

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
4015 Avenue Q  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
Room M-220 – Moody Hall  
August 20, 2025  
8:00 a.m.**

At the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, in Room M-220 of Moody Hall, commencing at 8:00 a.m., the following Regents were present:

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

Faculty and staff present included Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President, Mr. Ed Chrnko, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Dr. Cissy Matthews.

- I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND THE PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE:** Chairperson Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 8:01 a.m. in Room M-220 of Moody Hall and determined a quorum was present.
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Flowers began with a moment of silence and asked Ms. Longoria to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLISHING AND POSTING NOTICES OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that a notice of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget had been published in *The Daily News* on August 7, 2025, and posted on the Galveston College website on August 7, 2025, and the agenda for the meeting was posted on August 15, 2025. A notice of the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate was published on August 15, 2025, in *The Daily News* and posted on the Galveston College website August 15, 2025.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** There were no individuals recognized as guests attending the meeting.
- V. PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND THE PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE:** Dr. Shelton presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The proposed budget is \$31,511,200, a 3.89 percent increase

over the prior year. Tuition and fees are adjusted based on enrollment changes. State Appropriations increased slightly. Tax revenue expected is 18.9 million. The proposed budget does include salary recommendations for faculty and staff based on the compensation study and a few personnel changes. The contracted services contracts have increased.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.1194/\$100 of taxable value. In discussion with the tax office, everything that we know of as of today is accounted for and this amount will generate enough tax revenue to support the budget. Those amounts still under review, could alter total revenue at a future date, but everything we know of today fits within this framework.

- VI. CITIZENS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED TAX RATE:** There were no citizens present and desiring to appear before the Board on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate.
- VII. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** The public hearing was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.
- VIII. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING:** Chairperson Flowers opened the Special Meeting at 8:05 a.m. in Room M-220 of Moody Hall. A quorum was present.
- IX. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that the notice of the Special Meeting had been properly posted on August 15, 2024.
- X. ACTION ITEMS:**
1. Consider Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26: Ms. Sunseri moved to approve the budget for fiscal year 2025-26 as presented; Ms. Longoria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  2. Consider Adoption of Resolution Levying 2025 Property Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations of the Galveston Community College District: A resolution providing for the levying of the tax rate for 2025 was presented for adoption. Mr. Raschke moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.1194 per \$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a .43 percent increase in the tax rate. He further moved that the Board adopt the resolution levying the College's 2025 property tax rate for maintenance and operations as presented; Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- XI. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

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Michael B. Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

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Karen F. Flowers, Chairperson