

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL**

District Office

1601 South Lamar Street

Room 007

Dallas, TX 75215

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

12:00 Noon

AGENDA

- I. Certification of Posting of Notice of the Meeting
- II. Statement from the presiding officer concerning compliance with the Open Meetings Act:

Fellow trustees and members of the audience, at this time I remind each of us of Attorney General Opinion No. GA-0668 concerning specificity of agendas and compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

As indicated in the Board meeting brochure, "Citizens desiring to address the board are advised that the board may not take formal action on matters that are not part of the meeting agenda."

Further, trustees may not discuss or deliberate on any topic that is not specifically named in the agenda that was posted, 72 hours in advance of the meeting today, at the Frank Crowley Courts Building and at this address.

For any non-agenda topic that is introduced during this meeting, each of us is reminded there are only three permissible responses: 1) to provide a factual answer to a question, 2) to cite specific Board of Trustees policy relevant to the topic, or 3) to place the topic on the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

- III. Approval of Resolution Supporting the DART Orange Line that Terminates Between Terminals A and B at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
- IV. Approval of Resolution in Support of Proposed Federal Legislation Entitled the *Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act* (DREAM Act)
- V. Executive Session: The Board may conduct an executive session as

authorized under §551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate on personnel matters, including commencement of annual evaluation of the chancellor and any prospective employee who is noted in Employment of Contractual Personnel.

As provided by §551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees may conduct an executive session to deliberate regarding real property since open deliberation would have a detrimental effect upon negotiations with a third person.

The Board may conduct an executive session under §551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek the advice of its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflict with the Open Meetings Act.

VI. Adjournment of Special Meeting

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE JUNE 10, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District, do certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the 5th day of June, 2009, in a place convenient to the public in the District Office Administration Building, and a copy of this notice was provided on the 5th day of June, 2009, to John F. Warren, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, and the notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Frank Crowley Courts Building, all as required by the Texas Government Code, §551.054.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary

POLICY REPORT NO. III

Approval of Resolution Supporting the DART Orange Line that Terminates Between Terminals A and B at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District adopt the attached resolution that declares the Board of Trustees' support for the DART Orange Line that provides a station between Terminals A and B at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Effective Date: June 10, 2009

Background

DART and the City of Irving desire to build a new light rail line that begins at Union Station in Dallas and ends between Terminals A and B at DFW International Airport known as the Orange Line. Support of the termination point of the Orange Line between Terminals A and B is necessary to avoid delay in meeting the 2013 completion deadlines.

**RESOLUTION
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Dallas County Community College District desires to declare its support for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) DFW Orange Line that will provide greater access to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFWIA) and will terminate between Terminals A and B; and

WHEREAS, DART and DFWIA officials have committed publicly for many years that the Orange Line would connect Union Station in Dallas with Terminals A and B in DFWIA; and

WHEREAS, any change to the current plan to locate the transit station at a location other than between Terminals A and B would likely delay the project beyond the 2013 completion date and delay related secondary projects;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees supports the DART Orange Line terminating between Terminals A and B at DFWIA as originally planned with a projected deadline of 2013.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

By: _____
Jerry Prater, Chairman

By: _____
Diana Flores, Vice Chair

By: _____
Kitty Boyle, Board Member

By: _____
Charletta Compton, Board Member

By: _____
Bob Ferguson, Board Member

By: _____
Martha Sanchez Metzger, Board Member

By: _____
JL Sonny Williams, Board Member

ATTEST

By: _____
Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary
Board of Trustees

Adopted: _____

POLICY REPORT NO. IV

Approval of Resolution Supporting Proposed Federal Legislation Titled
The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District adopt the attached resolution that declares the Board of Trustees' support for the DREAM Act.

Effective Date: June 10, 2009

**DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION TITLED
THE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS
(DREAM) ACT**

WHEREAS: The Dallas County Community College District is committed to providing a quality education to all who strive for one; and

WHEREAS: Each year, 65,000 undocumented students who have lived in the United States for more than five years successfully graduate from American high schools; and

WHEREAS: These students face overwhelming obstacles accessing higher education based on their immigration status, which makes them ineligible for federal financial aid and which requires them to pay out-of-state tuition, in spite of their long-term residency within our country; and

WHEREAS: Many of these students drop out of high school and are discouraged from studying because they see no value in pursuing higher education, based on their lack of immigration status; and

WHEREAS: Access to higher education helps enable these students to break the bonds of poverty; to raise the level of esteem in which they are held within society; and to make full contributions to our country's civic, political and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS: For the aforementioned reasons, the Dallas County Community College District led the way – at both the state and national levels – by providing undocumented students with an opportunity to obtain a higher education when the District's Board of Trustees decided in 1999 to allow them to pay in-state tuition if they had graduated from a Texas high school; and

WHEREAS: The Dallas County Community College District served as a model of access when, in 2001, the Texas Legislature passed the Noriega Bill, which allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities if they have graduated from a Texas high school or have attended school and received a GED, and if they meet the minimum residency, academic and registration criteria; and

WHEREAS: On March 25, 2009, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minor (DREAM) Act was introduced in Congress; and

WHEREAS: The DREAM Act would allow undocumented students to legalize their immigration status if they have lived in the United States for at least five years and if they also have graduated from high school or have received a graduate equivalency diploma

(GED), thereby making them eligible for federal financial aid; and also would allow states – without legislation similar to the Noriega bill – to consider these students as state residents for tuition purposes at colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the Dallas County Community College District fully supports the DREAM Act and urges all members of Congress to support final passage of the bill.

Section 2: That this resolution should take effect on the date of its adoption.

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