

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
4015 Avenue Q
Galveston, Texas 77550
Room M-202 – Moody Hall
January 15, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

At the Board of Regents Finance Committee Meeting of the Galveston Community College District, duly held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in Room M-202 of Moody Hall, commencing at 4:00 p.m., the following Finance Committee members were present: Mr. Fred D. Raschke, Chairperson, Mr. Garrik Addison (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Mr. Armin Cantini and Mr. Mike Hughes. Ms. Mary Longoria was excused. Other Regents attending all or part of the meeting were: Ms. Karen F. Flowers, Dr. Norman Hoffman, Mr. Raymond Lewis, Jr. (attended virtually) and Ms. Carolyn L. Sunseri.

Staff present included Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President, Dr. Conrad Breitbach, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, and Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock. Also present were Ms. Ana Gallardo and Mr. Arif Wakani with Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI), LLC.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Fred D. Raschke opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Room M-202 of Moody Hall and determined a quorum was present.
- II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that the notice of the Finance Committee meeting had been properly posted on January 10, 2025.
- III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024 MEETING:** A reading of the minutes for the January 10, 2024 meeting was waived. Mr. Hughes moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Cantini seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. CITIZENS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no citizens present desiring to appear before the Committee.
- V. REVIEW AND DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023, AND REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS LETTER:** Board members received copies of the preliminary draft Financial Statements and Single Audit Reports for the Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the Required Communications for review with the auditors. Ms. Ana Gallardo, the College's lead auditor, reviewed the Required Communications letter for the Committee. Ms. Gallardo introduced Mr. Arif Wakani who summarized the audit results. Mr. Wakani stated that there was nothing new this year, it was a standard year, and will look the same as last year.

V. REVIEW AND DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023, AND REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS LETTER: *(Continued)*

Mr. Wakani went over the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. There were no material weaknesses identified, and no significant deficiencies identified on the financial statements. No compliances related to the financial statements. The Federal Awards that were audited also had no control weaknesses, material weakness identified, and no significant deficiencies identified, and the auditors had an unmodified opinion. He continued by going over the Statement of Net Position, Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Schedule and the details of any changes from the previous year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED MEETING IN ROOM M-220: Mr. Raschke noted that the Finance Committee, as authorized by Government Code, Section 551, reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting under the following provision of the Act: Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to evaluate staff relating to the audit. The Committee adjourned to the closed meeting in Room M-202 at 4:16 p.m.

VII. RECONVENE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (OPEN MEETING) IN ROOM M-220: Chairperson Raschke reconvened the Finance Committee Meeting (Open Meeting) at 4:21 p.m. in Room M-202.

VIII. DETERMINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF REGENTS REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023, AND REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS LETTER: After review and discussion of the financial audit, Mr. Hughes moved to recommend to the Board of Regents the acceptance of the Financial Statements and Single Audit Reports for the Years Ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the Required Communications Letter; Mr. Cantini seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND CONSIDER INVESTMENT STRATEGY: Dr. Shelton reviewed the current investment policy with the Committee. There are no recommendations for a change in policy; however, staff wanted to prepare the Committee, if in the future, the college needs to look at longer term investments.

General discussion was had on the changes that could happen as a result of our new funding models, and market changes that affect TRS. Some discussion was also had on the investment pools that the College currently invests in.

X. DETERMINE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON INVESTMENT STRATEGY: The Committee had no recommendation for the board, and did not take action on this item.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Breanne Lorefice, Clerk

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

Fred D. Raschke, Chairperson