

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

February 19, 2015

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the HCC Administration Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zeph Capo, *Chair*
Robert Glaser, *Vice Chair*
Eva Loreda
Sandie Mullins
Christopher W. Oliver
Carroll G. Robinson
Neeta Sane
David Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Shantay Grays, Chief of Staff
E. Ashley Smith, Acting General Counsel
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services, Chief Academic Officer
Diana Pino, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Teri Zamora, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Planning
Michael Edwards, Acting President, Coleman College
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College
Julian Fisher for Fena Garza, President, Southwest College
Cheryl Peters for William Harmon, President, Central College
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer
Carme Williams, Executive Director, HCC Foundation

OTHERS PRESENT

Derrick Mitchell, Board Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani
Susan Goll, President, Faculty Senate
Jodie Kahn, President, COPA
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zeph Capo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

(The following Trustees were present: Capó, Glaser, Loredó, Mullins, Oliver, Robinson, Sane, and Wilson)

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Glaser led the prayer and the pledges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Sane moved and Mr. Robinson seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0. The following minutes were approved:

Approval of Minutes from Chancellor Evaluation Committee, Committee of the Whole, and Special Meetings of January 15, 2015, and Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- Houston Community College Alumni Association
Ms. Zandra Henderson, Alumni Specialist and Mr. Dwayne Ellis, Advisory Council President, provided an overview of the HCC Alumni Association to include past as well as future activities. The members also extended an invitation to all HCC alumni to join the organization.

Mr. Dwayne introduced the Advisory Council members and extended an invitation to the following upcoming events:

- HCC Alumni Mixer on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Southwest College West Loop Campus from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Hire an Eagle Career Fair on, Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Southwest College West Loop Campus from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Capó yielded the floor for the Trustees to provide reports regarding events and activities in their respective districts:

Mr. Robinson noted that he met with the Black Ministers Association to discuss the pre-admission program. He informed that he will share information about the pre-admission program, free websites for test prep and HCC resources available with a statewide group of African American school teachers on February 28, 2015 and with Black School Board members in early March.

Ms. Mullins welcomed Dr. Zachary Hodges back to Northwest College and apprised that a surprise welcome was given with a scholarship fund named in his honor. She also announced that a town hall meeting will be hosted on March 4, 2015 regarding the West Houston Institute.

Mr. Oliver noted that he would be more comfortable highlighting his district via a newsletter.

Mr. Glaser informed that he attended Southside Place city council meeting and met with the mayor and residents. He apprised that the discussion entailed educational issues and he also met with several principals in his district. Mr. Glaser noted that he attended a meeting with an economic business group from the west side.

Mrs. Sane informed that she attended several community events to discuss HCC educational initiatives. She apprised that she is ensuring information is available to the community.

Ms. Loreda noted that she attended the Fire Academy graduation and the LULAC gala with students from Southeast. Ms. Loreda informed that the town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. She apprised that in March she will be a panelist at a Hispanic Parent Academy.

Mr. Wilson noted that he along with Trustees Oliver and Robinson attended the Association of Community College National Legislative Summit. He also announced that he will be attending the Acres Home ground breaking on April 22, 2015 and encouraged others to attend.

Mr. Capo mentioned that he has been working with the Chancellor to move more students into the college pathway.

Mr. Capo announced that the Black History Gala is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Hotel ZaZa. He apprised that the event is sold out and expressed appreciation to all for the efforts.

Mr. Capo noted that Board Services will be polling for a Special meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 11:30 a. m. He informed that there are no committee, Committee of the Whole (COTW) or Regular meetings scheduled for March. Mr. Capo apprised that the next scheduled date for committee meetings and the COTW is April 9, 2015 and the Regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015.

(Mr. Robinson stepped out at 5:24 p.m.)

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

- Community College Day
Dr. Maldonado and Board Chair Capo attended the Community College Day at the State Capitol with more than two dozen members of the HCC Student Government Association. The student leaders spoke to state lawmakers about policy matters important to them and HCC.

(Mr. Oliver stepped out at 5:25 p.m.)

- Northeast College Video Presentation
Dr. Maldonado noted that continuing the theme of highlighting the work that is being done throughout the District to support students and their educational goals, today's focus will be on another exemplary program, as designated by the

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the HCC Northeast Center for Business Administration and Human Capital Development which is located at the Northline Campus.

(Mr. Oliver returned at 5:26 p.m.)

Dr. Ford Fisher introduced Dr. Norma Perez, Dr. Rudy Soliz, and Ms. Cynthia Garza as the Program Area Champions for Northeast College.

Dr. Soliz provided an overview of the human capital and faculty expertise.

(Mr. Robinson returned at 5:28 p.m.)

(Mr. Oliver stepped out at 5:28 p.m.)

Dr. Soliz noted that the reason students attend college at HCC is to improve their quality of life. He introduced Ms. Garcia who attended HCC and went on to complete her degree at the University of Houston-Downtown and a master degree at the University of St. Thomas. He provided an overview of technical assistance, enhanced activities, measuring of success, and current projects.

Dr. Maldonado recognized that Northeast College lies within the districts of Trustees Capo, Loreda and Wilson.

(Mr. Oliver returned at 5:30 p.m.)

- Faculty Senate Report
Ms. Susan Goll, Faculty Senate President, welcomed Dr. Kimberley Beatty and informed that faculty is eager to begin the work of transformation. Ms. Goll thanked Dr. Beatty for attending the Faculty Senate meeting and Dr. Zachary Hodges for his leadership as acting Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Ms. Goll apprised that faculty is encouraged by the Chancellor's responsiveness in addressing the salary imbalances that exist.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

- Daniel Arp

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Maldonado requested to pull item E.7 regarding Waste Collection and Disposal Services (Project No. RFP 15-04).

Motion – Mr. Robinson moved and Ms. Mullins seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0. The following items were approved:

- Approval of Four New Academic Associate Degrees.

- Approve the Certificate of Completion of the Core Curriculum.
- Proposed Internal Audit Work Plan for 2015.
- Approve Performance Metrics for the Chancellor Evaluation Instrument.
- HCC 2016 Application to the Commission on Presidential Debates.

HCC Honorary Degrees for 2015

Motion – Mrs. Sane moved and Ms. Mullins seconded.

Dr. Maldonado informed that three names were submitted for consideration:

- Yolanda Black Navarro
- Barry Morris (Posthumously awarded to Mrs. Susan Morris)
- Carmen Nuncio

Mr. Oliver noted that he was under the impression that there were only going to be two names for consideration. Ms. Loreda informed that three names were presented to the Academic Affairs/Student Services committee, which now are being presented for consideration by the full Board.

Mrs. Sane inquired if there are a specific number of degrees. Mr. Oliver apprised that he requested to add a name. He noted that the request was to honor individuals contributing to the community and education. He noted that he would like to add an additional name.

Mr. Capo informed that the recommendation was to approve no more than three and inquired if it is practice or policy. Mr. Mitchell apprised that it is practice not policy.

(Mr. Glaser stepped out at 5:56 p.m.)

Motion - Mr. Oliver motioned and Mrs. Sane seconded to add an additional slot. Mr. Robinson noted that he would like to amend to add two names as opposed to one additional.

Mr. Oliver withdrew the motion and Mrs. Sane withdrew the second.

Amended motion - Mr. Oliver motioned and Mr. Robinson seconded to add two additional slots to the number of honorary degrees.

Mr. Wilson informed that he would like to hold the number at three and requested to possibly postpone the vote for additional vetting.

(Mr. Glaser returned at 6:00 p.m.)

Vote on amendment – The motion passed with 6-1-1 with Mr. Wilson opposing and Mr. Glaser abstaining.

Motion – Mr. Oliver moved and Mr. Robinson seconded to add Bishop James Dixon and Reverend Max Miller as honorary degree recipients.

Mr. Oliver apprised that his nominee is Rev. Max Miller and provided an overview of Rev. Miller's biography.

Mr. Robinson noted that his nominee is Bishop James Dixon II and informed that Bishop Dixon is in the community and with the police department.

Mr. Capo apprised that the vote would include the five names:

- Yolanda Black Navarro
- Barry Morris
- Carmen Nuncio
- Rev. Max Miller
- Bishop Dixon

Vote – The motion passed with vote of 8-0.

INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014 AND MONTHLY FINANCE STATEMENT AND BUDGET REVIEW FOR DECEMBER 2014

Motion – Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Oliver seconded. The motion passed with vote of 8-0.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Motion – Mr. Robinson moved and Ms. Mullins seconded to take item IX.B.2 out of order. The motion passed with vote of 8-0.

APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION RELATING TO LEGISLATION INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON CAMPUS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Motion – Mr. Robinson moved and Ms. Mullins seconded.

Dr. Maldonado apprised that the resolution is to provide a response regarding the college's position regarding handguns on campus.

Ms. Mullins noted that the resolution counters the proposal at the state level and informed that she would be opposing due to her second amendment stance.

Mr. Glaser inquired if there was discussion and specific wording with other colleges on the issue. Dr. Maldonado apprised that he discussed the issue with Dr. Ray Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Association of Community Colleges and noted that there was not discussion with other individuals regarding the wording.

Mr. Oliver informed that even though he is a handgun owner, he does not think it is a good idea for students to carry handguns on campus. He apprised that he is in favor of the resolution but does not want to infringe on anyone's second amendment.

Mr. Robinson noted that there are rules and regulations regarding carrying handguns and informed that the resolution would not interfere with the right currently in place regarding the carrying of handguns. Mr. Robinson apprised that the effort is to be in the position to make the decision at a local level. He noted that the resolution does not infringe on second amendment rights to carry a handgun.

Ms. Loredo informed that she is in favor of the resolution for the safety of the students and staff.

Mr. Wilson apprised that there are positive reasons for being allowed to carry handguns.

Mr. Capo noted that the college is a large and diverse community and informed that the vote of the full Board is needed to pass items. He acknowledged concerns regarding what others are doing but noted that other colleges are not located in a large urban area. Mr. Capo apprised that one concern is the significant fiscal impact on the budget as it relates to additional funding to safeguard.

Vote – The motion passed with a vote of 6-2 with Ms. Mullins and Mr. Wilson opposing.

(Ms. Mullins, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Robinson left at 6:27 p.m.)

PERSONNEL AGENDA (FACULTY)

Motion – Ms. Loredo moved and Ms. Sane seconded.

Ms. Loredo recommended that salaries be reviewed to make certain they are conducive with standards of living.

Vote – The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Capo adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. notice having previously been given and reiterated in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.072, and/or 551.074 of the Open Meetings Law. Mr. Capo stated that any final action, vote or decision on any item discussed in Executive Session would be taken up in Open Session or in a subsequent Public Meeting.

Mr. Capo reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 7:34 p.m. and entertained any motions on pending matters.

(The following Trustees were present: Capo, Glaser, Loredo, Sane, and Wilson)

AMENDMENT TO MISSOURI CITY NEW CAMPUS REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

Motion – Mr. Glaser moved to table the item to a later date and Ms. Loredo seconded.

Mr. Wilson noted that the duly posted item should be voted on today and informed that the tabling is nothing more than not wanting the item to get it voted down. He apprised that tabling circumvents the duty of the governing body.

Mr. Capo noted that he disagrees with Mr. Wilson's position and noted that the governing body has the right to make the decision. Mr. Capo informed that there are four members who are not present. He apprised that there are questions as to whether the policy and procedures are accurate.

Mrs. Sane requested a two minute recess.

Mr. Capo recessed the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

(The following Trustees were present: Capo, Glaser, Loredo, Sane, and Wilson)

Mr. Glaser withdrew the motion and Ms. Loredo withdrew the second.

Mr. Capo moved to pull the item and adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Wilson noted that the item needs to be voted on.

Mr. Capo inquired if the Chair has the authority to pull the item. Mr. Mitchell stated the Chair has authority to pull the item.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:
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