

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

May 8, 2014

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the HCC Administration Building, 2nd Floor, 3100 Main in Seminar Room B, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neeta Sane, *Chair*
Christopher W. Oliver, *Vice Chair*
Robert Glaser, *Secretary*
Zeph Capo
Sandie Mullins
Carroll G. Robinson
David B. Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Renee Byas, Acting Chancellor
Destinee Waiters, Acting General Counsel
Shantay Grays, Chief of Staff
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Stephen Levy for Charles Cook, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Thomas Estes, Vice Chancellor, Finance & Planning
Diana Pino, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College
Fena Garza, President, Southwest College
Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College
Betty Young, 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
Michelle Novak, President, Faculty Senate
Ava Cosey, President, COPA
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Sane, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

BOND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK SERVICES PROJECTS A, B, C, D, H, J, M AND N (PROJECT NO. RFP 14-04)

Motion – Mr. Capo moved and Ms. Mullins seconded.

Mr. Capo expressed clarification to receive a separate vote on each of the projects.

Amended Motion – Mr. Capo moved and Ms. Mullins seconded to divide the items and vote on each project separately.

Mr. Glaser noted that he was not prepared to vote on the items individually as he has not reviewed the information as separate items.

Mr. Robinson inquired if the Board could vote for the items individually. Mr. Hollingsworth informed that there is nothing in the Request for Proposal (RFP) to require voting on the item as a whole.

Mr. Robinson apprised that he has a fundamental problem because a couple of weeks ago he was told by Board Counsel, Special Counsel, Bond Counsel, Project Manager, and Administration that the item had to be voted on as a whole.

Mr. Hollingsworth noted that the statement provided was not the opinion of Board Counsel.

Mr. Capo informed that he made the motion to separate as a means to meet Board members half way. He apprised that there is a difference between if the item should or could be voted on individually. He noted that he is deeply concerned with not moving forward, as the delay could require additional staff time and other expenses that would use up the funding.

Mr. Capo informed that he has received multiple opinions from attorneys that the college should move forward. He apprised that he cannot sit on an opinion provided that would allow a project in District I to be affected. Mr. Capo noted that he could not with good conscious have written opinions before him and not move the projects forward.

Vote on Amendment – The motion failed with vote of 2-4-1 with Trustees Mullins and Capo in favor, Trustees Oliver, Sane, Wilson, and Robinson opposed, and Trustee Glaser abstaining.

Ms. Mullins informed that there was a commitment made to Alief regarding the Hayes Road project. She apprised that there was approximately \$80 million put into the Alief project and an additional \$10 million allocated with the bond. Ms. Mullins noted that prior to the bond there was an assessment completed with ESPA regarding the Eldridge project. She

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informed that there was a bond passed by the constituents for fourteen projects and noted that there is objective factual information, she outlined the various timeline regarding the bond projects to include post bond studies, Kleinberg studies as well as Houston Independent School District (HISD), which depict the growth in the Northwest areas. Ms. Mullins informed that there are educational needs in the northwest area just as there is with Alief and Eldridge.

Mr. Oliver apprised that Ms. Mullins recitation of what transpired has some accurate points. He noted that Ms. Mullins actually voted against the bond. Ms. Mullins stated that she abstained from the vote.

Mr. Oliver informed that several Trustees were in the community advocating for the bond that included himself, Trustees Loreda, Robinson, and Sane. He apprised that he supported the bond even when there was no project in his community. Mr. Oliver noted that he has a problem with the firm selection process and equity as to how the projects are planned. He informed that he would not vote for any projects going forward until there is a discussion regarding the revision of the evaluation process.

Ms. Mullins requested a follow up. She apprised that on the record she abstained because she was not in favor of a tax increase; however, if her community was in support of the bond, she would be in support. Ms. Mullins noted that her community voted to support the bond.

Mr. Oliver informed that Districts I, II, IV, IX have supported the institution; however, if District VI chooses not to join the district, then they should continue to pay higher fees.

Vote -The motion failed with a vote of 2-5 with Trustees Capo and Mullins in favor and Trustees Glaser, Oliver, Robinson, Sane, and Wilson opposing.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:
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