

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 8.1.a.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023, Regular Board meeting.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dallas College was held Tuesday, February 9, 2023, beginning at 4:01 p.m. and was broadcasted via the streaming link: <https://dcccnew.swagit.com/events/15158>. 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

Chair Bravo declared 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.

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. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2023
National Legislative Summit featuring Student Delegates
Presenter: Debbi Richards

Chancellor Lonon stated that for 17 years, the college has taken students to the Legislative summit to engage with members of Congress, to learn more about community colleges, and to share their personal stories. This year, we took four students representing our 125,000-student population. He expressed his appreciation to the Board members who traveled with the group. Dr. Lonon introduced Debbi Richards, Director of Government Relations.

Debbi thanked Chancellor Lonon and the Board for affording the students the opportunity to address the Board and to travel to the summit. She gave a summary of activities that the students participated in, including attending sessions with Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, and Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation. They also attended meetings for student trustees and the Texas delegation breakfast where they shared their stories and the impact of community college on their lives. The students also met with Congressman Veasey, Congressman Allred, Congresswoman Crockett, Congresswoman Van Dyne, Senator Cornyn, and Congressman Jake Ellzey.

Debbi introduced Tarrod Shelton. Tarrod expressed that the National Legislative Summit was life changing for him. He stated that he now has correspondence with multiple offices of legislators. Tarrod shared that he has been able to attend other conferences sponsored by Dallas College and that these experiences have also been enriching. He thanked the Board for their support and the opportunities.

Debbie introduced Giselle Lopez. She thanked the Board and Dr. Lonon for the experience. She acknowledged that she learned about the need to make important moves in life and how to tap into resources. Giselle stated that she experienced conflict but was able to learn from it. She also expressed appreciation to Dr. Lonon and Debbi for their encouragement as she learned to tell her story, although it was difficult initially. The experience gave her a voice and made her stronger.

Debbi introduced Madeline Cornejo. Madeline stated that she will be graduating in May 2023 with an associate degree in psychology. She stated that telling her story as an immigrant taught her valuable lessons about her capabilities. Madeline is now motivated to study law because of her trip to Washington, D.C. She thanked the Board for being mentors and examples of how to address fears and to be effective leaders.

Debbie introduced Diana Alzeer. Diana greeted the Board and stated that she would be graduating in May 2023 with a degree in Business Administration. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to go to the summit because it helped her get out of her comfort zone, meet new people, and got her away from her culture to learn new ones. The ability to share her story helped her to embrace her voice and to speak boldly. Diana stated that this trip helped her to move forward in life.

Debbi again thanked the Board and stated that our students made a lasting impression on the legislators as well as the conference attendees.

Dr. Lonon stated that the personal stories of these students captivated people and now other colleges in Texas want to share their stories in their colleges and communities.

Trustee Compton stated that allowing students to have exposure and to travel has been one of the best things the Board has done. She also encouraged the students to vote.

Trustee Bravo stated that she enjoyed getting to know the students on a more personal level and that she is available to them in the future. She hopes to discuss the concept of student trustees with them and would like their input in possibly drafting a policy on that role.

Trustee Boyd stated that the experience was great for him and was a reminder of why we are here.

The students joined the Board for a photograph.

5.2. Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)
2023 Conference featuring Students and Staff
Presenters: Juan Bosquez, Martha Fernandez, Beatriz Joseph

Dr. Lonon introduced the TACHE presentation, stating that we had 11 students and several staff to attend the conference in Houston. He invited Dr. Beatriz Joseph to the podium to share additional information and introduce the staff and students.

Dr. Joseph thanked the Board for the opportunity to share this information. She also recognized the staff that organized the trip. Dr. Joseph stated that students who make connections with our faculty and staff have a higher rate of retention and persistence. She introduced Juan Bosquez, the Program Lead at the Mountain View Campus for the Male Achievement Program.

Juan greeted the Board and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity given to the students to attend TACHE. He spoke on the benefits of the Male Achievement Program (MAP) as well as the impact of students being able to share their experiences with other students and mentors. Juan introduced four student speakers: Cecelia Cruz, Giselle Lopez, Carlos Cortex, and Xavier Chancellor.

Cecelia Cruz expressed appreciation to the Board for being able to attend TACHE. She stated that the conference helped to pull her out of her comfort zone and into a place of realization. Cecelia was grateful to learn of the strong community in Dallas as well as in Dallas College. She said that the speakers understood the obstacles that students face, and that was the most impactful part for her.

Trustee Flores asked Cecelia about the impact of attending a conference full of Latino higher educational professionals. Cecelia responded that she is a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and that it was important to network with people who could support and advise her since she is part of a team working to charter a LULAC club in Dallas College.

Giselle Lopez, who serves as the Brookhaven Student Government Association President, stated that TACHE made her feel included and grateful because she could relate. She was able to create

connections and speak about her family because she was surrounded by people who understood her struggles. Giselle was reminded to fight for yourself and be powerful in the person that you are.

Carlos Cortez, a Mountain View engineering major, expressed that the experience was life changing. He saw professional men showing emotion because of their stories. Carlos thanked Juan Garcia, the Male Achievement Program (MAP), and Dr. Lonon for that opportunity. He shared that Dr. Lonon's presence at their events is really important and makes the students feel important and included. Carlos hopes that more opportunities can be given to more students.

Xavier Chancellor shared that he learned more about his Hispanic culture as an African American male. TACHE was inspirational and educational. Xavier was given the opportunity to speak to large groups and appreciated the trust that Juan and the team have in the students. He wants to be a resource to other students and share information on programs like MAP to increase participation.

Martha Fernandez, Senior Director of the Employer Resource Center, acknowledged the impact that TACHE has had on her life. She also announced that a team is working to launch a chapter of TACHE at Dallas College. Martha recognized the Board and other leaders as great supporters in this process.

Trustee Flores commended the staff that went to TACHE. She shared a portion of her story and encouraged students to continue building their leadership skills and positioning themselves for success. Trustee Flores also acknowledged that these activities are enriching staff and serving as professional development opportunities.

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6. Chancellor and Board Announcements

6.1. Announcements from the Chancellor

Dr. Lonon reminded the group that March is Women's History Month and acknowledged female board members and other leaders

in present. He announced that there are many events in honor of this month, including “Walking in Her Shoes” which Chair Bravo would be leading. Dr. Lonon directed everyone to the website to find out more about events.

Chips Work convened at the Garland Center, which was made possible by the Chips and Science Act passed last year. The meeting included Texas Instruments as well as other colleges to discuss ways to support, train and get people into jobs that are available.

An information session will be held on March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Bill J. Priest on the 2019 Bond Initiative to share details on next phases that include the downtown project.

Dr. Lonon also announced that the college would be closed the week of March 13-17 for Spring Break. He shared hopes that employees would take time to recharge and refresh and return renewed. Dr. Lonon also acknowledged that graduation ceremonies are coming quickly.

Trustee Flores asked Dr. Lonon about the scarcity of faculty attendance at graduations in the past two years. Dr. Lonon stated that they are working to ensure that more faculty participate as we have returned from the pandemic and virtual graduation. The team is working on space limitations as well. A call for 800 employee volunteers has gone out to help support these events.

6.2. Announcements from the Board Chair and/or Trustees

Chair Bravo acknowledged Dr. Lonon’s one-year anniversary as Chancellor.

She also gave an open invitation to the Women’s History Month event on March 23, 2023, at Eastfield Campus.

In conclusion, Chair Bravo honored those employees retiring 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

8.1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2023

8.2. Finance Items

- a. Approval of Phase 2 of Professional Services Agreement with Page Southerland Page
- b. Approval of RedBird Development Initiative including Lease Agreement with 3662 W Camp Wisdom Master Tenant LLC and termination of existing Leases Agreements with 3662 W Camp Wisdom LLC and WCWAP, LLC

8.3. Richland Collegiate High School Item

- a. Approval of The Texas Education Agency 2022-2023 Missed School Day Waiver for Richland Collegiate High School

Chair Bravo raised a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was moved and seconded by Trustees Boyd and Ritter, respectively.

Trustee Compton requested that Consent Agenda item 8.2a be considered separately. Trustee Garcia seconded that request.

A new motion was raised for Consent Agenda items 8.1, 8.2b, and 8.3. The motion was moved and seconded by Trustees Boyd and Ritter, respectively.

Motion carried at 4:55 p.m.

Chair Bravo opened the floor for Trustee Compton to make additional comments on Consent Agenda item 8.2. Trustee Compton had no additional comments aside from those in the Finance Committee meeting.

Chair Bravo raised a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item 8.2a. The motion was moved and seconded by Trustees Flores and Boyd, respectively.

Trustee Bravo asked for a vote and Trustee Compton requested a roll call vote.

Perla Molina conducted the roll call vote with the following results: Trustee Bravo – Aye, Trustee Flores – Aye, Trustee Boyd – Aye, Trustee Mayer – Aye, Trustee Ritter – Aye, Trustee Garcia – Abstain, Trustee Compton – Abstain.

Chair Bravo announced that, with five ayes, the motion passed.

Motion carried at 4:56 p.m.

9. Individual Items

9.1. Approval of Warrants of Appointment for Police Officers

Chair Bravo raised a motion to approve the 9.1 Individual Items. The motion was moved and seconded by Trustees Mayer and Flores, respectively.

The motion carried at 4:57 p.m.

10. Policy Items - First Reading

10.1. Approval of Amendments to Policies Concerning Travel - BBG (LOCAL)

10.2. Approval of Amendments to Policies Concerning Compensation and Benefits - DEC (LOCAL)

Trustee Bravo asked about concerns that Trustee Garcia voiced earlier about the Parental leave policy not clearly stating paid within the language. Dr. Lonon stated that he spoke with legal counsel and that this can be adjusted.

Tricia Horatio, Assistant Legal Counsel, came to the podium and stated that the word “paid” appears in the explanatory note, but that adjustments would be made for consistency purposes.

11. Informative Reports

10.1. Committee Reports

- a. Audit Committee Notes for December 6, 2022
- b. Education Workforce Committee Notes for February 9, 2023
- c. Finance Committee Notes for February 9, 2023

10.2. Current Funds Operating Budget Report (January 2023)

10.3. Monthly Change Order Summary (January 2023)

- 10.4. Dallas College Foundation Report (January 2023)
- 10.5. Workforce & Advancement Ascend Institute Report (January 2023)
- 10.6. Dallas College Human Capital New Hire/Position Report (January 13, 2023 - February 12, 2023)

11. Executive Session

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.