MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING
2010-2011 PROPOSED TAX RATE
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM
CENTRAL SERVICES AND TRAINING CENTER
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM
5000 RESEARCH FOREST DRIVE
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS 77381
September 16, 2010
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  Ms. Priscilla Kelly, Secretary
         Mr. David Vogt, Assistant Secretary
         Ms. Linda Good
         Ms. Stephanie Marquard
         Mr. Bob Wolfe

ABSENT:   Mr. Randy Bates, Chair
          Dr. David Holsey, Vice Chair
          Mr. Robert Adam
          Mr. Chris Daniel

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Kelly called the Public Hearing of the 2010-2011 Proposed Tax Rate to order at 5:32 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

II. CERTIFICATION OF THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SPECIAL MEETING AND THE STATUTORY ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS: Helen Clougherty, Board Liaison, confirmed that the Notice for the Public Hearing had been properly posted and the statutory advertising requirements had been met. No action was required. A copy is attached as Exhibit “A.”

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Wolfe led the Board and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATION OF THE 2005-2006 PROPOSED TAX RATE: Ms. Gilliam presented the proposed tax rate of $0.1176 consisting of the Debt Service rate of $0.0335 per $100 valuation and the Operating rate of $0.0841 per $100 valuation. She noted that the total certified rolls for both Harris and Montgomery counties had dropped about $2.0 billion or 2%. While there was a slight increase in Montgomery County, the 3% decrease in Harris County was the main reason for the decrease. Montgomery County represents only a third of the total valuation. Ms. Gilliam also noted that about $12 billion in valuation in Harris County was still under protest and valued at the lowest amount.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Kelly said that the second Public Hearing to discuss the Board’s intent to raise the 2010-2011 property tax rate by more than the net effective tax rate would be held Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room of the
Training and Development Center, 5000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381. The Board will vote on the proposed tax rate Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room of the Training and Development Center, 5000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Liz Jensen said that she was generally in favor of the system and suggested additional ways to balance the budget.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Kelly adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Board of Trustees, Secretary

[Signature]
Board of Trustees, Assistant Secretary
Exhibit “A”

Certification of Posting of Notice to the September 16, 2010
Public Hearing
2010-2011 Proposed Tax Rate
Lone Star College System’s
Board of Trustees

1. Richard Carpenter, Chancellor of the Lone Star College System, do hereby certify a notice of the Public Hearing was posted on Monday the 13th day of September, 2010 in a place convenient to the public in the Administration Office of the Central Services and Training Center, on all college campuses and on the system website as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code. Special notice of the meeting was provided to the news media as required by Section 551.001 et seq., Texas Government Code. The statutory newspaper advertising requirements has been met.

Given under my hand this the 13th day of September, 2010.

Richard Carpenter
Chancellor