

**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
February 18, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

At the Regular Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, February 18, 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
Mr. Armin Cantini
Ms. Karen Flowers
Dr. Norman Hoffman
Mr. Raymond Lewis, Jr.
Ms. Mary R. Longoria

Faculty and staff present included Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President, Mr. Daniel Alcantar, Mr. Tyree Bearden, Dr. Conrad Breitbach, Mr. Ed Chrnko, Mr. Ron Crumedy, Mr. Jeff Engbrock, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Mr. Scott Miles, Dr. Van Patterson, Ms. LT Rivera, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Sunseri opened the Regular 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 Mr. Lewis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that the notice of the Regular Meeting had been properly posted on February 12, 2026.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** There were no guests in attendance.
- V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026::** A reading of the minutes was waived. Mr. Raschke moved to

approve the minutes as published; Mr. Hughes 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. Shelton introduced this agenda item and Dr. Cissy Matthews, Vice President of Instruction, who presented on the fall transition to 8-week courses. The college transitioned many courses from 16-week to 8-week formats, maintaining learning outcomes and assessment rigor. Success metrics were established based on a three-year baseline, showing improvements in core success rates, course withdrawal rates, full-time enrollment percentages, and average GPA. Specifically, core success rates increased from a baseline of 79.7% to an average of 85.3%, withdrawal rates decreased to 5.8%, full-time enrollment rose to 38.2%, and average GPA reached 2.92. Continuous monitoring and adjustments are planned to further improve student outcomes and graduation rates.
2. Monthly Financial Reports –January: Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Comptroller/CFO, presented the financial report for the month of January. With 42 percent of the year completed, income generated was \$22,917,365 or 72.7 percent of the fiscal year 2025-26 revenue budget compared to 73.8 percent this time last year. State funds for January are \$2,662,968 or 50.5 percent of the budget, based on the change in how state funds are now distributed. Tuition and fees were \$5,616,300 or 103.2 percent of the budget compared to 93.6 percent last year. Local taxes are \$19,356, 251 or 71.9 percent of the budget compared to 76.6 percent last year. Local Revenue is \$1,268,100 or 42.6 percent of the budget, compared to 46.5 percent last year. He reported that total expenses are \$31,511,200 or 37.7 percent of the expenditure budget, compared to 36.6 percent last year.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Sunseri proceeded with the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Items No. 2,3,4,5,6,7,9 and 10; 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) Project: 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

Health Sciences Education Center. The Committee did not take any action on this item.

2. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase New Furniture for the New Seibel Housing Units: The Board unanimously approved the proposal to purchase new furniture for the Seibel Housing Units. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
3. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase New Furniture for N-303 Physics Laboratory: The board unanimously approved the purchase of new furniture for the Physics Laboratory in room N-303. This item was passed in the consent agenda.
4. Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase Classroom Tables for the Applied Technology Center: The Board unanimously approved the proposal to purchase classroom tables for the Applied Technology Center. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
5. Consider Ratifying Acceptance of Increase in U.S. Department of Education 2025-26 Federal Grant Award – (Perkins) Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants: The Board unanimously ratified acceptance of the increase in the U.S. Department of Education 2026-26 Federal Grant Award – (Perkins) Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
6. Consider Acceptance of Grant from the Permanent Endowment Fund for Grant Writing Services: The Board unanimously accepted the grant from the Permanent Endowment Fund for grant writing services. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
7. Consider Approval of Membership Agreement Authorizing Participation in 1GPA National Purchasing Cooperative: The Board unanimously approved the agreement authorizing participation in the 1GPA National Purchasing Cooperative. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
8. Consider Approval of Proposal from Hanover Research for Enrollment Management Research and Consulting: Dr. Shelton presented this item to the Board. Several years ago the College took part in a marketing survey and it changed the College's marketing strategy. With the Houston Endowment, we have received funds to do a new marketing survey. We hope that it will help inform us for the next Houston endowment grant, because it will tell us how to help our students.

Dr. Mathews continued by giving an overview of what Hanover Research will help the College identify. The purpose of the Houston Endowment is to help the College get our students to graduation. Hanover Research will help us from the outside, looking in. They will look at students that are registering, and if we are losing them somewhere in the process, and they will look at the website from a student's point

of view. That will help guide our planning for the next Houston Endowment Grant proposal.

Some discussion was had on the options in pricing. The funding source is the Houston Endowment. There was additional discussion on what has been spent out of the Houston Endowment Grant so far.

Mr. Raschke moved to approve the proposal in the amount of \$109,500 from Hanover Research for Enrollment Management Research and Consulting; Ms. Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider Acceptance of Funds in Support of the 2026 Women In Industry Conference: The Board unanimously accepted the funds from Chevron Phillips in Support of the 2026 Women In Industry Conference. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.
10. Consider Approval of Proposal for Fiber Cabling, Network Connectivity, and Video Surveillance for Student Houses located on the West and South Sides of Campus: The Board unanimously approved the proposal for fiber cabling, network connectivity, and video surveillance for the student houses located on the west and south sides of campus. This item was passed in the Consent Agenda.

X. SPECIAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

1. Student Representative: Ms. Mariana Hernandez Lima presented this item to the Board. The following updates were shared:

Events since the last Board meeting:

- January 15th, Bagel Day – 65 students attended
- January 22, Self Defense Seminar – 21 students attended
- January 27, Movie Night – 13 students attended
- January 28, Out of this World Club Fair – 40 students attended
- February 5, Rhythm and Roots – 60 students attended
- February 7, Mardi Gras Parade
- February 9, National Pizza Day – 97 students attended
- February 11, DIY Valentines – 38 students attended
- February 17, Fat Tuesday Parade

Upcoming Events:

- February 19 – Movie on the Lawn – Black Panther on the Seibel Lawn
- February 26 – Karaoke Night at the ATC from 1p.m.-2 p.m., and 4 p.m. -5 p.m. on the main campus
- February 28 – Baseball Tailgate from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Other Updates include:

- The Quest has been going great. Students have had them in classrooms and clubs.
 - Ms. Rivera shared that she has a new student engaged and attending events.
2. Faculty Representative: Mr. Tyree Bearden shared an invitation to the Board from Mr. James Love. NC 3 is having a national signing day on April 16th from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. in the Seibel Wing. Dual Credit welding will be at the signing event. He introduced Mr. Scott Miles the EMS program director who presented on the EMS Education Program. Mr. Miles emphasized the program's mission to train emergency medical technicians, advanced EMTs, and paramedics. The program boasts a 100% employment rate for graduates. Challenges include meeting certification pass rate goals and addressing clinical placement issues. The starting salaries for EMTs and paramedics were discussed, highlighting strong workforce demand.
3. President: Dr. Shelton stated the Dates to Remember sheet is in the folders. The Board has also been given the baseball and softball schedules. The softball team in 10 and 0. The Women In Industry Conference is coming up on March 5th.

Other updates included:

- April 21st and 22nd is our new Dinner Theater Event. The Culinary Department and Theater Department are working together to put that on. It is a fundraising event.
- There is a one-page document in the Board folders on the Pell Grant. It includes changes to the Pell Grant.
- Staff is working on three new grants, the Houston Endowment Grant for this year and next year, and a Department of Labor Youth Build Grant. It is a five-year grant of about \$300,000. The College has also requested a special appropriation from the Federal Government to see if we can jumpstart and expand the new shipfitting program.
- April 1, 2026 there is a new ADA standard for our website. Every page on our website has to be compliant. Marketing and Communications is working on that project.

Facilities updates:

- We are waiting for permits for new student housing.
 - We are still working though punch list items for the HSEC.
4. Regents: There were no Regent reports.
5. Chairperson: Ms. Sunseri expressed her gratitude to the faculty and staff that manned the booths at the Rotary Chili Supper, sharing information about Galveston College. She added that the Presidential Search Committee is working hard to get through the substantial number of applications that were received. There were 99 applications. The next meeting is on March 3rd. She also shared

that a retirement party will be held for Dr. Shelton on Saturday, June 13th at Moody Gardens.

The Board discussed the tentative retreat date of June 25th. We are working to find a space but should have that confirmed soon.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Michael B. Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

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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