

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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March 17, 2020

Resource: Dr. H. Neil Matkin
District President

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval to Grant Temporary Authority to the District President to Implement Measures as Needed for the Health, Safety, and Well-being of College Students and Employees, Secure the College's Academic Integrity, and Support the On-going Operations and Workforce of the College

DISCUSSION:

In coordination with all appropriate authorities, the College has taken significant measures to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-1, which causes COVID-19 disease, within the College's service area. This is consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and disaster and public health emergency declarations issued by the state and Collin County.

The College has a valid public purpose to consider and take appropriate measures to ensure a stable workforce and to provide continued academic and workforce programming during this extraordinary period of time. To be able to respond in a timely manner to meet the changing needs of the College during the COVID-19 pandemic, the District President of Collin College requests additional authority through June 30, 2020, to take actions within the existing Board-approved budget to address business and academic continuity priorities while responding to the pandemic emergency, including to:

- Examine and ensure continuity of pay for all College employees for regularly scheduled work hours at the normal rate of pay, when it is determined that employees should not be present on campus and when neither telecommuting or working on campus are viable options;
- Authorize the modification of class schedules, academic calendars, events such as graduations, pinnings, and other gatherings, and related matters as needed to ensure the integrity and continuity of academic and workforce education programs;

- Authorize the purchase of licenses, as required, for online vendors such as Zoom, Proctor-U, Canvas, and other resources necessary to take the bulk of instruction online;
- Authorize the implementation of other academic and administrative measures clearly related to continuing operations of the College and ensure that the College may expend necessary funds in connection with the implementation of those measures;
- Modify the bond order approved at the February 25, 2020, regularly scheduled Board Meeting to include flexibility to consider and execute a “taxable” option in addition to the existing “tax-exempt” option when selling bonds if required to maximize value to the college;
- Add \$50M to the bond reimbursement resolution in the event the college chooses to postpone the transaction based on market conditions; and
- To issue certain refunds of fees or other expenses, as deemed appropriate in response to emergency declarations within Collin County and the College’s service area.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT’S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval to grant temporary authority to the District President through June 30, 2020, to implement measures as needed for the health, safety, and well-being of Collin College students and employees, secure the College’s academic integrity, and support the on-going operations and workforce of the College.

MOTION:

Motion is made that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves granting temporary authority to the District President through June 30, 2020, to implement measures needed for the health, safety, and well-being of Collin College students and employees, secure the College’s academic integrity, and support on-going operations and workforce of the College.