

South Texas College
Board of Trustees
Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee
Student Union Building, 2nd Floor
Pecan Campus, McAllen, Texas
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 5:30 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.”

- I. Approval of March 8, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Human Resources Committee Minutes
- II. Review and Action as Necessary on Award of Proposals, 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) Consultant Services Contract (Purchase)
 - 10) Ground Maintenance (Renewal)
 - 11) Network Cabling and Equipment Installation Services (Renewal)
 - 12) Travel Services (Renewal)
 - c. Technology Items
 - 13) Computers, Laptops, and Monitors (Purchase)
 - 14) Network Switches (Purchase)
 - 15) Servers (Purchase)
 - 16) Servers, Equipment, and Software Licenses (Purchase)
 - 17) Internet Services for South Texas College Sites (Renewal)
 - 18) Server Maintenance and Support Agreement (Renewal)

- III. Review and Recommend Action to Adopt New TASB Policy and Retire Current Policy
 - a. New TASB Policy GK - Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies
 - b. Retire Current Policy # 3347 – Substantive Change Reporting
- IV. Review and Recommend Action to Renew the Hidalgo County Agreement for Tax Assessment Collection
- V. Review and Recommend Action to Renew the Starr County Agreement for Tax Assessment Collection
- VI. Review and Action as Necessary on Resolution 2022-012 on a Written Statement for Professional Legal Services Contract
- VII. Review and Action on Renewal of Delinquent Tax Collection Services for Hidalgo County and Starr County
- VIII. 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 and 33.08 of the Texas Property Tax Code for Attorney's Compensation
- IX. Review and Discussion on Implementing a Four-and-a-Half-Day Work Week Pilot Schedule for June 2022 and July 2022
- X. Discussion and Action as Necessary on Proposed Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 2022

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.