**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**
**October 14, 2026**
**5:30 p.m.**

At the Regular Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, October 14, 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 - Excused
Mr. Michael B. Hughes, Secretary
Mr. Garrik Addison
Mr. Armin Cantini
Ms. Karen Flowers
Dr. Norman Hoffman
Mr. Raymond Lewis, Jr.
Ms. Mary R. Longoria

Faculty and staff present included Dr. Tracee L. Watts, President, Dr. Carmen Allen, Mr. Deon Botha, Mr. Ron Crumedy, Dr. Don Davison, Dr. Janene Davison, Ms. Erika De Leon, Dr. Dainel Fink, Ms. Valerie Guidry, Mr. Floyd Holder, Ms. Nicole Levy, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Ms. Hong Mai, Ms. LT Rivera, Mr. Ed Chrnko Salas, Ms. Rayssa Salinas, Dr. Elvia Segura, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

**I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Sunseri 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:** Ms. Sunseri began with a moment of silence and asked Mr. Addison 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 October 8, 2026.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Galveston City Councilmember Jeff Taylor was in attendance.

**V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026:** A reading of the minutes was waived. Mr. Hughes moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2026; Ms. Flowers 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. Mr. Deon Botha, Director of Advising and Counseling, presented on the Counseling and Advising Office. He presented the Mission Statement and shared about the Student-Centered and Credit Momentum Approach of the Division. He also talked about the various flexible and convenient ways that the division has to help students. Takeaways included that Advising and Counseling is available and accessible to our students, all students received effective support within their designated pathways, and students are satisfied with the quality and effectiveness or our services.

2. Unaudited Year-end Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2025-2026: Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Comptroller/CFO, presented the unaudited year-end financial reports for Fiscal Year 2025-26. With 100 percent of the year completed, revenues were $33,041,562, or 104.9 percent of the revenue budget. State funds were 5,245,994 or 99.5 percent of the budget. Tuition and fees were $6,894,509 or 122.8 percent of the budget. Local Revenue was $1,456,054 or 115.5 percent of the budget. Local taxes ended at 100.4 percent. Total expenses were $29,623,750 or 94 percent of the budget, compared to 91.2 percent last year.

3. Monthly Financial Reports –September: Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Comptroller/CFO, presented the financial report for the month of September. With 8.4 percent of the year completed, income generated was $3,302,273 or 9.8 percent of the fiscal year 2026-27 revenue budget compared to 10.4 percent this time last year. State funds for September are $0.00 or 0 percent of the budget, based on the change in how state funds are now distributed. Tuition and fees were $3,123,946 or 49.7 percent of the budget compared to 55.1percent last year. Local taxes are $77,971 or 0.4 percent of the budget compared to 0.3 percent last year. Local Revenue is $100,356 or 7.8 percent of the budget, compared to 8.8 percent last year. He reported that total expenses are $3,439,333 or 10.2 percent of the expenditure budget, compared to 9.7 percent last year.

4. Notice to the Board of Regents that the Instructional Resource Provider Elsevier will Exceed $100,000 during the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. By State Law we are required to notify the Board when we exceed $100,00 with any one vendor. Elsevier is a sole source provider for our vocational and registered nursing programs. We have already spent the dollars for

the fall semester, and more expenses are expected in the spring. This item serves as notice to the Board that the College anticipates exceeding $100,000 during the 2026-27 fiscal year.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:** Ms. Sunseri proceeded with the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Items No. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8; Ms. Longoria 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 Purchase of Real Property: Mr. Michael B. 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.

   It is the Committee's recommendation, and Mr. Hughes moved to allow the President to negotiate with the parties regarding the purchase of real property, to purchase property, and to sign all documents; Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of Information Technology Listed Preferred Vendors for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year, Which Are Anticipated to Have Goods and/or Services Purchased in an Amount Greater Than $100,000: The Board unanimously approved the Information Technology Listed Preferred Vendors for the 2026-2027 fiscal year which are anticipated to have goods and/or services purchased in an amount greater than $100,000. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

3. Consider Adoption of Resolution Observing October 14, 2026, as Texas Education Human Resources Day: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. The Governor of the State of Texas has declared October 14, 2026, as Texas Education Human Resources Day. Dr. Watts thanked Erika, Joyce, Tia, and Kennidy for their contributions to the College.

   Mr. Hughes moved to adopt the resolution observing October 14, 2026, as Texas Education Human Resources Day; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase Desktop Computers for Computer Lab Refresh: The Board approved the proposal to purchase desktop computers for the computer lab refresh. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

5. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase Equipment and Installation Services for Classroom Webcam Refresh: The Board unanimously approved the purchase of

equipment and installation services for the classroom webcam refresh. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

6. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase Components for the College's Datacenter: The Board unanimously approved the proposal to purchase components for the College's datacenter. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

7. Consider Acceptance of Equipment and Supplies in Support of the Allied Health Nursing Programs: Dr. Watts presented this item to the Board. The College has received a generous donation from UTMB in the amount of $300,000. This is for various non-capital equipment and supplies that they are no longer able to use at their facility. They are in-kind gifting those supplies to Galveston College. If accepted tonight, we will work on a press release thanking UTMB for the gift.

   Ms. Flowers moved to accept the in-kind gift from UTMB; Ms. Longoria seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider Ratifying Appointment of Full-time Instructors: The Board unanimously ratified the appointment of Scott Peters Program Director of Law Enforcement, and Karen Alsept, Program Director of HVAC-R. 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. The following student activities were held:
   - Fall Club Fair – 50 participants
   - Voter Registration – 50+ participants
   - Primetime Bowling Night – 32 participants
   - Whitecaps Day – 300 participants
   - Softball Tailgate – 26 participants
   - Fall Into Momentum – 65 participants
   - September of Support – 7 participants
   - Finals Fuel – 71 participants
   - Primetime Movie Night – 47 participants

2. Faculty Representative: Dr. Janene Davison introduced Ms. Rayssa Salinas who presented on the CT Program. Her presentation gave an overview of the program, including student success with a pass rate and average pass rate that is higher than the national average. Ms. Salinas shared student success stories about how the CT program has positively changed students' lives.

3. President: Dr. Watts pointed out the Dates to Remember Sheet that was in the Board folders. Other updates included:

- Enrollment is at 2,801 students, which is a three percent increase over fall of 2025. One thousand thirty-three of those are dual credit which is 37 percent of enrollment.
- Fall B semester began on October 12th.
- The auditors will start on Monday and will be here for two weeks. Thank you to the Business Office team for their efforts
- As part of the newly created Office of the Ombudsman through THECB, the College has been notified of a TEOG Grant desk review that will take place in Spring/Summer 2027.
- Dr. Watts recognized both Dr. Matthews and Dr. Allen for their service on separate onsite committees for SACSCOC. Their work is valuable not only for seeing what other schools are doing, but also for keeping us informed and up to date on accreditation principles.
- Effective September 1, 2026, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) changed its name to The Commission on Colleges and Universities. This name change does not affect the accreditation status of member institutions, and we will continue to be accredited under the SACSCOC umbrella.
- Ron has agreed to serve as Dr. Watts' proxy for the upcoming Food Summit hosted by the Blue Zones Project. The President and several Board members will be at ACCT. Dr. Watts is thankful that Ron can attend.
- Dr. Matthews has been asked to serve on two upcoming panels focused on workforce development and shipbuilding – these are at the GEDP Economic Summit and the Build Freedom Summit
- Dr. Watts is honored to serve as a moderator for a panel at the GEDP Economic Summit facilitating a discussion between A&M Galveston, Col, Fossum, and UTMB President, Dr. Reiser – The Lone Star Showdown.
- The Galveston College Foundation held its first Board Retreat this past Friday. Dr. Watts was glad to participate along with Chair Sunseri and the Foundation Board. The 5-hour retreat started with a student panel, and she provided an update on the College's strategic plan and a look ahead.
- The Foundation is launching the Discovery Series, which is a 12-month storytelling initiative that will highlight different areas of the college. We will share the series with the Board when it launches.
- Galveston College has been selected to participate in the Caring Campus Initiative. It is through the Institute of Evidence-Based Change. It is a

strategy behind bringing different behaviors to campus that help students feel like they belong on campus. Dr. Tee Murray will be leading and launching the staff initiative. In the spring semester Dr. Janene Davison will lead the faculty initiative.

- There is a lot of work being done to prepare for the legislative session. There is testimony to the TACC happening and to the various Higher Education and Budget Appropriation committees. We are seeing some additional runs of the funding model coming out. TACC has submitted a supplemental appropriations request to fully fund all of the outcomes that all of the community colleges have met, and a request to fully fund community colleges into the next biennium. We have a lot of advocacy to do with all of our legislators.

4. Regents: Mr. Lewis shared that he, Dr. Watts, and Breanne Lorefice attended the CCATT Annual Meeting. This is the second time that they have offered sessions for Board support staff. This was largest attendance at any CCATT conference. Baytown was a great host and it was a very informative meeting. There were 17 sponsors, and lots of discussion was had about Credentials of Value. That is something that the Board needs to pay a lot of attention to moving forward. We are going to need to be monitoring our courses that assure that our students graduate within six years and can make a certain income. That is going to depend on how we monitor our courses and track our graduates. Legislative priorities were also a big topic. Supplemental appropriations, and outcomes-based funding. Local board authority was also discussed. Some of the takeaways for me were about this next legislative session and the discussion about reducing property taxes and that is something we need to watch. Campaign talk about datacenters and how that will effect the tax base. Mr. Lewis also attended the Chairs Council meeting, there is an upcoming webinar for Chairs, and then a database for Chairs to be able to communicate and reach out to other Chairs. It was a very good conference.

   Dr. Watts provided the Board additional information about Credentials of Value.

5. Chairperson: Ms. Sunseri shared that she attended the Foundation Board Retreat and there was great discussion. Dr. Watts led the panel with the students, and to hear their stories and why they are at Galveston College and what they are going to do with their certificates and/or degrees, was really heartwarming to hear. They wanted to share those stories and thank us for the opportunities that they had through Galveston College. There was a student from Culinary, Logistics, Nursing, General Studies, and one that is going to graduating from our Bachelor of Business Program. The Foundation Board encouraged them to be ambassadors in the community and share their stories. She congratulated faculty members who received Galveston Daily News Readers' Choice awards, Dr. Julia Ramirez and Dr. Hank Deslaurier, and shared that Galveston College won best College for the 7th year in a row. Congratulations to all of you.
   Ms. Sunseri attended the wellness fair, and she plans to attend the Fiesta and Fall Fest events coming up.

She offered kudos to everyone for the record enrollments with all of our students in dual credit. She wants us to really concentrate on not just the dual credit students, but those other students and get them moving towards their credentials of value.
She is looking forward to attending the ACCT Conference next week. She shared that she always gets a lot out of those meetings and being able to visit with the Regents and Trustees from around the country and sharing our stories. It is refreshing to see that we are ahead of a lot of the colleges, in the technical and community college area. She continued by adding that Ms. Longoria will be our voting delegate at the ACCT conference, Mr. Cantini is our alternate and Mr. Lewis is going to be a voting teller at the Senate and western region meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:28 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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