

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP / SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
4015 Avenue Q
Galveston, Texas 77550
Room M-220 – Moody Hall
August 5, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

At the Board Budget Workshop / Special Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, in Room M-220 of Moody Hall, commencing at 5:30 p.m., the following Regents were present:

Ms. Carolyn L. Sunseri, Chairperson
Mr. Fred D. Raschke, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael B. Hughes, Secretary
Mr. Garrik Addison (excused)
Mr. Armin Cantini
Ms. Karen F. Flowers
Dr. Norman Hoffman
Mr. Raymond Lewis (attended virtually)
Ms. Mary R. Longoria

Faculty and staff present for all or part of the meeting included Dr. Tracee Watts, President, Mr. Ed Chrnko, Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Dr. Cissy Matthews, and Dr. Van Patterson.

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Chairperson Sunseri opened the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting at 5:31 p.m. in Room M-220 of Moody Hall and determined a quorum was present.
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Sunseri began with a moment of silence and asked Dr. Hoffman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING:** Dr. Watts confirmed that the notice of the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting had been properly posted on July 29, 2026.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** David Mercado, from Galveston Daily News was in attendance.
- V. CITIZENS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no citizens desiring to appear before the Board.
- VI. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 INCLUDING PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026:** Dr. Watts presented this item to

the Board and gave an overview of the recommended changes to the budget since the Board Retreat on June 25th. The \$821k supplemental State Appropriations is included in the proposed budget, and TACC will submit a community college funding request on behalf of the community college sector. The proposed tax rate will remain below the voter approved rate. The Certified taxable value does show a decrease of approximately 1.25 percent. The Proposed tax rate is \$0.129900, and the estimated tax revenue is \$20.3 million. With this tax rate, for the average homestead within our district, that is approximately a \$33 increase for the year. The salary increase will be five percent for all eligible employees. That is a three percent structure based on the compensation study and a two percent cost of living adjustment. For athletics, e-sports was removed as a stand-alone program but will continue as an intramural activity for FY '27. The softball field project was reinstated into the budget at \$1.65 million. Dr. Watts added that staff had a great conversation with our partners at the City and are hopeful that the project will get off the ground this year.

Brief discussion was had on what salary increase was given to employees last year, and the salary study that was completed last year.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider Adoption of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27:

Mr. Lewis moved to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed 8-1; Mr. Addison dissented.

2. Consider Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate for 2026 Following Submission of 2026 Certified Appraisal Roll:

Mr. Raschke moved to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.129900/\$100 of valuation following the submission of 2026 Certified Tax Roll; Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion passed 8-1; Mr. Addison dissented.

Ms. Flowers thanked everyone that worked on the budget and tax rate. She appreciates all the hard work.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board Budget Workshop/ Special Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

Michael B. Hughes, Secretary

Carolyn L. Sunseri, Chairperson