

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 8.1.a.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2022

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022, Regular Board meeting.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dallas College was held Tuesday, December 6, 2022, beginning at 4:29 p.m. and was broadcasted via the streaming link: <https://dcccnew.swagit.com/events/12508>. The meeting was convened by Chair Bravo.

Board Members and Officers Present

Mr. Cliff Boyd  
Ms. Monica Lira Bravo (Chair)  
Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton  
Ms. Diana Flores  
Dr. Catalina Garcia  
Dr. Justin H. Lonon (Secretary and Chancellor)  
Mr. Paul Mayer  
Mr. Phil Ritter (Vice Chair)

Members Absent

None.

1. **Roll Call - Announcement of Quorum** confirmed by Chair Bravo.
2. **Certification of Notice Posted for the Meeting** confirmed by Chancellor Lonon in accordance with section 551.054 of the Texas Government code.
3. **Pledges of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags** led by Chair Bravo.
4. **Citizens Desiring to Address the Board**  
None.
5. **Special Presentations**
  - 5.1. Dallas College Student Championships  
Chair Bravo asked Chancellor Lonon to introduce the student

champions.

Chancellor Lonon said that we have national champions in our presence with a couple of our athletic teams. He asked Dr. Joseph to come forward and make the introductions.

Vice Chancellor Joseph spoke about the leadership, persistence, and tenacity involved in our students' success. Dr. Joseph then introduced Dallas College Athletic Director Sadiia Jones who will then be introducing our Presidents and our athletes.

Director Jones thanked the board and all present for honoring our teams and athletes. She spoke about the National 1<sup>st</sup> place championship accomplishments of our Brookhaven women's soccer team and our Richland men's soccer team, asking both teams to come forward. She also recognized the Brookhaven women's volleyball team for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place championship in Rochester, MN. Director Jones said the student athletes represented Dallas College well and provided other student athletes a good example of what they can accomplish, including competing on a national level. Ms. Jones thanked all the athletes for the standard they set and recognition they brought to Dallas College. She pointed out that in the history of the NJCAA no men's soccer team has ever won five consecutive championships before. Director Jones then introduced the new Athletic Director at Richland campus, Lynn Nabi, saying he has done a great job with our student athletes at the Richland campus. She also thanked men's soccer Coach Raul Herrera and the assistant coaches for everything they do to support our athletes. She closed by thanking Dr. Joseph for her support of the athletic programs and invited trustees to come out and see them.

Trustee Boyd asked how many of our players are going on to play soccer at the next level of college.

Director Jones said that several players have received scholarships to play in upper-level college sports including one at Syracuse University, noting that there are still a many recruiting efforts and visits taking place on campuses. She then introduced the Richland campus President, Dr. Kay Eggleston.

President Eggleston expressed her pleasure to introduce the Richland men's soccer team and recognize them along with their coaches for their five consecutive NJCA championships. She spoke about the formula for success and what that entailed. She also cited the coaches' educational backgrounds which include being Richland College graduates and listed many of their accomplishments. In addition, she recognized Assistant Coach Rodriguez and Coach Herrera for the way they have inspired students. Dr. Eggleston closed by congratulating the team and coaches.

Coach Herrera addressed the board and spoke about how he built his coaching staff and his close relationship with his Assistant Coaches. He thanked coaches who mentored him and the importance of those relationships. Coach Herrera listed their five consecutive titles, eleven tour championships, and four undefeated seasons. He outlined his athletes' accomplishments throughout the season and pointed out the obstacles many of his student athletes face daily. Coach Herrera ended by thanking his assistant coaches, recognizing each one individually.

Chancellor Lonon expressed his gratitude to the athletes and coaches and asked them to come forward and get a picture with the Trustees.

Vice Chancellor Joseph recognized the Brookhaven women's soccer team who remain undefeated this season. She also introduced the Brookhaven campus president, Dr. Linda Braddy.

President Braddy listed the Brookhaven women's soccer team accomplishments and players' individual achievements. She also recognized Coach Jimmy Elder and his coaching staff for leadership and Dallas Athletic Conference recognition. Dr. Braddy then introduced Coach Elder.

Coach Elder spoke a little about his background, education, and career. He talked about his recruiting efforts to rebuild the program and how his coaches promoted education through encouraging their student athletes and providing them the resources to be successful. He asked each of his student athletes to introduce themselves, tell where they were from, what they were studying,

and their athletic awards at Dallas College.

Coach Elder closed by thanking the Athletic Director and acknowledging his players' educational accomplishments.

Chancellor Lonon thanked coach Elder for his passion and thanked the athletes for being there. Dr. Lonon then asked the student athletes and coaches to come forward for a picture with the Trustees.

## **6. Chancellor and Board Announcements**

### **6.1. Announcements from the Chancellor**

Chancellor Lonon mentioned the SACCS accreditation conference saying that we were well represented in conversations about our accreditation. Dr. Lonon said a small group will be taking a field trip next month to engage with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and ask more direct questions. He also spoke about discussions with Parkland hospital regarding providing some public health space at Richland campus. Parkland Hospital will be hosting a public forum in the coming weeks to seek input on this project. Dr. Lonon then asked Legal Counsel John Wendland to come forward and talk about a few things on the financial side we can be proud of.

Legal Counsel Wendland announced that Dallas College received notification last week that we had been awarded the GFOA, Governors Finance Officers Association award, for our annual financial report 10 consecutive years. He spoke about us being reaffirmed on our bonds, and our good bond rating. He thanked the Chancellor, staff and Board for helping us keep our AAA rating, one of four in the state and probably 12 nationally, saying this is due to the Board helping us stay fiscally responsible. Mr. Wendland closed by recognizing Deputy Chief Tiska Thomas for her work in putting together the package for the Board and an official statement, both large documents.

Vice Chair Ritter asked if the Board could get copies of the two rating agency reports.

Legal Counsel Wendland said he would provide them copies.

Trustee Flores spoke about the Board's fiscal responsibility and that we are one of 12 with a AAA bond rating. She said there are no rubber stamps here.

Trustee Boyd asked what the difference would be in an AA and an AAA bond rating on 300 million dollars.

Legal Counsel Wendland said it depends on the issue, but it is a minimum of 5 basis points and probably as much as 15 basis points. Mr. Wendland spoke about our bonds and their popularity and once again thanked Tiska Thomas for her work with the underwriters and her ability to evaluate them.

Chancellor Lonon said that tomorrow he will be in Austin speaking before the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and participating in a panel discussion about fiscal management and responsibility. Dr. Lonon mentioned that Trustee Mayer will also be in Austin getting certified as a trustee and also participating in the panel discussions. Dr. Lonon then noted the upcoming holidays and the needs within our community. He acknowledged Trustee Flores leadership for bringing together a group Hispanic and Black Chamber leaders who came together asking everyone to support our clothing pantry. He then asked Chief Hill to come forward and announce her move to the University of Southern California.

Chief Hill thanked the Chancellor and the selection committee that initially hired her. She acknowledged the support she has received and spoke about the training, support, and team members she has worked with. She said her resume here at Dallas College helped get her the new position. She will be Assistant Vice President and Chief of Safety at USC.

Chancellor Lonon in closing remarks said he hoped everyone here is proud of what our students accomplished, saying there is a lot left we still must do.

6.2. Announcements from the Board Chair and/or Trustees

Trustee Boyd announced that they had a successful Veterans' celebration at Mountain View campus, saying they are going to go to a different campus each year to honor Veterans. He finished by saying it was another successful year and encouraged all to talk about the successes at Dallas College.

Trustee Flores spoke about a meeting regarding the condition of the landscaping at Mountain View campus. She said they discussed what the standard is and what needed to be done.

Trustee Boyd explained what the situation was with that specific area and why it looked substandard.

Chair Bravo congratulated Chancellor Lonon for being named one of the 500 most influential leaders in Dallas by D Magazine and for receiving the Educational Leader of North Texas award. She also spoke about attending the Black Business Resource Group (BRG) meeting with Trustee Compton and Trustee Flores. Then she recognized recent retirees, Key Meersman with 45 years of service, and Cherri Finch with 14 years of service.

Trustee Flores said she attended the Hispanic ERG event also at the West campus at which the former Chancellor of Maricopa College spoke.

**7. Opportunity for Members of the Board and Chancellor to Declare Conflicts of Interest Specific to this Agenda**

None.

**8. Consent Agenda**

Trustee Compton made a motion to approve consent agenda items 8.1. through 8.5. Motion seconded by Trustee Garcia. Motion passed at 5:40pm.

8.1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2022

8.2. Finance Items

- a. Approval of Easement and Right of Way to ONCOR Delivery Company LLC at Eastfield Campus

8.3. Richland Collegiate High School Item

- a. Approval of the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar for Richland Collegiate High School
- b. Approval of The Texas Education Agency Waivers for Richland Collegiate High School 2023-2024 Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) and Staff Development Days

8.4. Resolutions

- a. Adoption of 88th Legislative Session 2023 Priorities

8.5. Recommendation from Audit Committee

- a. Approval of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the College and Richland Collegiate High School and Single Audit Report of Federal and State Awards together with Reports of Independent Auditors, for the Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021

## **9. Policy Items - First Reading**

No comments or questions were made.

1. Approval of Amendment to Policies Concerning Development of Policy and Administrative Rules and Regulations: BE & BH (LOCAL)
2. Approval of Amendment to Policies Concerning Personnel – DD, DCA, DLA & DMAA (LOCAL)
3. Approval of Amendment to Policy Concerning College Transfer - FBA (LOCAL)

## **10. Informative Reports**

No comments or questions were made.

### **10.1. Committee Reports**

- a. Audit Committee Notes for September 13, 2022
- b. Education Workforce Committee Notes for November 1, 2022
- c. Chancellor Performance Review Committee Notes for November 15, 2022

### **10.2. Current Funds Operating Budget Report (October 2022)**

### **10.3. Monthly Award and Change Order Summary (October 2022)**

### **10.4. Dallas College Foundation Report (October 2022)**

### **10.5. Notice of Grant Awards (December 2022)**

### **10.6. Workforce & Advancement Ascend Institute Report (October 2022)**

### **10.7. Dallas College Human Capital New Hire/Position Report (October 12, 2022 - November 12, 2022)**

## **11. Executive Session not required.**

## **12. Adjournment at 5:41 p.m.**

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