

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 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:”

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Public Comments**
- V. Update by the College President**
- VI. Consideration and Action on Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 1. March 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. Consideration and Action on New Items**
 1. Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2026
 2. Review and Action as Necessary on Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending February 28, 2026
 3. Report on New Grants
- VIII. 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. Approval of Purchases, Purchase Renewal, Renewals, and Interlocal Agreement
 - Purchases**
 - 1) Computers, Laptops, Tablets, and Monitors
 - 2) Furniture
 - 3) Institutional Membership

- 4) Training Vehicle for Law Enforcement Academies and Continuing Education Trainings
- 5) Training Vehicle for Law Enforcement Academies and Continuing Education Trainings

Purchase Renewal

- 6) Enrollment Management System Agreement

Renewals

- 7) Internet Managed Services Agreement
- 8) Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services

Interlocal Agreement

- 9) Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Reunification Tabletop Exercise

- b. Approval of the Schedule for Non-Summer Four-and-a-Half-Day Work Week and a Summer 36-Hour Work Week
 - 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 Legal Services
 - f. Approval of Legal Services Agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo
 - g. Approval of Acceptance of Internal Audit Annual Report for FY 2025
 - h. Approval to Adopt the Second Reading of Local Board Policy Included in Numbered Update 50
 - A. Adopt CRB (Local) – Technology Resources: Artificial Intelligence
- 2. Review and Recommend Action on Firm for Delinquent Tax Collection Services for Hidalgo County and Starr County
 - 3. Review and Recommend Action on Resolution 2026-013 on a Written Statement for Professional Legal Services Contract with a Contingency Fee
 - 4. Review and Recommend Action on Resolution 2026-014 to Impose an Additional Penalty and Additional Fees for Collection Cost of Delinquent Taxes as Authorized Under Section 33.07, 33.08, and 33.48 of the Texas Property Tax Code for Attorney's Compensation
 - 5. Discussion and Action as Necessary on Request for Proposal (RFP) Solicitations for College Insurance Providers and Associated Criteria
 - 6. Review and Discussion of Prohibited Contact Provisions Included in the Solicitation for Competitive Procurement and Local Board Policy BBF - Board Members: Ethics
 - 7. Review and Discussion of First Reading of Local Board Policy
 - A. Adopt DEC (Local) – Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences
 - B. Adopt GH (Local) – Relations with Schools and Districts

8. Review and Discussion of First Reading of Local Board Policies Included in Numbered Update 49 and Numbered Update 50
 - A. Adopt BA (Local) – College District Governance
 - B. Adopt BAA (Local) – College District Governance: Board Legal Status
 - C. Adopt BBE (Local) – Board Members: Authority
 - D. Adopt BCA (Local) – Board Internal Organization: Board Officers and Officials
 - E. Adopt BD (Local) – Board Meetings
 - F. Adopt DH (Local) – Employee Standards of Conduct
 - G. Adopt DHB (Local) – Employee Standards of Conduct: Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting
 - H. Adopt DJA (Local) – Assignment, Work Load, and Schedules: Telework

B. Facilities Items

1. Presentations made to the Facilities Committee
 - a. Update on Status of Unexpended Plant Fund Construction Projects and Renewals & Replacements Projects
2. Review and Recommend Action on Assignment of Projects for On-Call Architectural Services
3. Review and Recommend Action on Assignment of Projects for On-Call MEP Engineering Services
4. Review and Recommend Action on Assignment of Projects for On-Call Civil Engineering Services
5. Review and Recommend Action on Schematic Design of Pecan Campus Institutional Support Services Building N Expansion
6. Review and Recommend Action on Construction Services for Pecan Campus Student Services Building K Cashiers Renovations
7. Review and Recommend Action on Rescindment of Award of Construction Services for the Pecan Campus Athletic Support Building R

IX. Approval of Financial Reports for February 2026

X. Review of Informational Reports as of March 2026

XI. Review and Action as Necessary on Executive Session Items

- A. Grievance by AP (Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters)

XII. Announcements

A. Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 12, 2026
 - 3:00 p.m. - Education & Workforce Development Committee
 - 4:00 p.m. – Facilities Committee
 - 5:00 p.m. – Finance, Audit and Human Resources Committee
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026
 - 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

B. Other Announcements:

- Commencement Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 9, 2026, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Bert Ogden Arena.
- The College will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, 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 28, 2026 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 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 law 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. In addition, the law firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the South Texas College does not currently possess.

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.

The law firm will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 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.