The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Saturday, January 16, 2010, beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room Laird Hall 124 of the Fort McIntosh Campus.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Pete Saenz, Jr., President
Cynthia Mares, Vice President
Carlos Carranco, Jr.
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Edward C. Sherwood
Alfonso Martinez, Ex-officio

MEMBERS ABSENT
Belinda Guerra, Secretary
Hilario Cavazos, III
Leonides G. Cigarroa, Jr.
Rene De La Viña

OTHERS
Juan L. Maldonado
Eleazar Gonzalez
George Meurer,
College Attorney
Robert Sepulveda,
College Architect

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Saenz called the meeting to order. Ms. Mares called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Dr. Sara Carrasco, Kinesiology Department Chair, addressed the Board regarding: Kinesiology, the study of movement. She mentioned that although kinesiology is tied to athletics, it is an academic field with courses that transfer to other accredited schools. She presented detailed information regarding this field of study and mentioned they have outgrown the present facilities with about 1,000 students per semester for the past seven years and stressed this discipline is strictly academic.

MINUTES

Mr. Sherwood offered a correction to Page 2, where is says that, “Mr. Sherwood suggested…” should be: Mr. Sherwood clarified the proposed new academic building is to house students during the rehabilitation, alteration, and repair of existing facilities and would replace the portables that would later become an eyesore. Ms. Mares moved to approve the minutes with the correction as stated. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion carried, and the minutes were approved as modified.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT

Dr. Alfonso Martinez, Faculty Assembly President, reported the assembly met at the beginning of the semester. He reported talks continue with administration and there are no concerns to report.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN-PHASE 1 FOR THE LCC FORT MCINTOSH CAMPUS

Dr. Juan L. Maldonado, College President, presented the details of this item and explained the impact of the location and its effect on the other phases of the Facility Master Plan.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PHASE 1 – REHABILITATION, ALTERATION AND

Mr. Robert Sepulveda, College Architect, introduced his staff and presented a PowerPoint presentation of the LCC Overall Site Plan relating to Phase 1 and answered questions from Board members. Discussion focused on The Star Fort, an archeological site, the property occupied by the Army
REPAIR OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES

LOCATION OF BUILDINGS IN PHASE 1

Reserves, and campus housing. Mr. Martinez requested that an item for The Star Fort be placed on next month’s agenda. Mr. Sepulveda presented and answered questions about the proposed expansion for the Moore Vocational Building and the three location options (A,B,C) for the academic building. Mr. Martinez made a motion that the Board acknowledge Option C as the site for the academic building. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mares and it carried unanimously.

TIMELINE FOR PHASE 1

At 9:50 a.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Discussion followed on the proposed location for the visual & performing arts building. Mr. Sherwood moved to approve the site as presented by administration for the new visual & performing arts building. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mares. Discussion focused on the rationale for that specific location. Mr. Saenz called for the question. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eleazar Gonzalez, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer, distributed a handout for the Facilities Master Plan Implementation Timetable – Summary. He reviewed the five main activities occurring during Phase 1 with projected construction to begin in June 2010 for the Moore Vocational Building, July 2010 for the new Academic Building, January 2011 for the new Visual & Performing Arts Building. Discussion followed on the timetable for the Facilities Master Plan. No Board action was needed for this Item.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES: METHODS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 44, SUBCHAPTER B OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK METHOD

Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Sepulveda explained the process for the selection of the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method. Dr. Maldonado reported this is the method administration recommends for this project given the nature of the projects, the pace needed to be followed, and the flexibility of guaranteed pricing. He also indicated he would be requesting that the Board allow him to hire one person that would work with him directly and assist him with the project; that person would be required to have an engineering and business background. Discussion followed. Mr. Meurer, College Attorney, mentioned the education code outlines the methods to employ when constructing large projects and indicated the Board must determine what method will be used. Mr. Sherwood moved that the Board select the Construction Manager at Risk method for the construction of facilities & rehabilitation in Phase 1 as the method that provides the best value. Mr. Martinez seconded that motion and discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting will be on January 28, 2010. Mr. Saenz thanked the Classified Staff Organization for the Christmas Card they sent the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.55 a.m. Ms. Mares moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Carranco; motion carried.