

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

October 13, 2016

Minutes

The External Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the HCC Administration Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neeta Sane, Committee Chair
Zeph Capo, Committee Member
Adriana Tamez, Committee Member
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Alternate Member
Robert Glaser
John P. Hansen
Eva Loreda

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Melissa Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor/Chief of Staff
Valerie Simpson for Ashley Smith, General Counsel
Teri Zamora, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services, Chief Academic Officer
Athos Brewer, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
William Carter, Associate Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Madeline Burillo, President, Southwest College
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College
William Harmon, President, Central College
Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College
Phillip Nicotera, President, Coleman College
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer
Terrence Corrigan, Director, Internal Audit
Carme Williams, Executive Director, HCC Foundation
Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor, Governmental and External Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Mihalick, Board Counsel, Bracewell LLP
Mellissa Miller-Waters, President, Faculty Senate
Other administrators, citizens, and representatives from the news media

CALLED TO ORDER

Mrs. Neeta Sane, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.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, Hansen, and Sane)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Maldonado noted the item is to provide a report on the legislative interim session and the report would be provided by Mr. Remmele Young regarding activities for the interim session period.

(Dr. Tamez joined the meeting at 11:33 a.m.)

Mr. Young provided an update to include the following:

- Relevant Interim Charges/Directives
 - HCC Testimony on Baccalaureate Degrees
 - HCC Testimony on Mental Health
- HCC Testimony on Charges
- Member Request/Response
- Select Committee on Property Tax Reform Hearing
- Public Junior College Budget Hearing
- HCC Delegation Session Activities
- Next Steps

(Ms. Loreda joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.)

(Mr. Glaser joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.)

Mr. Young noted the dual credit number is \$5.3 million as opposed to the number listed in the presentation. He noted there was a question posed regarding the impediment to restrict an ISD instructor from teaching dual credit courses. He apprised that the response provided was there is no impediment in preventing ISD instructors from providing dual credit instruction.

Mr. Young noted HCC hosted the Senate Select Committee Hearing on Property Tax Reform and there was no formal action taken by the Committee.

Mr. Young continued with the overview to include:

- Public Junior Colleges Budget Hearing

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Mr. Capo referenced the tax reform hearing and inquired if there were any solutions discussed. Mr. Young noted that he would be happy to provide a more detailed report regarding the hearing. He noted that he would share a bullet point summary in a report format.

Mr. Capo inquired if there was any discussion between the disparity of commercial property valuation and homeowner valuation. Mr. Young apprised there was a discussion and he will provide a report.

Dr. Evans-Shabazz expressed interest regarding the wrap around services for the mental health piece and testimony. Mr. Young noted a distinction needs to be drawn between invited testimony and public testimony and noted HCC was invited to provide testimony on the mental health piece as well as the baccalaureate.

Dr. Maldonado noted that a copy of the testimony will be provided in the Weekly Administrative Briefing.

Mrs. Sane inquired of the HCC delegation. Mr. Young noted the delegation will consist of the HCC Board members. He noted the dates will be coordinated with the Chancellor's office and Board Services. He provided an overview of the tentative delegation session activities.

Mr. Young concluded the presentation with an overview of the next steps.

Ms. Loreda inquired as to who is the legal person on the state side. Mr. Young apprised that Locke Lord LLP are the policy advisors and noted Mr. Paul Colbert also provides services on some issues.

Dr. Maldonado noted that he met with HISD superintendent last week and apprised that a discussion was held regarding shared policy concerns.

Ms. Loreda noted legal services should also be reviewed regarding the federal level. Mrs. Sane inquired who is the advisor of the federal side. Mr. Young apprised that there is no policy advisor on the federal level at this time.

Mr. Young expressed acknowledgment of the passing of Ms. Jacqueline Ellis, Chief of Staff for Congressman Al Green. He noted Congressman Green is planning a memorial service for Ms. Ellis tentatively for October.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Wright, Director, Board Services

Minutes Approved: November 17, 2016