

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

October 1, 2015

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the HCC Administration Building, Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Glaser, *Vice Chair*
Adriana Tamez, *Secretary*
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz
Eva Loreda
Sandie Mullins
Neeta Sane
David Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Melissa Gonzalez, Chief of Staff
Ashley Smith, Acting General Counsel
Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services, Chief Academic Officer
Butch Herod, Vice Chancellor, Innovation, Planning and Institutional Analytics
Teri Zamora, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
William Harmon, President, Central College
Madeline Burillo, Interim President, Southwest College
Diana Castillo for Phillip Nicotera, President, Coleman College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer
Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor, Governmental and External Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT

Jarvis Hollingsworth, Board Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani
David White, President, Faculty Senate
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert Glaser, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

(The following Trustees were present: Evans-Shabazz, Glaser, Loreda, Mullins, Sane, Tamez and Wilson).

Mr. Glaser informed that October is Down Syndrome Awareness month and noted that it is not about celebrating disabilities it is about celebrating abilities.

Mr. Glaser shared his condolences with the people in Oregon regarding the terrible tragedy at Umpqua Community College.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TAX REVENUE CALCULATION AND VOTE

Motion – Mrs. Sane moved and Ms. Loredo seconded.

Dr. Cesar Maldonado noted that public hearings are held as part of the process to set the tax rate. He informed that Board will also announce the day, time and location of Special meeting for the Board to adopt the 2015 tax rate.

Mr. Glaser provided the opportunity for citizens to speak before the Board regarding the proposed 2015 tax rate.

Mr. David Hoyer referenced the notice in the newspaper indicating that the tax rate is a two percent increase and noted according to his calculations the proposed rates increase ranges from six to nine percent. Mr. Hoyer referenced recent publicity regarding land purchases and recommended that land should be sold before requesting an increase.

Ms. Teri Zamora clarified the proposed tax rate does not increase; however, due to increases in valuations the dollar amount paid will be increased. Mr. Hoyer informed that his is concerned with the actual dollar amount paid.

Ms. Sane requested clarification regarding the effective tax rate. Ms. Zamora apprised that the effective tax rate would be .099595, which would generate the same amount of taxes as last year. Ms. Zamora noted that the proposed tax rate is .0101942, which is a 2.3 percent difference.

Mr. Wilson informed that if the proposed tax rate was not changed, the average homeowner would pay approximately \$23 more than last year.

Ms. Loredo apprised that she understands the concern regarding the valuation increase and noted that the Board's effort is to alleviate the burden.

Ms. Zamora noted the Board took action in June to raise the exemptions from \$90,000 to \$120,000 seniors over sixty-five and the disabled.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:

Melinda Davila, Executive Secretary, Board Services

Minutes Approved as Submitted: _____