



## **LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOARD OF REGENTS OF LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT TO GIVE COMMENDATION, SPECIAL TRIBUTE, DUE HONOR AND RECOGNITION AND TO BESTOW THE TITLE OF BOARD OF REGENT EMERITUS ON SUSAN MOORE-FONTENOT**

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot has been a long-term supporter of Lee College and served as a dedicated and valued member of the Lee College Board of Regents from her election in May 1988 through her retirement in May 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot served in every leadership role with the Lee College Board of Regents, including serving as Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, as well as Chair of the Board Policy Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot served as a member of various Presidential Search Committees beginning with the retirement of Dr. Vivian Blevins and the hiring of Dr. Jackson Sasser (1992), Dr. Martha Ellis (2002), Dr. Michael Murphy (2008), and Dr. Dennis Brown (2012). In 2019, Ms. Moore-Fontenot was appointed by the Lee College Board of Regents as the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and led the college and community in the hiring of our current president, Dr. Lynda Villanueva (2020); and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot has been a longtime supporter and donor of the Lee College Foundation since 1988 and established a student scholarship in her name; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot has been an advocate for the access, success, and completion of all students enrolled at Lee College, and along with the Board and College leadership, the College aggressively participated in student success initiatives such as Achieving the Dream and the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways

Project which transformed the College's focus and investment in student success including the strategic allocation of tuition revenue and other resources to enhance such work; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot was instrumental in the Board of Regents' committees that worked on various General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds between her first General Obligation Bond in 1989 to the most recent Revenue Bond in 2018. These bonds have afforded the College to create state-of-the-art academic, workforce training, and student support facilities, to include the McNair Center, the Sports Arena, the Performing Arts Center, and the complete renovation of Rundell Hall, as well as many infrastructure improvements around campus, enabling the College to continue to grow and serve the increasing number of students who enroll each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot, along with the Board of Regents, was instrumental in initiating and implementing the performance evaluation process used to evaluate the performance of the Lee College president; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot provided extraordinary leadership on the state level while serving as Chair Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair on the Board of Directors of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT), and served as past chair of the CCATT Resource Development and Sustainability Committee, and past chair of the CCATT Trustee Education Committee, in an effort to advance the mission of Lee College, as well as the 50 community colleges in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot served on the national level in an at-large position on the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board of Directors, supporting nearly 1,200 community colleges across the nation. Ms. Moore-Fontenot also served on the ACCT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, the ACCT Member Communications and Education Committee, and the ACCT Constitution and Bylaws Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot retired after serving 38 years in public school administration and 15 years as an adjunct professor at two community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot attended Lee College prior to graduating magna cum laude from Sam Houston State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and continued on to earn a master's degree in educational supervision from Lamar University; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot's community service includes leadership roles with Pilot Club of Baytown, Baytown Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Education Foundation, and Houston Methodist Women's Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot is a 36-year member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, serves on the Deaconess Board, the Women's Guild, Seniors' Ministry, and the Courtesy Corps. She volunteers with the League of Women Voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Moore-Fontenot is the proud mother of one son, Brian, and the new bride of David Rupert Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lee College Board of Regents and Administration expresses its sincere appreciation to Susan Moore-Fontenot for her many years of dedicated and valuable service to Lee College, its students, faculty and staff, and the communities in the region; now, therefore,

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEE COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS*** that Commendation, Special Tribute, Due Honor and Recognition, is hereby given to Susan Moore-Fontenot for her 37 years of service to postsecondary education and is hereby designated as ***Board of Regent Emeritus of Lee College District***, Harris County, Texas.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Lee College District to be affixed hereto, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on June 25, 2025.

ATTEST:

***LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT***

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Chairman, Board of Regents

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Secretary, Board of Regents

**APPROVED:**

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Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President  
Lee College District