

# **Board of Trustees**

## **Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Ann Richards Administration  
Building Board Room  
Pecan Campus  
McAllen, Texas**



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Board of Trustees  
Education and Workforce Development Committee  
Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room  
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Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

“At anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

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### **Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 Committee Meeting**

The Minutes for the Education and Workforce Development Committee meeting of Tuesday, July 12, 2022 are presented for Committee approval.

**South Texas College  
Board of Trustees  
Education and Workforce Development Committee  
Ann Richards Administration Building, Board Room  
Pecan Campus, McAllen, Texas  
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in the Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room at the Pecan Campus in McAllen, Texas. The meeting commenced at 3:38 p.m. with Mrs. Victoria Cantú presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Victoria Cantú, Mrs. Dalinda Gonzalez-Alcantar, and Mr. Danny Guzman

Other Trustees present: Ms. Rose Benavidez, Dr. Alejo Salinas, Jr., Mr. Paul R. Rodriguez, and Mr. Rene Guajardo

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, Dr. Anahid Petrosian, Dr. David Plummer, Mr. Matthew Hebbard, Dr. Rodney Rodriguez, Mr. Javier Villalobos, Dr. Rebecca Dr Leon, Dr. Jesus Campos, Ms. Olivia De La Rosa, Mr. Arturo Solano, Dr. Christopher Nelson, Mrs. Gardenia Perez, Dr. Sylvia Flores, and Mr. Andrew Fish

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Committee Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Victoria Cantú and a second by Mrs. Dalinda Gonzalez-Alcantar, the Minutes for the Education and Workforce Development Committee meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 2022 were approved as written. The motion carried.

## **Review and Recommend Action on Proposed FY 2022 – 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Education and Workforce Development Committee was asked to review the following proposed schedule and recommend amendment or approval as appropriate.

The Board will be asked to review and take action on a calendar of Committee and Board Meetings for FY 2022 - 2023 at the July 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

The proposed meeting schedule for the Education and Workforce Development Committee is as follows:

<b><u>Weekday</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Time</u></b>
Tuesday	September 13, 2022	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 11, 2022	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 8, 2022	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 6, 2022	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 17, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 14, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 7, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 11, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 9, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 13, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 8, 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 12, 2023	3:00 p.m.

Education and Workforce Development Committee Meetings are generally scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, and are proposed for a new starting time of 3:00 p.m. There may be some deviation based upon scheduling conflicts, and any adjustments will be communicated with as much early notification as practical.

The Committee meetings scheduled for December 2022 and January and March 2023 would not fall on the second Tuesday of their respective months, to allow staff adequate time to prepare for Committee meetings around College closures for Winter Break and Spring Break.

A full calendar view of the proposed Committee and Board meeting schedule was provided in the packet for the Committee's information.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Victoria Cantú and a second by Mrs. Dalinda Gonzalez-Alcantar, the Education and Workforce Development Committee recommended Board approval of the proposed Committee meeting schedule. The motion carried.

## **Presentation and Discussion of South Texas College Basic Needs Supports**

Mr. Matthew Hebbard, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, coordinated a series of presentations that will highlight the robust services South Texas College provides to support its students through their educational journey.

At the June 14, 2022 Education and Workforce Development Committee meeting, Mr. Hebbard presented on South Texas College's extensive offerings of Basic Needs Supports.

Mr. Hebbard began with an overview of the diverse types of basic needs that can present challenges for students, including issues such as food or housing security, child care, technology and supplies, or other vital support structures.

Mr. Hebbard highlighted the College's participating in the #RealCollegeTX Project, in conjunction with the Texas Association of Community Colleges and The Hope Center. This led into a review of a Gap Analysis that identified existing services that STC offers to help students address their basic needs, and also identified opportunities to strengthen or develop new support services.

Mr. Hebbard also discussed the next steps in the College's partnership with The Hope Center and the development of other resources that will connect students to existing services, and allow the College to further improve its support of all students.

No action was requested. This information was presented to the Education and Workforce Development Committee for discussion and feedback.

## **Review and Recommend Action as Necessary on Proposed Joint Admission Agreement with UTRGV**

Administration at South Texas College (STC) and at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) have agreed that both institutions, and their students, would benefit greatly from a seamless approach to admission to both institutions, built upon data-sharing that will facilitate transition and analysis of student performance.

The proposed joint admission agreement would include:

1. A pathway will be created to help students who are not eligible for admission at UTRGV to complete coursework at STC to earn admission to UTRGV.
2. Students who enroll directly with STC with an intention to transfer to UTRGV will be provided the opportunity to participate in the STC-UTRGV Admission Program to ease that transfer process.

While at STC, joint admission students would be required to meet college readiness standards, earn 30 to 60 credit hours at STC while maintaining a 2.0 GPA and other requirements, and attend UTRGV orientation for the intended term of their transfer.

The agreement would outline the responsibilities of STC and UTRGV to share student data in compliance with the protocols and policies of both institutions and relevant laws.

Both institutions anticipated that this partnership would provide a significant benefit to students in the STC to UTRGV pipeline, and would support higher education access, success, and completion in the region.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Victoria Cantú and a second by Dr. Alejo Salinas, Jr., the Education and Workforce Development Committee recommended Board authorization for the College President to finalize negotiations and execute a joint admission agreement with UTRGV as proposed. The motion carried.

## **Presentation and Discussion of South Texas College Summer Camps Offered in 2022**

Dr. Rebecca De Leon, Dean for Dual Credit Programs & School District Partnerships, and Ms. Olivia De La Rosa, Director of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education, presented on the College's Summer Camp offerings in 2022.

Summer Camps have been a successful strategy to engage prospective and current students and partner with local school districts to provide a variety of educational and fun activities throughout our service area.

This year, many of the camps have returned to providing in-person and hands-on experiences, while some have benefitted from online platforms.

Dr. De Leon and Ms. De La Rosa reviewed the 18 Camps offered through 45 sessions in June and July 2022, in subjects in:

- Art;
- Music;
- Science & Engineering;
- Workforce & Technology;
- Leadership; and
- Other Continuing Education offerings

The presentation included a review of marketing efforts, including the dedicated website at [www.southtexascollege.edu/summer-camps](http://www.southtexascollege.edu/summer-camps), and an overview of the registration process and pricing structure for camps.

No action was requested. This information was presented to the Education and Workforce Development Committee for discussion and feedback.

### **Presentation and Discussion of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education at South Texas College**

Ms. Olivia De La Rosa, Director of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education provided a presentation on the robust programs offered by the Office of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education at South Texas College.

The Office of Continuing, Professional, and Workforce Education (CPWE) provides a wide variety of non-credit programs that serve a large number of students in the region. These programs are a critical component of the College's strategic workforce initiatives, and include pathways that can help students earn a GED and industry-based credential, and then build upon that success to enter into a credit-bearing program.

Ms. De La Rosa reviewed the history, mission and vision of CPWE at South Texas College, including a survey of current programs and the students served. She provided details on the non-credit to credit pathways that offer tremendous opportunities for previously underserved individuals to develop and attain goals for life-changing careers.

Ms. De La Rosa also highlighted her team's role supporting GED attainment for adults lacking their high school diploma and seeking new opportunities.

The presentation concluded with a review of new programs under development to meet critical local need for short term credentials in the Rio Grande Valley.

No action was requested. This information was presented to the Education and Workforce Development Committee for discussion and feedback.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the Education Workforce Development Committee Meeting of the South Texas College Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Education and Workforce Development Committee of the South Texas College Board of Trustees.

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Mrs. Victoria Cantú  
Presiding



## **Presentation and Discussion of Student Accessibility Services at South Texas College**

Mr. Matthew Hebbard, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, will highlight Student Accessibility Services at South Texas College. This critical student support team is housed within the Counseling and Accessibility Services Department, and ensures that students and prospective students receive special accommodations that they require to be successful at South Texas College.

Student Accessibility Services is a comprehensive and holistic approach for students who need physical, emotional, and mental support during their program of study at the College. This support may be short-term, or long-term, and are available to students through each step of their South Texas College career, from the admission process through graduation and career placement support.

Mr. Hebbard will present the overall approach to supporting these student needs as well as explain how students receive information on the help available to them and the process by which staff assist students in advocating for their needs, provide support both inside and outside of the classroom, and connect the students to outside agencies and community partners for sustained support.

Student Accessibility Services staff are available at each campus, and work closely with colleagues throughout the faculty and staff of the College to ensure students are provided reasonable accommodations as needed.

Examples of these accommodations includes, but is not limited to, the provision of:

- Parking accommodations;
- Support to assist faculty / student accommodations;
- Extended time to complete tests;
- Use of peer note takers;
- Use of computers with spell-checking features; and
- Provision of sign language interpreters in the classroom or at functions.

Dual Credit Students taught by South Texas College faculty are also provided accommodations through the College's Student Accessibility Services team, while dual credit classes taught at a high school site by school district employed faculty are provided service through their district's designated personnel.

No action is requested. This information is presented to the Education and Workforce Development Committee for discussion and feedback.

## **Presentation and Discussion of Veterans and Military Services at South Texas College**

Mr. Matthew Hebbard, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, will present on Veterans and Military Services at South Texas College. These services include a combination of support services involving several departments within Enrollment Services.

Veterans and Military Services is a collaborate effort between Student Financial Services, the newly created Student Engagement and Completion Services office, as well as the Admissions and Records office. This collaboration helps ensure veterans, active duty service members, and their spouses and dependents have full access to all of the benefits they are due, and to provide support throughout their careers at South Texas College.

Mr. Hebbard will overview the College initiative that began with increasing support for Veteran students on the College campuses and expanded to include initiatives for Active-Duty Military as well as spouses and dependents of both Veterans and Active-Duty personnel.

This increasing support includes the development of *Foxhole* lab and lounge areas developed exclusively for use by veterans, active duty military personnel, and their spouses and dependents. Available at the Pecan Campus, Starr County Campus, and Mid-Valley Campus, these Foxhole areas provide quiet study areas and provide a useful resource for eligible students to network and support one another, in addition to the support services provided by the College.

He will overview the on-campus and on-line support provided for the entire enrollment process including the support for recruitment, enrollment, and access to benefits. He will also provide an update on the College's recent designation of the Military Friendly® Gold Designation as well as new enrollment markets for Active-Duty Military personnel interested in the law enforcement programs.

No action is requested. This information is presented to the Education and Workforce Development Committee for discussion and feedback.