MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
4015 Avenue Q
Galveston, Texas 77550
Room M-220 – Moody Hall
August 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.

At the Regular Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Room M-220 of Moody Hall, commencing at 5:30 p.m., the following Regents were present:

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

Faculty and staff present included Dr. Tracee L. Watts, President, Mr. Daniel Alcantar, Dr. Carmen Allen, Ms. Karen Bell, Dr. Conrad Breitbach, Dr. Laimutis Bytautas, Ms. Daniela Carballo, Dr. Jacquelyn Creswell, Dr. Courtney Cross, Mr. Ron Crumedy, Mr. Jaime Cryer, Mr. Hank Deslauier, Mr. Daniel Fink, Ms. Valerie Guidry, Mr. Floyd Holder, Ms. Vicki Jernigan, Ms. Amanda Barry Jones, Ms. Nicole Levy, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Ms. Hong Mai, Mr. Scott Miles, Dr. Van Patterson, Ms. LT Rivera, Mr. Ed Chrnko Salas, Ms. Ana Sanchez, Ms. Elvia Segura, and Dr. Tirizia York.

I. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Acting Chair Raschke opened the Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room M-220 of Moody Hall and determined a quorum was present.

II. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Raschke began with a moment of silence and asked Ms. Flowers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:** Dr. Watts confirmed that the notice of the Regular Meeting had been properly posted on August 5, 2026.

IV. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** There were no guests in attendance.

V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2026, AND THE BOARD RETREAT AND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF JUNE 25, 2026: A reading of the minutes was waived. Ms. Flowers moved to approve the minutes as published; Ms. Longoria seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CITIZENS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were no citizens desiring to appear before the Board.

VII. INFORMATIVE REPORTS:

1. Student Success Story: Dr. Watts introduced this agenda item and Ms. Carmen Allen, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research, who presented on Benchmarking Completions. Takeaways included that nearly half of students either graduate from Galveston College or earn a credential after transferring to another institution, students who enter GC at age or older experience exceptional completion outcomes, far surpassing national averages, and students who begin at GC and transfer are completing degrees at rates above the national public two-year average.

2. Monthly Financial Reports –June and July: Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Comptroller/CFO, presented the financial report for the month of July. With 92 percent of the year completed, income generated was $32,445,817 or 103 percent of the fiscal year 2025-26 revenue budget compared to 104.3 percent this time last year. State funds for July are $5,245,994 or 99.5 percent of the budget, based on the change in how state funds are now distributed. Tuition and fees were $6,888,601 or 122.7 percent of the budget compared to 115.9 percent last year. Local taxes are $19,020,357 or 98.3 percent of the budget compared to 101.3 percent last year. Local Revenue is $1,290,864 or 101.8 percent of the budget, compared to 112.9 percent last year. He reported that total expenses are $27,211,240 or 86.4 percent of the expenditure budget, compared to 82.2 percent last year.

3. Notice to the Board of Regents that the Job Order Contract for General Construction-Generocity Services has exceeded $100,0000: Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock presented this item to the Board. The Board awarded the annual Job Order Contract for general construction to Generocity Service Inc, Inc. (Choice Partners Contract #21/0439-MR-08) at the March 2026 Regular Board of Regents Meeting.As part of the Board's approval and the College's purchasing procedures, the administration is to notify the Board when total expenditures under an annual Job Order Contract exceed $100,000 during a fiscal year. Staff is providing this notice that expenditures under the General construction Job Order Contract have exceeded the $100,000 threshold. Several unplanned repair and facility improvement projects were completed during the summer as the College prepared campus facilities and student housing for the Fall 2026 semester. In addition, there are pending invoices for work that is in process but have been processed for payment.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Raschke proceeded with the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lewis asked for Dr. Watts to provide an update on Action Item number three. Dr. Watts confirmed that the College had received the TRIO Upward Bound Grant for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Mr. Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Items No. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 14; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Consent Agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider Approval of Facilities Committee Recommendation Regarding the Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC): Mr. Michael Hughes, Facilities Committee Chair presented this item to the Board. The Facilities Committee met prior to this meeting to consider a recommendation to the Board regarding the Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC) Project. There was no action taken on this item.

2. Consider Approval of Facilities Committee Recommendation Regarding the Purchase of Real Property: Mr. Michael Hughes, Facilities Committee Chair presented this item to the Board. The Facilities Committee met prior to this meeting to consider a recommendation to the Board regarding the purchase of real property. There was no action taken on this item.

3. Consider Ratifying Acceptance of the TRIO Upward Bound Grant for the 2026-2027 Academic Year: The Board unanimously ratified acceptance of the TRIO Upward Bound Grant for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

4. Consider Ratifying Acceptance of Nursing Shortage Reduction Program FY2026-2028 Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: The Board unanimously ratified acceptance of the Nursing Shortage Reduction Program FY2026-2028 Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

5. Consider Adoption of Resolution Designating Investment Officers: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. Action Item numbers five, six and seven are to remove Dr. Shelton, upon his retirement, and add Dr. Watts as an investment officer and authorized signer on College accounts.

   Action Item numbers five, six and seven were voted on together. Mr. Cantini moved to adopt the resolutions designating investment officers, updating authorized representatives for College investment accounts, and investment pools, and authorizing bank signatory changes; Ms. Longoria seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approval of Resolution Updating Authorized Representatives for College Investment Accounts and Investment Pools: This item was voted on with Action Items five and seven. See item five for motion.

7. Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Bank Signatory Changes: This item was voted on with Action Items five and six. See item five for motion.

8. Consider Approval of Payment to Renew Unemployment Coverage Through Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund: The Board unanimously voted to approve the payment to renew unemployment coverage through Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

9. Consider Approval of Payment to Renew Workers' Compensation Coverage Through Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund: The Board unanimously approved the payment to renew Workers' Compensation coverage through Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

10. Consider Approval of Proposed Salary Schedules, Part-time Classification and Compensation Schedule, Adjunct and Overload Pay, and Program Coordinator/ Director and Division Director Stipends to be Effective September 1, 2026: The Board unanimously approved the proposed salary schedules, part-time classification and compensation schedule, adjunct and overload pay, and Program Coordinator/Director and Division Director stipends to be effective September 1, 2026. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

11. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Regular Board Meeting Dates: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. The proposed board meeting dates for 2026-2027 are on page 89 of the board books. There are two dates with astrics beside them that have been moved from the second Wednesday of the month due to the ACCT National Legislative Summitt and Spring Break.

    Mr. Hughes moved to approve the fiscal year 2026-27 Regular Board meeting dates; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider Adoption of President's and Board's Goals for Fiscal Year 2026-27: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. There is an updated copy of the Board and President's goals with the board folder. These were considered at the Board Retreat in June. The only change was to add Board goal number three "to facilitate introductions for Dr. Watts to build strategic relationships throughout the community." The other goals remain the same from the retreat.

    Mr. Cantini moved to adopt the President's and Board's goals for fiscal year 2026-27; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss and Make Board Committee Appointments for 2026-2028 Term: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. Chair Sunseri has contacted our Regents for the committee appointments for 2026-2028, and they will be effective upon adoption after this meeting.

    Ms. Sunseri moved to approve the Board committee appointments for 2026-2028; Mr. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider Acceptance of Faculty Resignations: The Board unanimously accepted the faculty resignations of Tenora Charles and Liz Lacy. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

X. SPECIAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

1. Student Representative: Ms. Alyssa Berry, SGA President gave the SGA report. She introduced Lexyanna Wilson, Vice President, River Crummett-Jennings, Secretary and Maria Montoya, Social Media Specialist. She shared that the student activities quest will now be online. Students will receive an alert on their phone when they earn enough points to receive a prize. Students can submit songs to Rip's Jams playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be used at student events. Intramural Sports will include volleyball on Mondays from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., basketball on Wednesdays from 4 pm. to 6 p.m., and flag football from 4p.m. – 6 p.m. on 9/8, 10/13, 11/10 & 12/8.

   Upcoming Events:
   - 8/27/26 – Banana Split Day
   - 9/19/26 – Softball Tailgate
   - 9/22/26 – Fall Into Credit Momentum
   - 10/15/26 – Fiesta
   - 10/24/26 – Boo Fest Parade
   - 10/28/26 – Fall Fest
   - 11/10/26 – Bites Around the World
   - 1/25/27 – Game Night
   - 1/30/27 – Mardi Gras Parade
   - 2/9/27 – Fat Tuesday Parade
   - 3/23/27 – Easter Egg Hunt
   - 4/9/27 – Whitecaps Ball
   - Island Fest – TBD
   - Luck of the Island Parade – TBD
   - Baseball Tailgate - TBD

2. Faculty Representative: Dr. Janene Davison introduced Mr. Daniel Alcantar who presented on the Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program. He

played a video for the Board that gave an overview of the Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program and what it means to the region and college.

3. President: Dr. Watts stated that there is a Student Activities list of events, and the Dates to Remember sheet in the board folder. She also shared that it was student move in day and she was fortunate to go over and meet some of our students and their parents. There is a lot of excitement on campus. Other updates included:

- The enrollment number prior to coming into the meeting was 2,202 students. She thanked Mr. Crumedy, the Student Services Team and everyone across campus for all of their hard work. Classes start on Monday, and we are excited to have all of our students back.
- The Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) is due to the Legislative Budget Board on Friday. Jeff and everyone in the Business Office has been working very hard on getting it ready to be submitted. There is an item from TACC for a supplemental request for our outcomes-based funding. In addition, we are putting in an exceptional item request for shipfitting and metal fabrication. Thank you to all the teams, Dr. Matthews and all of our teams that came together to make that request.
- We had General Assembly on Monday. Thank you to all the Regents that were able to attend, and all the faculty and staff that were there. There was a lot of energy in the room, and it was a great way to kick start our fall semester.

4. Regents: There were no Regent reports.

5. Chairperson: Mr. Raschke welcomed Dr. Watts as our new President and added that he wanted her to know that the Board is here to support her. He thanked everyone in the audience for giving our students every chance to succeed and that the Board cannot happen without all of you.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Michael B. Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

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Carolyn L. Sunseri, Chairperson

Consideration of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organization process for meetings that allows the governing board to focus its time and attention on action items that require more elaboration, information, and/or discussion. The intent of the consent agenda is to support efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

A roll call of individual action items will determine the consent agenda. If a Regent has a question or plans to cast a negative vote regarding a specific recommendation, then the Regent(s) need to acknowledge their intention to the Chairperson by show of hand during the roll call. This action item will be considered in the regular order of business as an individual action item.

Those action items that the Regents plan to approve without further question or discussion will be placed on the consent agenda during roll call of individual action items. Upon the creation of the consent agenda, a motion, a second to the motion, and unanimous approval of the Board of Regents is needed to approve the action items. Upon approval of the consent agenda, the Board of Regents will proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

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