

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 8:35 a.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. David Sommer, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr.; Mr. Norwood Lange; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: None.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Harold Nolte, District President.

Also registered in attendance was: Jennifer Phelps, Director of Trustee Services with TAACT and Dr. Narcisa A. Polonio, Executive Vice President for Research, Education, and Board Leadership Services, Association of Community College Trustees.

ITEM 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Nolte reported that the faculty is coming back next week and the enrollment numbers look good. Blinn has hired Ms. Lisa Caton as Director of the Sealy Campus.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPECTATION OF WORKSHOP

Mr. Borchardt introduced Dr. Narcisa A. Polonio, Executive Vice President for Research, Education, and Board Leadership Services, Association of Community College Trustees. Dr. Polonio thanked everyone for their participation. She also explained the role of Accreditation and her past experience with trustee education. Dr. Polonio then reviewed the agenda for the day and began the session by asking “Why did you come today?” and “What is the expectation each Trustee has of the session?”

ITEM 4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

Dr. Polonio discussed the transition happening at the Board and administration level across the nation. The Trustees participated in a survey of “Board Members - top rules”.

ITEM 5. OPEN DISCUSSION ON MANAGEMENT TOPICS

Dr. Polonio reviewed the list of current topics gathered in the interviews conducted with the Board members prior to the meetings. The list included:

- Institutional leadership transition
- Relationship/partnership with Texas A&M University

- Implications of salary survey
- Finances
- Athletics program
- Accreditation

ITEM 6. WORKING LUNCH – COLLEGE DEMOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION PROFILE

Dr. Polonio reviewed the case of progression, growth and decisions made at Lone Star College System, Houston Community College and Dallas County Community College District. These were three very different models producing varying results.

ITEM 7. BOARD AND PRESIDENT RELATIONSHIP

Dr. Polonio led a discussion and conducted an exercise on the roles and responsibilities of the President and the Board of Trustees.

ITEM 8. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING

Throughout the workshop Dr. Polonio pointed out the importance of Strategic Planning and goal setting for community colleges.

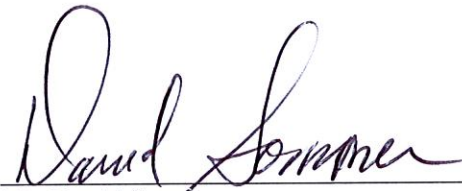
ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Borchardt thanked Dr. Polonio for her leadership at the session and expressed appreciation to the Trustees for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt
President



Mr. David Sommer
Secretary