

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

September 22, 2015

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the HCC Administration Building, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zeph Capo, *Chair*
Robert Glaser, *Vice Chair*
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz
Eva Loreda
Sandie Mullins
Neeta Sane
David Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Shantay Grays, Chief of Staff
Ashley Smith, Acting General Counsel
Irene Porcarello, Interim Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Teri Zamora, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
Madeline Burillo, Interim President, Southwest College
Phillip Nicotera, President, Coleman College
Rudy Soliz, Interim President, Southeast College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jarvis Hollingsworth, Board Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zeph Capo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 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: Capo, Evans-Shabazz, Glaser, Loreda, Mullins, Sane, and Wilson).

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TAX REVENUE CALCULATION AND VOTE

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

Dr. Cesar Maldonado noted that this is the first public hearing on the proposed 2015 tax rate and for the Board to announce the date, time and place of the second public hearing and the meeting at which the Board will vote on the tax rate. He informed that proposed combined tax rate for Maintenance and Operation (M&O) and Debt Service is \$0.101942 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ms. Mullins requested clarification regarding the increased revenues and lower tax rate.

Mrs. Teri Zamora apprised at the time the budget was approved, it was assumed that the tax rate would not change and noted that once the tax roll was received, it was realized that keeping the tax rate the same would generate an additional \$2.5 million dollars. She informed that the Board decided to lower the tax rate to generate the tax revenue assumed in the budget.

Mrs. Zamora apprised that M&O tax rate is being reduced by .001424 per \$100 and noted that it affects a homeowner with a \$50,000 home by \$2.23 and a homeowner with a \$250,000 home by \$11.00.

Mrs. Zamora informed that the effective tax rate is a calculation that is aimed producing the same amount of revenue as the previous year. She apprised that the hearings are required because even though the rate is being lowered, more revenue will be received.

Mr. Wilson inquired which number would appear on the tax statement. Mrs. Zamora noted that the effective tax rate is the number that would generate the exact amount of tax revenue as last year.

Mr. Wilson asked what the tax rate was last year. Mrs. Zamora informed that the combined rate was 1.06890. Mr. Wilson inquired of the proposed tax rate for this year. Mrs. Zamora apprised that the proposed tax rate is 0.101942.

Dr. Maldonado requested Mrs. Zamora to provide an explanation of the rollback rate. Mrs. Zamora noted that the rollback rate is the amount that would produce 8% more tax revenue than the previous year and informed that if the college were to exceed the rollback rate, the taxpayers could begin rollback proceedings.

Mr. Glaser request clarification regarding the rollback number. Mrs. Zamora informed that the rollback provision is a state initiative.

Mr. Capo asked if any citizens present would like to speak regarding the proposed tax rate. No citizens came forward to speak. Mr. Capo announced the dates for the second public hearing and meeting to adopt the tax rate as follows:

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- The second public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium.
- The Board will vote to adopt the tax rate for 2015 at a Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:

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Minutes Approved as Submitted: _____