

BOARD MEETINGS

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MEETING PLACE Unless otherwise provided in the notice for a meeting, Board meetings shall be held at Galveston College, 4015 Avenue Q, Galveston, TX.

MEETING TIME Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise provided by the Board. If the second Wednesday is a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday.

When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Chairperson of the Board may change the date or time of a regular meeting. The notice for that meeting shall reflect the changed date or time.

SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY MEETINGS The time and place of special and emergency meetings shall be as set out in the notice for the meeting.

The Chairperson of the Board shall call a special meeting at the Chairperson's discretion or on request by three members of the Board.

The Chairperson of the Board shall call an emergency meeting when it is determined by the Chairperson of the Board or three members of the Board that an emergency or urgent public necessity, as defined by law, warrants the meeting.

AGENDA PREPARATION In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, the College President shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings. Any Board member may request that a subject be included on the agenda for a meeting, and the College President shall include on the agenda of any meeting all Board member-requested topics that have been timely submitted.

Before the official agenda is finalized for any meeting, the College President shall consult the Chairperson of the Board to ensure that the agenda and the topics included meet with the Chairperson's approval. In reviewing the preliminary agenda, the Chairperson shall ensure that any topic the Board or individual Board members have requested to be addressed are either on that agenda or scheduled for deliberation at an appropriate time in the near future. The Chairperson shall not have the authority to remove from the agenda a subject requested by a Board member without that Board member's specific authorization.

CONSENT AGENDA When the agenda is prepared, the President shall recommend to the Board a consent agenda that shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board

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member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS Members of the Board shall be given notice of regular and special meetings at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting and at least two hours prior to the time of an emergency meeting.

POSTING NOTICE Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a time frame and in a manner consistent with Texas Law.

CLOSED MEETING Closed meetings shall be posted and held in accordance with the law. The Board may conduct a closed meeting when the agenda subject is one that may properly be discussed in closed meeting. [See BDA]

ORDER OF BUSINESS The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the meeting. At the meeting, the order in which posted agenda items are taken may be changed by the Board Chairperson or by consensus of Board members present.

RULES OF ORDER The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.

VOTING Voting shall be by voice vote. The name of the person making the motion and the record of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes. A Board member voting against a motion may state his or her reasons and may have the reasons recorded in the minutes, if requested at the time of the voting.

MINUTES Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Board. Minutes shall be succinct and their basic function shall be the recording of official actions of the Board. A Board member may request the inclusion of statements or data he or she deems vital to an adequate understanding of the minutes.

DISCUSSIONS AND LIMITATION Discussions shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Board and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Chairperson of the Board shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board.

The Chairperson of the Board shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Chairperson of the Board shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.