

Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Wharton County Junior College

A Board Retreat of the Board of Trustees of Wharton County Junior College was held Monday, June 6, 2022, beginning at 1:00 PM in the Library Symposium. Mrs. Rod presided.

Trustees Present: Mrs. Amy Rod, Chair; Mrs. Ann Hundl, Vice Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Meyer, Secretary; Mr. Danny Gertson; Dr. Bret Macha, Mr. J. Paul Pope, Mr. Larry Sitka and Dr. Sue Zanne Williamson Urbis

Trustees absent: Dr. Priscilla Metcalf

Others Present: Ms. Betty McCrohan, President; Dr. Amanda Allen, Vice President of Strategy, Enrollment Management, and Technology; Mrs. Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction; Mr. Bryce Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services; Mrs. Sheryl Rhodes, Administrative Assistant; and Mr. Kevin Dees

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

-Mrs. Rod called the meeting to order.

II. Opening Comments from Board Chair

-Mrs. Rod welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

III. Board Training

-Mrs. Rod informed the group of the statutory requirements for mandatory training and requested that board members complete training by August 16, 2022.

-Ms. McCrohan informed the group that new board members have a ninety (90) day window to complete their training and she is required to report completion of such training to the Coordinating Board, as well as the state.

-Mrs. Rod recommended that the Board schedule a pre-Board workshop with the College attorney for additional training and legislative updates. She also asked board members to submit any questions that they may have for the attorney to her prior to the training.

IV. Board Bylaws Review

-Dr. Williamson Urbis reported that she did not receive any changes and/or additions to the proposed bylaws. The Bylaws will be presented at the June Board of Trustees meeting for approval.

V. A Vision for WCJC Campus Infrastructure in 2030

-Mr. Pope reported on the Vision for WCJC Campus Infrastructure in 2030 and discussed proposed outcomes for each campus.

Bay City-Meet with Bay City businesses to build relationships. President McCrohan stated that the College may need to hire an individual housed in Bay City who is focused on representing the College with businesses in Matagorda County. Mr. Pope requested that President McCrohan provide a presentation to the Board regarding how that person would be utilized.

Sugar Land-Maintain our strong relationship with the University of Houston and continue with our lease of Brazos Hall, thereby preserving our current campus structure in Sugar Land.

Wharton-Develop a “one stop” shop for student services on the Wharton campus. A presentation of a plan for updates to the Wharton campus was requested.

VI. Campus Expansion Plan for the Richmond Campus

-Dr. Allen presented and discussed the Richmond campus expansion plan. There was a consensus within the group to move forward on the Richmond Campus expansion. The plan will be presented at the June Board of Trustees meeting for approval.

ACTION PLAN: Create talking points regarding the Richmond campus expansion that can be used by all board members to ensure consistent messaging when asked about the plan by external constituents.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Board Secretary