



**SOUTH TEXAS
COLLEGE**

Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

5:30 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 public hearing 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.

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Determination of Quorum

III. Consideration and Action on Agenda Items

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 - a. Education and Workforce Development Committee
 - b. Facilities Committee
 - c. Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee
2. Discussion and Action as Necessary to Ratify Acceptance of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the Amount of \$112,500 4 - 5
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IV. Announcements

A. Next Meeting:

- Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees, January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room, McAllen, Texas

Chair Appointment of Board Committee Chairs and Committee Members

- a. Education and Workforce Development Committee**
- b. Facilities Committee**
- c. Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee**

Policy # 1110: *Board Committees* designates the three (3) committees of the Board:

- Education and Workforce Innovation
- Finance and Human Resources
- Facilities

The Chair may, from time to time as deemed necessary, create committees to advise the Board and facilitate the efficient operation of the Board. Their membership is to be established by action of the Chair. A committee that includes one or more Trustees is subject to the Open Meetings Act when it meets to discuss public business or policy. *Atty. Gen. Op. No. JM-1072 (1989)*.

The membership and appointment of Committee Chairs is established by action of the Board Chair.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board Chair announce appointments to Committee Chair and Committee Membership for 2020 - 2022.

The following Minute Order is proposed for the Board Chair:

The Board Chair announces appointments to Committee Chair and Committee Membership for 2020 - 2022.

Approval Recommended:

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

Discussion and Action as Necessary to Ratify Acceptance of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the Amount of \$112,500

On December 14, 2020, the College received notification of a grant award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), for the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program. This \$112,500 grant will support the Continuing Professional and Workforce Education (CPWE) and Industry Training and Economic Development (ITED) departments serve up to 75 students in high value workforce education programs, including:

- Emergency Medical Responder,
- Medical Billing and Coding Specialist,
- Certified Nurse Assistance,
- Certified Robot Operator, and
- CNC Machine Operator

The notification of the award came in after the agenda had been published, and was not able to be presented to the Board on December 15, 2020.

On December 18, 2020, the THECB asked Dr. David Plummer to commit South Texas College's acceptance of the grant, in support of their planned press release on the supported partnerships. Dr. Plummer conferred with Chair Benavidez, and emailed the Board of this request by the THECB. Having received supportive messages and no concerns, Dr. Plummer accepted the THECB Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the amount of \$112,500, and pending ratification from the Board of Trustees.

The Board is now asked to ratify the acceptance of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the amount of \$112,500.

Funding from this grant will be utilized by the departments of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education (CPWE) and Industry Training and Economic Development (ITED) to provide up to 75 students with support for funding and fees in high value workforce credential programs such as Emergency Medical Responder, Medical Billing and Coding Specialist, Certified Nurse Assistant, Certified Robot Operator, and CNC Machine Operator. The funding period is from January 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

South Texas College's outreach plan will include referrals by Workforce Solutions and targeted advertisements using social media and news outlets, as well as community organizations.

This award aligns to Strategic Direction #1, Lead Community Engagement by aligning educational opportunities with community and workforce needs.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College ratify the acceptance of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the amount of \$112,500 as presented.

The Following Minute Order is proposed for consideration by the Board of Trustees:
The Board of Trustees ratifies the acceptance of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, in the amount of \$112,500 as presented.

Approval Recommended:

David C. Plummer, M.B.A., Ed.D.
Interim President

Discussion and Action as Necessary on Acceptance of CARES Act Additional Funding, in the Amount of \$11,550

Authorization is requested to accept additional funds in the amount of \$11,550 for the period of June 8, 2020 to June 7, 2021. Funds will be used to assist students with their cost of attendance, including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Notification of these additional funds was received in early January 2021, and Board approval is requested at the January 12, 2021 Special Board Meeting to allow administration to begin utilizing these funds for students enrolling in the Spring 2021 semester.

The college administration is using these funds to establish two separate grant-supported scholarship funds to support eligible students with micro-scholarships to cover qualified expenses.

Additional Funds will increase the awarded amount to \$1,266,639. This allocation is managed by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Vice President Mathew Hebbard serves as the Project Director for this federal award and Miguel Carranza is the Financial Manager.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College approve and authorize acceptance of CARES Act additional funding in the amount of \$11,550 as presented.

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

The Board of Trustees approves and authorizes acceptance of CARES Act additional funding in the amount of \$11,550 as presented.

Approval Recommended:

David C. Plummer, M.B.A., Ed.D.
Interim President

Discussion and Action as Necessary on Presidential Search Protocols

South Texas College is preparing for a presidential search. The Board is asked to take action as necessary on the presidential search protocols.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College approve and authorize action as necessary for the presidential search as presented.

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

The Board of Trustees approves and authorizes action as necessary for the presidential search as presented.

Approval Recommended:

David C. Plummer, M.B.A., Ed.D.
Interim President