

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Wharton County Junior College

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wharton County Junior College was held Tuesday, September 25, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Hutchins Memorial Board Room. Mrs. Rod presided.

Trustees Present: Mrs. Amy Rod, Vice Chair; Mrs. Ann Hundl, Secretary; Mr. Scott Glass; Mrs. Mary Ellen Martin; and Mr. Larry Sitka

Trustees Absent: Mr. Danny Gertson, Chair; Mr. Oliver Kunkel, Jr.; Mr. Jack Moses; and Mr. J. Paul Pope

Others Present: Ms. Betty McCrohan, President; Mr. Bryce Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services; Mrs. Pam Youngblood, Vice President of Technology; Mr. Dave Leenhouts, Vice President of Student Services; Dr. Amanda Allen, Vice President of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Deanna Feyen, Executive Secretary to the President; and Mr. Danny Terronez

I. Call to Order and Welcome

-Mrs. Rod called the meeting to order.

II. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

-Mrs. Rod declared a quorum.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

-Mrs. Rod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Reading of the Minutes

V. Citizens' Comments (approved by board on 5-20-99)

This is an open forum for those persons who wish to make presentations to the board and who have signed up to do so under board policy. Presentations are limited to five minutes each with a total of twenty minutes for all presentations.

During the Citizens' Comments section of the agenda, any citizen/taxpayer (that is, any member of the public, including college employees) may request to address the board in open meeting. If, however, the topic of the presentation to the board falls within one of the other policies of the college, such as the employee complaint or grievance policy or student complaint policy, the person must first go through the proper administrative channels. In such cases, the right to address the board is guaranteed after the administrative channels have been exhausted.

If any speaker's presentation contains complaints or concerns about an individual employee or officer of the district, that presentation will be conducted in executive session with the board members unless the employee or officer about whom the comments are made requests that the comments be made publicly.

These presentations are made for information purposes only. The board is required to listen to the presentations but not to discuss or act on the items presented. If the board feels the matter warrants further attention, it can be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

VI. Special Items

- A. Request to set ad valorem tax rate for the Wharton County Junior College District for the 2018 tax year

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mrs. Meyer and a second, the board voted 4 yea's and 1 nay to approve the property tax rate increase by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.14346 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 7.49% increase in the tax rate.

VII. Presentations, Awards, and/or President's Report

VIII. Student Success

IX. Reports to the Board

- A. Management Reports
B. Reports from College Governance Councils

X. **CONSENT AGENDA**

By consent of the board of trustees, the following items may be acted on in a single motion "to approve the consent agenda as presented." If, however, any trustee wishes to discuss a particular item or for any reason wishes to act on any given item separately, he or she may simply notify the board chair to remove that item or items from the consent agenda, and that item will be removed and acted on separately. A trustee may remove an item from the consent agenda for any reason, and he or she is not required to justify the removal or explain the reason for the removal.

XI. Matters Relating to General Administration

XII. Matters Relating to Academic Affairs

XIII. Matters Relating to Administrative Services

XIV. Matters Relating to Technology and Institutional Research

XV. Matters Relating to Student Services

XVI. Matters Relating to Personnel

- A. Board of Trustees
B. Office of President

- C. Office of Academic Affairs
- D. Office of Administrative Services
- E. Office of Student Services
- F. Office of Technology and Institutional Research

XVII. END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XVIII. Paid Professional Assignments

XIX. Executive Session: According to the Texas Government Code (Chapter 551, Open meetings), the Board may conduct a closed executive session for the following reasons: Consultation with attorney (551.071), deliberation regarding real property (551.072), deliberation regarding prospective gift (551.073), personnel matters (551.074), deliberation regarding security devices, or a security audit (661.076), deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (551.086).

XX. Consideration and possible action on items discussed in closed session

XXI. Discuss Matters Relating to Formal Policy

XXII. Other Business

XXIII. Adjourn

-The meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.