



**SOUTH TEXAS
COLLEGE**

Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

5:15 p.m.

Pecan Campus

Ann Richards Administration Building

Board Room

McAllen, Texas

Online Board Packet

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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. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees may deliberate on and take any action deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees on the following subjects:”

COVID-19 Public Health / Attendance Measures

Due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing recommendations, members of the public are encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at: <https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/president/agendas/live.html>.

- Anyone wishing to make Public Comments as provided in the agenda is asked to sign up prior to the meeting, and they will be called into the Board Room individually when it is their turn to make comments.
- Anyone who wishes to be available to respond to questions that may arise on an agenda item will be asked to wait outside the Board Room until their agenda item is called upon by the Board of Trustees. Pecan Campus Room D-106 will be open and televising the live stream, and guests are invited to wait for their items there.
- Essential staff will be on standby in an adjacent area, and ready to be called into the meeting as needed.

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Determination of Quorum

III. Consideration and Action

1. Approval of Order Calling for November 3, 2020 Election of STC Trustees for Single-Member Trustee District #7 3 - 8

IV. Announcements

A. Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 25, 2020
 - 5:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting
 - 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

Approval of Order Calling for November 3, 2020 Election of STC Trustees for Single-Member Trustee District #7

Approval of the Order Calling for the November 3, 2020 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #7 is requested.

South Texas College legal counsel, Mr. Jesus Ramirez, prepared the Order Calling for the General Election of Board members for single-member trustee District #7 in order to proceed with the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 election.

History

On January 28, 2020, the Board called for the elections of single-member trustee District #5 and single-member trustee District #7, pursuant to the schedule established in Policy #1400: *Elections*.

On February 25, 2020, the Board took action to certify that the deadline to apply for a place on the ballot for these elections had passed, and the single candidate for single-member trustee District #5 was unopposed. The Board amended the election order to call only for the election of single-member trustee District #7.

On March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Gregg Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration in response to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic, and a issued subsequent proclamation authorizing such postponement. Furthermore, on March 19, 2020, The Hidalgo County Elections Department notified the College that they would not administer elections on May 2, 2020.

On March 31, 2020, the Board approved the postponement of the called May 2, 2020 election until November 3, 2020

Election for Single-member Trustee District #7

Pursuant to the Texas Secretary of State, the candidate filings originally submitted for the May 2, 2020 election shall remain valid.

Additionally, Governor Abbott has authorized the extension of early voting to begin as early as Tuesday, October 13, 2020, to run through Friday, October 30, 2020.

Finally, the election locations used in some communities for November elections, especially during national election cycles, are different from those generally used for May elections. That said, Hidalgo County has implemented county-wide polling places for Early Voting and Election Day, and all qualified voters for a specific election will be able to cast their ballot at any county-administered polling location throughout Hidalgo County.

The proposed order authorized Dr. Shirley Reed as College President to take action as necessary to contract with Hidalgo County. This will allow the College to coordinate with the Hidalgo County Elections Department to approve polling places once they finalize the list.

Early Voting and Election Day polling locations will be identified in exhibits to the Order, once they are provided by the County.

Enclosed Documents:

The Election Order Calling for the November 3, 2020 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #7 as presented is included in the packet.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College approve and authorize the Order Calling for the November 3, 2020 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #7 as presented.

The following Minute Order is proposed for consideration by the Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees of South Texas College approves and authorizes the Order Calling for the November 3, 2020 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #7 as presented.

Approval Recommended:

Shirley A. Reed, M.B.A., Ed.D.
President

ORDER CALLING GENERAL ELECTION

IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. A general election shall be held on November 3, 2020, within and throughout single-member trustee District No. 7 of the South Texas College District. At this general election, only the resident, qualified electors of single-member trustee District No. 7 shall be entitled to vote for a trustee to represent District No. 7 on the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District (the "Election").

The hours during which the polling places for each voting precinct within each single-member trustee district are to be open at the Election shall be from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Section 2. Single-Member Trustee Districts; Boundaries Thereof. The geographical boundaries of single-member trustee District No. 7 are designated as follows:

SINGLE-MEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICT NO. 7

ALL OF THE TERRITORY in Hidalgo County, Texas lying within the boundary line that begins at a point where South Cesar Chavez Road intersects with U.S. Highway 83; then, east along the centerline of U.S. Highway 83 to a point approximately one-half the distance between Cesar Chavez Road and North 12th Street (Alamo, Texas); then, north along an imaginary line to the point of intersection with Nebraska Ave.; then, east along the centerline of Nebraska Ave. to the point where Nebraska Ave. intersects with North 12th Street; then, north along the centerline of North 12th Street to a point approximately one-half the distance between Nebraska Ave. and FM 495; then, east along an imaginary line to North Alamo Road; then, south along the centerline of North Alamo Road to the point where North Alamo Road intersects with Bus. Highway 83; then, east along the center line of Bus. Highway 83 to the point where Bus. Highway 83 intersects with Border Road; then, north along the centerline of Border Road to the point where Border Road intersects with Sioux Road; then, east along the centerline of Sioux Road to a point approximately one-half the distance between Border Road and Val Verde Road; then, south along an imaginary line to a point approximately one-half the distance between Sioux Road and F.M. 495; then, east along an imaginary line to the point of intersection with Val Verde Road; then, south along the centerline of Val Verde Road to the point where Val Verde Road intersects with F.M. 495; then, east along the centerline of F.M. 495 to a point just east of North Hutto Road; then, south along an imaginary line to Swallow Drive; then due east along an imaginary line to Golie Road; then, north along the centerline of Golie Road to the point where Golie Road intersects with 10-Mile Line Road; then, east along the centerline of 10-Mile Line Road to a point just east of Victoria Road; then due south along an imaginary line to Mile 9 Road; then, east along the centerline of Mile 9 Road to the point where Mile 9 Road intersects with Mile 5 ½ Road West; then, north along the centerline of Mile 5 ½ Road West to a street lying approximately one-half the distance between Mile 9 Road and 10-Mile Line Road; then, east along the centerline of said street to the point of intersection with Mile 5 Road West; then, north along the centerline of Mile 5 Road West to the

point where Mile 5 Road West intersects with 10-Mile Line Road; then, east along the centerline of 10-Mile Line Road to the point where 10-Mile Line Road intersects with Mile 3 Road West; then, south along the centerline of Mile 3 Road West (International Boulevard) to a point approximately ¼ mile north of 34th Street (5 Mile Road North); then, east by northeast along a meandering line to the boundary line between Hidalgo County and Cameron County; then, north along the Hidalgo county boundary line to the point of intersection with County Line Road; then, north along the county boundary; then, north along the county boundary line to the point of intersection with the boundary line between Hidalgo County and Willacy County; then, west along the center of County Line Road to the point at which the boundary line between Hidalgo and Willacy County turns north; then, along the county boundary line to the centerline of G-I Road; then west along the centerline of G-I Road to the point where G-I Road intersects with Brush Line Road; then, south along the centerline of Brush Line Road to the point where Brush Line Road intersects with Monte Cristo Road, then west along the centerline of Monte Cristo Road to the point where Monte Cristo Road intersects with North Tower Road; then, south along the centerline North Tower Road to the point where North Tower Road intersects with East University Drive (SH 107); then, west along the centerline of East University Drive to the point where East University Drive intersects with North Cesar Chavez Road; then, south along the centerline of North Cesar Chavez Road to the point where North Cesar Chavez Road intersects with U.S. Highway 83 at the point of origin, and as more accurately described in the map made part of the redistricting resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District on January 31, 2012.

Section 3. Early Voting Clerk and Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s). The Early Voting Clerk and the Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s) shall be the following:

Early Voting Clerk: Yvonne Ramón

Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s): to be appointed by the Early Voting Clerk

The duties of the Early Voting Clerk and the Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s) shall be those prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The early voting clerk's office shall remain open for early voting activities during the hours the polls are required to be open for voting on Election Day.

Section 4. Early Voting Days, Dates, Hours, And Polling Places: Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and terminate on Friday, October 30, 2020. The main early voting polling place and each temporary branch early voting polling places, for early voting by personal appearance, shall be as follows:

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE

Hidalgo County Elections Department Annex Bldg.
317 N. Closner "Rear"
Edinburg, Texas

TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES

Single-Member Trustee District No. 7

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by personal appearance may do so at the main early voting polling place or at any temporary branch early voting polling place in the voter's trustee district of residence, established herein. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code on the following days, dates, and hours during the early voting period:

See Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Section 5. Early Voting Clerk; Application for Ballot Voted by Mail. The mailing and physical address of the Early Voting Clerk for the Election where an application for a ballot to be voted by mail is to be submitted shall be as follows:

STC Early Voting Clerk
Election Administration
County of Hidalgo
P.O. Box 1356
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Section 6. Election Day Polling Places District-wide voting is permitted in Hidalgo County and voters may vote at any designated voting place, as set forth below:

See Exhibit B, attached hereto.

Section 7. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. Authorized to Execute. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of South Texas College District is authorized to execute this Order, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is authorized to attest the same on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District. The President of South Texas College is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 9. **Delegation of Authority to President.** The President of the College is delegated the authority of approving the final precinct voting locations in conjunction with the Hidalgo County Elections Administrator.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the ____ day of August , 2020.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE DISTRICT

By: _____
Mr. Paul R. Rodriguez
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Mr. Roy de León
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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