

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room
Pecan Campus, McAllen, Texas 78501

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>.

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Public Comments**
- V. Presentations**
 1. Recognition and Congratulations to Mr. Gary Gurwitz, Retiring Trustee
 2. Presentation of RGV Partnership Donation of \$15,000 to the South Texas College Foundation
 3. Presentation of RGV LEAD Donation of \$5,000 to the South Texas College Foundation
 4. Celebration of 15 Years at the Mid Valley Campus Child Development Center
 5. Presentation on May 2022 Graduation Ceremonies
 6. Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2022
- VI. Update by the College President**
- VII. Consideration and Action on Consent Agenda**
 1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. March 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
 2. Approval and Acceptance of Grant Awards
 - 1) The Texas Workforce Commission, Child Care Relief Funds, in the amount of \$334,581

VIII. Consideration and Action on New Items

1. Review and Action as Necessary on Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending February 28, 2022
2. Deliberation and Approval of Board Development Program
3. Review and Action as Necessary to Approve Interlocal Agreement with McAllen ISD to Support McAllen ISD's S.T.R.I.D.E.S. Program
4. Review and Action as Necessary to Approve Interlocal Agreement with La Joya ISD to Support Automation and Advanced Manufacturing Camps

IX. Consideration and Action on Committee Items

A. Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee Items

1. Review and Action as Necessary on Consent Agenda Items from the Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee
 - a. Award of Proposal, Rejection of Proposal, Purchases, and Renewals
 - A. Award of Proposals
 - 1) Online Continuing Education Services (Award)
 - 2) Purchase of Semi-Trucks (Award)
 - 3) Recruitment Advertising Services (Award)
 - 4) Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services (Award)
 - B. Rejection of Proposal
 - 5) Purchase of Automatic Heavy-Duty Truck (Reject)
 - C. Purchases and Renewals
 - a. Instructional Items
 - 6) Mobile Hotspot Service Extension (Purchase/Subscribe)
 - 7) Medical Office Skills Training (Renewal)
 - 8) Small Business Skills Training (Renewal)
 - b. Non-Instructional Items
 - 9) Ground Maintenance (Renewal)
 - 10) Network Cabling and Equipment Installation Services (Renewal)
 - 11) Travel Services (Renewal)
 - c. Technology Items
 - 12) Computers, Laptops, and Monitors (Purchase)
 - 13) Network Switches (Purchase)
 - 14) Servers (Purchase)
 - 15) Servers, Equipment, and Software Licenses (Purchase)
 - 16) Internet Services for South Texas College Sites (Renewal)
 - 17) Server Maintenance and Support Agreement (Renewal)
 - b. Approval to Adopt New Policy and Retire Current Policy
 - i. New Policy GK - Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies
 - ii. Retire Current Policy # 3347 – Substantive Change Reporting
 - c. Approval to Renew the Hidalgo County Agreement for Tax Assessment Collection

- d. Approval to Renew the Starr County Agreement for Tax Assessment Collection
 - e. Approval of Resolution 2022-012 on a Written Statement for Professional Legal Services Contract
 - f. Approval of Renewal of Delinquent Tax Collection Services for Hidalgo County and Starr County
2. Discussion and Action as Necessary on Resolution 2022-008 to Impose an Additional 15% Penalty for Collection Cost of Delinquent Taxes as Authorized Under Section 33.07 of the Texas Property Tax Code for Attorney's Compensation
 3. Discussion and Action as Necessary on Consultant Services Contract
 4. Review and Approval of Proposed Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 2022

B. Facilities Committee Items

1. Review and Action as Necessary on Consent Agenda Items from the Facilities Committee
 - a. Approval to Proceed with Solicitation of Architectural Services for the Pecan Campus Kinesiology Building Phase I
 - b. Approval to Proceed with the Solicitation of Architectural Services, Including Feasibility Assessment as Needed, for Pecan Campus Cooper Center for Performing Arts Building L Expansion and Renovations for the Music and Dance Programs
 - c. Approval to Contract Architectural Services for the Pecan Campus Ann Richards Administration Building A Renovation for the President's Office
 - d. Approval of Revised Exterior Elevations of the Starr County Campus Workforce Center Building D Automotive Lab Expansion
 - e. Approval to Contract Construction Services for the Mid Valley Campus Center for Learning Excellence Building A Culinary Arts Lab Renovation
 - f. Rejection of Construction Services Proposals for the Starr County Campus Workforce Center Building D Welding Lab Expansion
 - g. Approval of Final Completion of the Deferred Maintenance of District Wide Roofs at Mid Valley Campus
 - h. Approval of Substantial and Final Completion of the District Wide Flooring Replacements Phase I at Starr County Campus
2. Update on Status of Unexpended Plant Fund Construction Projects and Renewals & Replacements Projects

X. Consideration and Approval of Checks and Financial Reports

XI. Executive Session

1. Discussion and Action as Necessary Regarding the President's Contract (§551. 074, Personnel Matters)

XII. Announcements

A. Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
 - 3:30 p.m. – Education and Workforce Development Committee
 - 4:30 p.m. – Facilities Committee
 - 5:30 p.m. – Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee
- Tuesday, May 24, 2022
 - 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

B. Other Announcements:

- Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg, Texas.
- Canvassing of the May 7, 2022 Election may take place between Tuesday, May 10, 2022 and Wednesday, May 18, 2022, depending on the availability of the Canvass Report from the Hidalgo County Elections Department.
- The College will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Board of Trustees will be held on April 26, 2022 at Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent taxes owed to South Texas College to be collected in the most effective manner. South Texas College desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent tax collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the South Texas College does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented South Texas College for the past twenty-four (24) years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent property taxes, beginning on May 1, 1997.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the South Texas College due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07 and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the South Texas College.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of South Texas College because the delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the South Texas College of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.