

**MEETING OF THE  
EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**June 18, 2013**

**Minutes**

The External Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main, 2nd Floor, Seminar Room A, Houston, Texas.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sandie Mullins, *Committee Chair*  
Yolanda Navarro Flores, *Committee Member*  
Neeta Sane, *Committee Member*  
Carroll G. Robinson, *Alternate Committee Member*  
Bruce A. Austin  
Leila Feldman  
Herlinda Garcia  
Eva Loreda  
Christopher W. Oliver

**ADMINISTRATION**

Renee Byas, Acting Chancellor  
Art Tyler, Deputy Chancellor/COO  
Destinee Waiters, Acting General Counsel  
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology  
Charles Cook, Vice Chancellor, Instruction  
Diana Pino, Vice Chancellor, Student Success  
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College  
Fena Garza, President, Southwest College  
William Harmon, President, Central College  
Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College  
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College  
Betty Young, President, Coleman College  
Remmele Young, Executive Director, Government Relations & Sustainability  
Karen Edwards, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jarvis Hollingsworth, System Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani  
Amanda Edwards, Bracewell & Giuliani  
Terry Grier, Superintendent of Schools, Houston Independent School District  
Paul Colbert, Paul Colbert Consulting  
Michael Harris, Locke Lord, LLP  
Robert Miller, Locke Lord, LLP

Nef Partida, Locke Lord, LLP  
Todd Bisch, President, Faculty Senate  
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Mullins, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. and declared the Committee convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

### **83<sup>rd</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mr. Remmele Young provided an update regarding the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session.

Ms. Mullins requested that the overview focus on the successes and the options that can be considered regarding the failures.

Mr. Young informed that the amount to be paid back to the state has actually been reduced. Dr. Tyler apprised that the amount was reduced from \$8 million to approximately \$6.9 million.

Mr. Young provided an update as it relates to TRS and ORP contributions.

- TRS contribution limited to 50% of state contribution of 6.4% for FY 2014 and 6.8% for FY 2015
- ORP contribution limited to 50% of state contribution of 6.6% of total covered
- Each community college district's retirement allocation is contingent upon repayment of amount owed to state for FY2012-13

Mr. Austin inquired if the benefit cost has been increasing over the years. Dr. Tyler noted that the amount has been flat until this year. He informed that it benefits the employee because the contributions increase.

Mr. Young continued with the presentation to include:

- SB 414
- HB 1373
- HB 5

Mr. Robinson requested that the legislative team calculate dual credit regarding the limits of students. Mr. Paul Colbert informed that the hour limitation was an amendment.

Mr. Robinson inquired who would provide clarification. Mr. Young apprised that the legislative team and external relations will review and provide clarification on the issue.

Mr. Robinson welcomed Dr. Terry Grier, Superintendent with Houston Independent School. Dr. Grier expressed appreciation to HCC for their partnership.

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- HB 2448
- HB 2668
- HB 3659
- HB 972
- SB 1907
- SB 15

Mr. Young informed that a final bill analysis and end of session report will be performed and provided to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

*Recorded, transcribed and submitted by:*  
Sharon R. Wright, Manager, Board Services

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