

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 8.1.a

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2023

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023, Regular Board meeting.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dallas College was held Tuesday, February 9, 2023, beginning at 4:18 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 (Present from 4:18pm – 4:42pm)

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

Chair Bravo confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Certification of Notice Posted for the Meeting

Confirmed by Chancellor Lonon in accordance with section 551.054 of the Texas Government code.

Chair Bravo asked that the Chancellor lead the Board in a moment of silence.

Chancellor Lonon asked for a moment of silence to honor a student at Mountainview campus who died Tuesday and for Dallas College employee, Mr. Nakia Merrill, a valued member of our I.T. team who died last week in a car wreck.

Chair Bravo offered her condolences to the student's family and the family of Nakia Merrell.

3. Pledges of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags

Recited by Board members.

4. Citizens Desiring to Address the Board

None.

5. Special Presentations

5.1. Special Presentation: Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) Community College Day in Austin

Presenter: Debbi Richards

Chancellor Lonon began by explaining that every legislative session all 50 community colleges around the country come together for Community College Day in Austin. He noted that we always bring the largest number of students, and this year was no different with over 70 Dallas College students participating. Dr. Lonon said it was a great opportunity for our students to tell their stories and engage with policymakers in Austin. He thanked Debbi Richards for coordinating the event and said we have a few of our students here today that are representative of the over 70 who attended, they will share a little about their experience.

Director, Debbi Richards addressed the Board and spoke about the preparations for the trip to Austin and some of the people students met while there including former senator, the Honorable Florence Shapiro. On January 25th, Representative Anna Marie Ramos spoke to the students telling them her community college story. Her staff presented each student advocate with a certificate of civic engagement for participating in Community College Day. The day started off with breakfast on the steps of the Capitol, meetings during the day and closed with a student debriefing session. Ms. Richards then asked Director of Student Life, Frankie Ward to come forward and introduce the student representatives.

Director, Frankie Ward said the Office of Student Life not only funded the trip for the student representatives but also provided them with cardigans, ties, and polo shirts to wear. The Office of Governmental Affairs at Dallas College provided the students with new backpacks as well.

Ms. Ward introduced Alexandria Reckley, an international student from the Bahamas whose accomplishments include Student Government Association President at the Mountain View campus. Alexandra informed the board that this was her first time in Austin. She said while at the capitol she had the opportunity to speak about Senate Bill 487 with Representatives Anisha Ramakrishna and Jessica Gonzalez.

Ms. Ward introduced student AuMydric Wells, a member of the Student Government Association who is studying criminal justice. AuMydric stated this experience was inspiring. He also said it gave him an opportunity to advocate for his district and speak to State Representative Vinton Jones.

Ms. Ward then introduced student Celia Hall, President of the Richland Student Government Association who hopes to work in the field of social justice. Celia spoke about her experience and her opportunity to speak to Senators Royce West and John Bryant to advocate for women's rights and educational opportunities for students of all economic backgrounds.

Ms. Ward then introduced 17-year-old student Caleb Wilburn who became a Dallas College student at the age of 16. Among other achievements he is President of the Student Government association at Cedar Valley campus. He plans to complete his studies at Dallas College and join the Air Force Academy. Caleb thanked the college for giving him the opportunity to attend Community College Day. He talked about his experience speaking with the representative from his district and advocating for student mental health and counseling, an issue that is important to him.

Director Richards thanked the Board for the chance to share the students' involvement in Community College Day and thanked Dr. Joseph and her team specifically for coordinating the event for our students.

Trustee Compton spoke about having the opportunity to go to Austin for Community College Day saying, the students participating were well chosen and represented the college favorably. She also commented that the staff did an excellent job of planning the trip.

Trustee Flores thanked them for representing Dallas College well

and mentioned the Dallas College logos the students wore that made them easily identifiable as Dallas College students.

Chancellor Lonon voiced his amazement at seeing all the community college students at the capitol stating it was a great reminder of why we do what we do. He then asked the students to come forward for a picture with the Board of Trustees.

6. Chancellor and Board Announcements

6.1. Announcements from the Chancellor

Chancellor Lonon mentioned the recent weather events and thanked all departments that had a role in making sure we did not have a disruption of services and online instruction.

Dr. Lonon also pointed out the new art in the room and thanked the Marketing and Communications team. The goal was to focus on our students.

Dr. Lonon commented on meeting recently with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) along with Chair Bravo, Dr. Floyd, members of our Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation team, and faculty members Dr. Tolle and Dr. Kelly regarding accreditation, and to better understand the processes of a transition if we decide to pursue this further.

Chancellor Lonon remarked that as we celebrate Black History Month we have a number of events for students, staff and the community starting with the African American Read In, on February 13th followed by a variety of events throughout the month.

Dr. Lonon said he, Director Richards, Trustee Boyd along with four of our students just returned from the annual National Legislative Summit sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees. While there they advocated on behalf of our students, communities, and institution with members of Congress, much like the students we heard from earlier that went to Austin.

Dr. Lonon closed his remarks by congratulating Dr. Linda Braddy who accepted a position leading the American Red Cross North Texas region as their new CEO. Her last day leading Brookhaven will be February 24, 2023.

6.2. Announcements from the Board Chair and/or Trustees

Trustee Flores commented on the positivity of the recent board retreat. She also acknowledged the leadership provided by Dr. Helen Benjamin and hopes for a follow up to discuss the six focus items trustees and the Board's strategic priorities, as there was not enough time.

Trustee Flores remarked that on Monday she participated in the first Dallas College World Café with all levels of employees to get input into the new Value statement and to define the culture of our College. There are 14 or 15 events scheduled and almost 700 employees have registered to participate.

Trustee Compton spoke about Dallas College's participation in the MLK Day parade noting there were thousands in attendance. She recognized Dr. Shirley Higgs for coordinating and Dr. Brad Williams for making sure we had the resources needed. She also recognized other employees who helped including Coach Dexter Young and the Eastfield Men's basketball team for their participation. She said it was an ideal event for Dallas College to participate in and she hoped we will continue.

Chair Bravo welcomed everyone to the official first board meeting of 2023. She stated that our student numbers have increased for Spring 2023. She also mentioned that she accompanied a group to Chicago to meet with the Higher Learning Commission last month along with the Chancellor, noting it was great to hear from them about the process and timeline associated with changing accreditation. In addition, they spoke about their vision, mission, and commitment to continuous improvement and being student focused.

Chair Bravo also pointed out that a few of them just came back from the National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. with four students who represented the college well.

Chair Bravo asked that in honor of Black History Month, please remember to attend one of the many events being held at each Dallas College campus.

In conclusion Chair Bravo honored those employees retiring in the coming days by recognizing each one individually by name and years of service.

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

None.

8. Consent Agenda

Chair Bravo asked if there was any board member that wanted to pull anything off the consent agenda or who had a question.

Trustee Flores said she had a comment only on item 8.4 but did not need it pulled from the agenda. She congratulated staff for their work on getting over 4 million dollars for our autonomous initiative saying, this is quite significant.

Trustee Compton moved to approve consent agenda items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4

Motion seconded by Trustee Flores.

Motion carried with a majority vote at 5:00pm.

8.1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

8.2. Finance Items

- a. Approval of Graduation Alliance Initiative including Student Success Re-Engagement of At-Risk students

8.3. Policy Items

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

8.4. Resolutions

- a. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Agreement for the Receipt of Funds for the Dallas College Autonomous Initiative

9. Individual Items

Chair Bravo stated we have one talent item, 9.1.

Trustee Flores motioned to approve item 9.1.

Trustee Compton seconded the motion.

Trustee Flores asked if since we made the changes to the salary schedule for officers, we are still unable to attract officers.

Interim Chief Ashford said we are still having some issues like other agencies for recruiting officers, but it has improved including seven officers who left but have since returned.

Chair Bravo asked if there was any more discussion regarding item 9.1, there was none and a vote was called for.

Motion carried with a majority vote at 5:02 pm.

9.1. Approval of Warrants of Appointment for Police Officers

10. Informative Reports

10.1. Committee Reports

- a. Governance Committee Notes for November 1, 2022
- b. Finance Committee Notes for November 1, 2022
- c. Education Workforce Committee Notes for December 6, 2022

10.2. Richland Collegiate High School Board Outcome Goal

10.3. Richland Collegiate High School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Financial Management Report

10.4. 2019 Dallas College Bond Program Monthly Status Report (December 2022)

10.5. 1st Quarter Investment Transactions

10.6. 1st Quarter Facilities Improvement Plan

10.7. 1st Quarter Budget Book Vendor Summary

10.8. Current Funds Operating Budget Report (October 2022)

10.9. Dallas College Foundation Report (October 2022)

10.10. Notice of Grant Awards (December 2022)

10.11. Monthly Change Order Summary (November 2022)

10.12. Monthly Change Order Summary (December 2022)

10.13. Workforce & Advancement Ascend Institute Report (November 2022)

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10.15. Dallas College Human Capital New Hire/Position Report
(November 12, 2022 - January 12, 2023)

11. Executive Session

None.

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:02 p.m.