinson made a motion to appoint Dr. Linda Villarreal to fill the At Large Regent vacancy for the remainder of the term. Regent Adame seconded the motion. Regents made comments of thanks to the applicants. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed, 8-0 amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, Kelly, and Turner in favor.

The Oath of Office for At Large Regent Dr. Linda Villarreal was administered.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr