

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP / SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
4015 Avenue Q
Galveston, Texas 77550
Room M-220 – Moody Hall
August 6, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

At the Board Budget Workshop / Special Meeting of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents, duly held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 in Room M-220 of Moody Hall, commencing at 5:30 p.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
Mr. Armin Cantini (excused)
Dr. Norman Hoffman (excused)
Mr. Raymond Lewis (attended virtually)
Ms. Mary R. Longoria
Ms. Carolyn L. Sunseri (attended virtually)

Faculty and staff present for all or part of the meeting included Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President, Mr. Ed Chrnko, Mr. M. Jeff Engbrock, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Dr. Cissy Matthews, and Dr. Van Patterson.

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Chairperson Flowers opened the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting at 5:32 p.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 Mr. Raschke to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that the notice of the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting had been properly posted on July 31, 2025.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** There were no guests present at the meeting.
- V. CITIZENS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no citizens desiring to appear before the Board.
- VI. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 INCLUDING PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2025:** Dr. Shelton presented this item to the Board. Dr. Shelton stated that the bottom line of the budget, the \$31,511,200 has not

changed since presented at the June Budget Workshop, but state appropriations numbers have been received since the Board Retreat and the tax numbers have been received. Dr. Shelton reviewed the items that have changed since the Board Retreat and Budget Workshop. He reviewed state appropriations and the dynamic funding.

Dr. Shelton reviewed the proposed tax rate. The new proposed rate is \$0.1194/ \$100. The No New Tax Rate is \$0.118883/\$100, the Voter Approved Tax Rate is \$0.128781/\$100.

Discussion was had on if there was room in the budget to get to the no new tax rate. Dr. Shelton said that they could reduce the contingency and tax revenue by \$81,563 if the Board wanted to do that. He added that there have been some reductions in the contingency for salary adjustments for faculty and staff that earned degrees. The expense fund and other funds have remained unchanged since the last budget study session.

Dr. Shelton reviewed ways that the tax burden has been lowered in this budget. Some discussion was had over the surplus in the budget over the last few years. This year that money was used to fund the physical plant renovations, the black box theater, and student success center. This next year, we will spend additional funds to build the new student housing. Dr. Shelton added that the College has been prudent financial stewards in maintaining adequate reserves in the event of any catastrophe that could happen as a result of a hurricane.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider Adoption of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26:

Mr. Lewis moved to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; Ms. Longoria seconded. Mr. Addison proposed an alternate motion.

Mr. Addison moved to amend the budget to reduce the proposed Ad Valorem budget of 18.8 million by \$81,563 and then reduce the general institutional contingency by the same amount; Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-5, Ms. Flowers, Mr. Raschke, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Longoria, and Ms. Sunseri dissented.

Mr. Lewis moved to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; Ms. Longoria seconded. The motion passed 6-1, Mr. Addison dissented.

2. Consider Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate for 2025 Following Submission of 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll: Dr. Shelton presented this item to the Board. He stated that the Board has a copy of the certified rolls. The proposed tax rate to fund the budget is \$0.119400/ \$100 of taxable property value for the 2025 tax year.

Ms. Sunseri moved to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.1194/\$100 of valuation following the submission of 2025 Certified Tax Roll; Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion passed 6-1 , Mr. Addison dissented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board Budget Workshop/ Special Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Michael B. Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

Karen F. Flowers, Chairperson