

MINUTES
Board of Trustees of Blinn College District

Board Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
802 Green Street, Brenham, Texas

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of Blinn College District held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in accordance with the suspended proceedings of the Open Meetings Act under Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Public access to this meeting was located in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Blinn College District Student Center located at 651 Blinn Boulevard, Brenham, Texas.

Trustees present: Mr. Charles Moser, Board Chair; Mr. Jim Kolkhorst, Vice Chair; Ms. Teddy Boehm, Secretary; Mr. Douglas Borchardt; Dr. Dennis Crowson; Mr. Randy Wells; and Ms. Rebecca Ehlert.

Trustees absent: None.

1. Board Chair Mr. Charles Moser called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., and read the following information into the *Minutes*:

The Texas Government Code permits this Board of Trustees to meet in a closed executive session for the following reasons, among others:

To consult with the College District's attorneys on matters deemed privileged by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct or Government Code § 551.071,

To deliberate regarding real property, under § 551.072; a prospective gift, under § 551.073; certain personnel matters, under § 551.074; security devices or security audits, under § 551.076; and economic development negotiations, under § 551.087.

If the Board meets in closed session, we will announce the particular section under which we will be doing so prior to initiating the closed portion of the meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge to the American and Texas Flags:

Mr. Charles Moser introduced Trustee Mr. Randy Wells, who led the Trustees and meeting attendants in the invocation. Mr. Charles Moser introduced Trustee Ms. Teddy Boehm, who led the group in the pledges to the American and Texas Flags.

3. Swearing-In of Newly Elected Board Members Representing Precinct 1 And 4 to Serve Full Six-Year Terms:

Reverend Dr. John Harris swore in Mr. Wells, representing Precinct 1, who stated as follows:

I, Randy Wells, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Blinn College District trustee, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Mayor Milton Tate swore in Ms. Rebecca Ehlert, representing Precinct 4, who stated as follows:

I, Rebecca Ehlert, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Blinn College District trustee, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

4. Election of Board Officers for Two-Year Terms Beginning May 2021 Through May 2023:

Mr. Moser requested nominations from the Trustees for the following Board Officer positions:

- Board Chair
- Board Vice-Chair
- Board Secretary

Mr. Randy Wells nominated Mr. Jim Kolkhorst for the position of Board Chair, Dr. Dennis Crowson for the position of Board Vice-Chair, and Mr. Charles Moser for the position of Board Secretary.

Ms. Rebecca Ehlert seconded this nomination, and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Charles Moser took a moment to thank outgoing Board Secretary, Ms. Teddy Boehm, for her work and dedication as Board Secretary for the past 2 years and thanked the rest of the Trustees for their continued work and support.

5. The Board took a break at 5:47 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 6:05 P.M.

6. Public Comment:

No one signed up to offer public comment

7. Reports:

A) Chancellor's Administrative Report

Dr. Hensley thanked the incoming and outgoing Board Officers and congratulated Mr. Wells and

Ms. Ehlert on their election. Dr. Hensley then updated the Board on the following:

- The Blinn College District Womens Golf Team placed 13th in the NJCAA tournament;
- The Blinn College District Mens Golf Team placed 19th in the NJCAA tournament;

Dr. Hensley thanked and congratulated the coaches of each team.

- The Blinn College District Vocational Nursing Program ranked 2nd on bestvalueschool.org;

Dr. Hensley thanked Mr. Jay Anderson, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, Technical and Community Education, Ms. Michelle Trubenstein, Dean, Health Sciences, and Ms. Michelle Marburger, Director, Vocational Nursing.

- The Blinn College District Economics Program ranked 10th on bestvalueschool.org;

Dr. Hensley thanked and congratulated the faculty and staff.

- The Blinn College District Marketing Department won a gold Collegiate Advertising Award for the 2019-20 Winter/Spring Athletic Guide and a silver Collegiate Advertising Award for the Blinn College District Engineering flyer;

Dr. Hensley thanked and congratulated Mr. Richard Bray, Director, Communications, Media Relations & Marketing, and Ms. Darla Arter, Assistant Director, Marketing & Creative Services.

- The Blinn College District Registration Guide was distributed within the Brenham Banner Press newspaper;
- Blinn College District's partnership with Tarleton State University;
- Blinn College District's receipt of a Skills Development Fund Grant;
- Facilities update:
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Innovation Building on the Blinn-Brenham Campus;
 - P3 Student Housing on the Blinn-Brenham Campus;
 - Leroy Dryer Field on the Blinn-Brenham Campus;
 - Spencer Field Block;
 - Winter Storm repairs; and
 - RELLIS Phase II on the Blinn-RELLIS Campus.
- Dr. Hensley congratulated Dr. Diane Lovell, Vice Chancellor, Student Services, on her appointment as the President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Dr. Hensley thanked Dr. Lovell for her service to the College District.

Dr. Hensley then responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Hensley's presentation is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

B) Presentation of Financial Statement Package for the Period Ending April 30, 2021

Mr. Richard Cervantes, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance/CFO, reviewed highlights from the financial package for the period ending April 30, 2021. Mr. Cervantes reviewed the College District's cash position, revenues and expenses, major projects, year-to-date comparisons, CARES Act funds, CRRSAA funds and bond funds. Mr. Cervantes responded to questions from the Board.

A copy of the financial package and presentation are attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

8. Consent Items:

After a proper motion from Mr. Charles Moser, seconded by Ms. Teddy Boehm, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- A) Approval of Minutes for the April 6, 2021, Special Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for the April 20, 2021, Regular Meeting
- C) Approval of Proposed Amendments to Board Policy BE(LOCAL)
- D) Approval of Proposed Amendments to Board Policy EFB(LOCAL)

9. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

- A) Board Approval and Adoption of the Districtwide Facilities Master Plan Report

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst introduced Mr. Richard O'Malley, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities, Planning, and Construction, to present and discuss this Agenda Item to the Board.

After a proper motion from Mr. Charles Moser, seconded by Mr. Randy Wells, the Board unanimously approved this agenda item.

- B) Authorization to Proceed with the Design for Leroy Dreyer Field Upgrades and Receive a Guaranteed Maximum Price

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst introduced Mr. Richard Cervantes, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance/CFO, to present and discuss this Agenda Item to the Board and respond to questions from the Board.

After a proper motion from Mr. Douglas Borchardt, seconded by Dr. Dennis Crowson, the Board unanimously approved this agenda item.

- C) Approval of the Naming of the Livestock Annex Building on the Blinn-Brenham Campus

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst introduced Mr. Leighton Schubert, Executive Vice Chancellor, to present this Agenda Item to the Board. Mr. Schubert presented that James F. and Ann Gardner Arens have pledged a gift of \$375,000 to the College District in order to name the Livestock Annex Building

on the Blinn-Brenham Campus in honor of Ann Gardner. The College District has already received a \$100,000 payment from the Arens and the remaining pledge will be paid to the College District over a five year period.

After a proper motion from Ms. Teddy Boehm, seconded by Mr. Douglas Borchardt, the Board unanimously approved this agenda item.

D) Approval and Ratification of Real Estate Purchase Agreement

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst introduced Mr. Richard Cervantes, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance/CFO, to present and discuss this Agenda Item to the Board and respond to questions from the Board.

After a proper motion from Mr. Charles Moser, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Ehlert, the Board unanimously approved this agenda item.

E) Authorization for the Administration to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Computer Equipment for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Innovation Building on the Blinn-Brenham Campus

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst introduced Mr. Mark Feldhake, Project Director, to present and discuss this Agenda Item to the Board and respond to questions from the Board.


After a proper motion from Mr. Charles Moser, seconded by Mr. Randy Wells, the Board unanimously approved this agenda item.

10. The Board went into closed session under §§ 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code at 7:10 p.m.

At 7:34 P.M., the Board returned to open session.

11. After a proper motion from Mr. Randy Wells, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Ehlert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.


Mr. Jim Kolkhorst
Board Chair


Mr. Charles Moser
Secretary