

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING (12:00 p.m.)  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

August 24, 2021

The Called Meeting (Noon) of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, with the following present:

**From the Board:**

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Mr. Rudy Garza, Mr. Bill Kelly, and Dr. Linda Villarreal.

Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, and Dr. Laurie Turner participated 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; 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 Strategic Communication and Government Relations; Dr. Natalie Villarreal, Executive Director of Government & Board Relations; Ms. Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development; Ms. Delia Perez, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President & Board Liaison, and other staff and faculty.

Due to ongoing health and safety concerns related to the Coronavirus Pandemic Crisis, in addition to in-person attendance, this meeting was also offered by video and/or teleconference and 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 live, via livestream and/or telephonically.

Regent Scott called the meeting to Order with a quorum present and stated the opening recitations were previously done.

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

- 1. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the 2020-2021 Debt Service Budget .....Mr. Raul Garcia  
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Mr. Garcia provided a summary of the 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Budget and Debt Service Budget. Mr. Garcia stated that the College administration has worked with various budget stakeholders including budget managers, faculty, staff, and the various College Councils to align financial resources with strategic initiatives and deliver a balanced budget for fiscal year 2022. A public Budget Workshop was held for the Board of Regents on August 10, 2021, to receive comments from the Board and the public on the College's proposed budget. The proposed 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Budget is \$110.9 million. The proposed 2021-2022 Debt Service Budget is \$22.7 million dollars which represents the principal interest obligations for 2021-2022 on the College's existing general obligation bond debt.

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel read the proposed Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District Budgets 2020-2021:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BUDGETS  
2021-2022**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District ("District") that,

WHEREAS, budgets for the Del Mar College District have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Regents of the District in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, a meeting has been called and held as a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption of a maintenance and operation budget and debt service budget, after public notice of such meeting as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers and other persons of the District desiring to do so have been given the opportunity to be present and to participate in such hearing;

THEREFORE, that certain budgets presented to the Board at this meeting and filed among the official documents of this District, be and it is hereby adopted as the budgets for the Del Mar College District for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2022.

Regent Adame made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Budget and the 2021-2022 Debt Service Budget. Regent Garza seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion passed unanimously 9 - 0, with

Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, Kelly, Turner, Villarreal, and Scott voting in favor.

**2. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: Tax Rates for 2021-2022.....Mr. Raul Garcia (Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Mr. Garcia presented information regarding the adoption of the 2021-2022 tax rate. The College conducted a Budget Workshop on August 10, 2021 to review the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for Maintenance and Operations and the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for Debt Service, including the respective tax rates necessary to generate the ad valorem revenues to support each budget. The \$110,924,159 proposed Maintenance and Operations Budget has a proposed M&O Tax Rate of \$.205296 per \$100 of taxable value. The \$22,761.988 proposed Debt Service Budget has a proposed Debt Service Tax Rate of \$.078044 per \$100 of taxable value.

The proposed Combined Tax Rate for 2021-2022 is \$.283340 per \$100 taxable value, which is a decrease of \$.05260 from the previous year. This combined tax rate represents a 1.29% increase in total tax revenues (percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the voter-approval tax rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Texas Tax Code) from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year due to the increase in appraisal values within the College District.

The appropriate Public Notices of Tax Revenues Increases have been published and the College held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rates on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 to receive public comments.

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel read the proposed Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District Tax Rate 2021-2022:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE  
TAX RATE  
2021**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Regents ("Board") of the Del Mar College District ("District") that,

WHEREAS, the Board has duly and properly considered a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 2021 by 1.29 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly and properly called and held the public hearing required by the Texas Property Tax Code ("Code") after giving the public notice required by the Code and by law; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers and other persons desiring to do so have been given the opportunity to be present and to participate in such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly and properly given and published notice of these meetings as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby approves and adopts the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.29 percent, thereby increasing the total combined tax rate to be levied for 2021 to Twenty-Eight and 3340/10,000 (\$0.283340) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) property valuation in the District. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.02 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00.

Regent Averyt made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Regent Villarreal seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed unanimously 9 - 0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, Kelly, Turner, Villarreal, and Scott voting in favor.

**3. Discussion and possible action related to the Order of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2021-2022 Tax Levy of \$0.283340 per \$100 of taxable value for the Del Mar College District.....Mr. Raul Garcia  
(Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Mr. Garcia introduced an Action Item for the fiscal year 2022 tax levy stating the College has complied with all legal state mandates for the purpose of adopting the M&O and Debt Service tax levy. The proposed combined tax levy of \$0.283340 is a reduced tax levy prior to prior years.

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel read the Order for Tax Levy for 2021 of the Del Mar College District:

**TAX LEVY FOR 2021  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District that the following taxes are hereby levied for the year 2021 on all property, real, personal and mixed, located within the boundaries of the Del Mar College District and subject to taxation by it for the year 2021 under the laws of this State, and of the United States; a total ad valorem tax of Twenty Eight and 3400/10,000 Cents (\$0.283340) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) property valuation in the District, for the purposes and in the specific amounts which follow:

I.

An ad valorem tax of Twenty and 5296/10,000 Cents (\$0.205296) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) property valuation for the local maintenance fund of the Del Mar College District.

II.

An ad valorem tax of Seven and 8044/10,000 Cents (\$0.078044) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) property valuation for the interest and sinking fund of the Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 (\$9,010,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (\$8,995,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (\$23,580,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016 (\$67,645,000); Del Mar District Tax Bonds, Series 2017 (\$9,070,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018A (\$44,275,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018B (\$57,305,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020A (\$22,150,000); Del Mar College District Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020B (\$56,285,000); and Del Mar District Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (\$8,435,000).

Regent Averyt made a motion to pass the Order relating to the 2021-2022 Tax Levy. Regent Adame seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed unanimously 9 - 0, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, Kelly, Turner, Villarreal, and Scott voting in favor.

**4. Discussion and possible action related to the Resolution of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2021-2022 Tax Exemptions.....Mr. Raul Garcia (Goal 6: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability)**

Mr. Garcia provided information regarding the yearly granted specific tax exemptions in accordance with the Texas Property Tax Code Section 11. Traditionally, the College has provided the following tax exemptions:

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| 1. Homestead Exemptions      | \$5,000  |
| 2. Persons 65 years or Older | \$50,000 |

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| 3. Qualified Disabled Veterans                          | Statutory exemption |
| 4. Person under 65 years, qualified disability benefits | \$50,000            |
| 5. Qualified Charitable Organizations                   | Statutory exemption |

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel read the Resolution of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District: 2021-2022 Tax Exemptions:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE  
DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

RESOLVED, that for the year 2021 all persons who qualify by law are granted an exemption in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of the appraised value of their homestead property; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the year 2021 persons of the age of sixty-five (65) or older are granted an additional exemption in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the appraised value of their homestead property, and qualified disabled veterans are granted the statutory exemption; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the year 2021 each person under sixty-five (65) years of age who is qualified for the payment of disability insurance benefits as defined under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (or its successor) is hereby granted an additional exemption from taxation, in accordance with Section 11.13(d) of the Property Tax Code ("Code"), the total amount of which is equal to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the appraised value of such person's residence homestead property, as that term is defined by the State Constitution and law, provided the owner of such residence homestead property, or his or her duly authorized agent or attorney, applies at the office of the Nueces County Tax Appraisal District for said exemption in accord with the requirements established by the Tax Assessor-Collector or the Nueces County Tax Appraisal District, as permitted by law; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the year 2021 each disabled veteran is entitled to the mandatory exemption provided in Section 11.22 of the Code; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the year 2021 each qualified charitable organization that has been granted exemption by the City of Corpus Christi is entitled to the tax exemption provided under Section 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code.

Regent Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution for 2020-2021 Tax Exemptions as presented. Regent Villarreal seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed unanimously 9 - 0, with Regents Adame, Averyt,

Bennett, Garza, Hutchinson, Kelly, Turner, Villarreal, and Scott voting in favor.

Chair Scott provided words of gratitude to Mr. Garcia and team for their hard work on the preparation of the budget. Dr. Escamilla also provided words of gratitude to the Board for their cooperation and to Mr. Garcia and team for their diligence and continued efforts on the budget as well.

The Board Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 12:16 p.m. as follows:

**5. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:**

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:41 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr