MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM
5000 RESEARCH FOREST DRIVE
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS 77381
October 7, 2019
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Alton Smith, Chair
Ms. Myriam Saldívar, Vice Chair
Mr. Art Murillo, Secretary
Ms. Linda Good, Assistant Secretary
Mr. David Vogt

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Stoma
Mr. Michael Sullivan
Mr. Ken Lloyd
Ms. Ernestine Pierce

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Good called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m. after determining that a quorum was present.

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

III. CERTIFICATION OF THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE OF THE MEETING: Chancellor Head confirmed that the Notice for the special meeting had been properly posted. No action was required. A copy is attached as Exhibit “A”.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2019 PUBLIC TAX HEARING: upon a motion by Mr. Vogt and a second by Ms. Saldívar the board approved the minutes of the October 3, 2019 Public Tax Hearing. Ms. Good abstained.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Ms Jennifer Mott, CFO, gave a short presentation explaining the proposed tax rate, outlining the history of the tax rate and certified tax values and the proposed tax rate for FY 2019-20.

1. Consideration of Approval of Resolution and Ordinance Levying the Interest and Sinking (I&S) Component of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Tax Year 2017 (ACTION
ITEM 1: Dr. Smith moved that the interest and sinking property tax rate remain the same as last year’s rate by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.0278/$100. Mr. Murillo seconded the motion and Dr. Smith proceeded with a roll call vote. Voting aye: Art. Murillo, Linda Good, Myriam Saldívar, Alton Smith and David Vogt. The item passed with a unanimous vote. A copy is attached as Exhibit “B”.

2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution and Ordinance Levying the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Component of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Tax Year 2017 (ACTION ITEM 2): Dr. Smith moved that the maintenance and operations property tax remain the same as last year’s rate by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.0800, which is effectively a 4.36% increase in the total tax rate. Ms. Saldívar seconded the motion and Dr. Smith proceeded with a roll call vote. Voting aye: David Vogt, Alton Smith, Myriam Saldívar, Linda Good and Art Murillo. The item passed with a unanimous vote. A copy is attached as Exhibit “C”.

Dr. Smith read a statement from Trustee Michael Sullivan:

“I am traveling on business and unable to be present at today’s vote on Lone Star’s tax rate. In my absence, I have asked the Chairman to read this brief statement, declaring my full support for the tax rate. If I were present, I would absolutely vote for it. I want to thank the Chairman, my fellow trustees, the chancellor, and the entire Lone Star team for their work in developing this budget”

VII. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

Dr. Smith introduced Jamie Swinerton with the Houston Chronicle.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

[Signatures]

Board of Trustees, Chair

Board of Trustees, Secretary

WHEREAS, the Lone Star College System (the "System") has been duly organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System have previously approved and adopted the budget for FY 2020 in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System find that it is necessary to levy ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2019 to provide for the interest and sinking fund requirements related to the general obligation bonds for the ensuing year as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System further find that the System has complied with all the procedural requirements for the setting of the 2019 ad valorem tax rate as specified by the Tax Code and Education Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM THAT:

Section 1. An ad valorem tax be levied at a rate of $.0278 on each one hundred-dollar ($100) increment of assessed valuation of property for the interest and sinking (debt service) requirements related to the general obligation bonds of the System as authorized by law;

Section 2. THIS TAX RATE REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S RATE, BUT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR INTEREST AND SINKING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES;

Section 3. The assessed value of taxable property provided by the Harris and Montgomery County Tax Assessor-Collectors are approved and adopted and the taxes shall be levied on these valuations; and,

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2019.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Lone Star College System

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Lone Star College System
(SEAL)

WHEREAS, the Lone Star College System (the “System”) has been duly organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System have previously approved and adopted the budget for FY 2020 in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System find that it is necessary to levy ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2019 to provide the revenue requirements of the operating budget for the ensuing year as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System further find that the System has complied with all the procedural requirements for the setting of the 2019 ad valorem tax rate as specified by the Tax Code and Education Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM THAT:

Section 1. An ad valorem tax be levied at a rate of $.0800 on each one hundred-dollar ($100) increment of assessed valuation of property for the maintenance and operations requirements of the System as authorized by law;

Section 2. THIS TAX RATE REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR’S RATE. HOWEVER, IT WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.30 PERCENT. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $3.30 (PER $100) AND DUE TO THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES;

Section 3. The assessed value of taxable property made by the Harris and Montgomery County Tax Assessor-Collectors, pursuant to the contracts made for this purpose, are approved and adopted and the taxes shall be levied on these valuations; and,

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October 2019.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Lone Star College System

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Secretary, Board of Trustees
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