

DACC SINGLE BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo
 Laura Salazar Flores
 Jennifer Viramontes

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Lupe Castillo
 Elva Garay
 Gregg Mitchell

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Maria Flores
 Ray Jaramillo
 Teresa Tenorio

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Charles Abasa-Nyarko	Vicki Haggard
Ryan Armendariz	Ike Ledesma
Lydia Bagwell	Kristi Martin
Shannon Bradley	Fred Owensby
Kelly Brooks	Rebecca Sanchez
Joe Butler	Mónica Torres
Matt Byrnes	Mary Beth Worley
Josie Carmona	Ian Zellmer
Rusty Fox	

Guests Present:

Travis Dempsey, GISD Superintendent
 Erik Harrigan, RBG
 Katherine McKinney, Modrall Sperling
 Karen Trujillo, LCPS Superintendent

- Call to Order:** Ms. Elva Garay, President, called the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:03 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2020.
- Roll Call:** R. Jaramillo called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Single Board was present.
- Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by R. Jaramillo; seconded by D. Castillo; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Welcome – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: M. Torres welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending, especially the 3rd members from each school district joining on such short notice; apologies for the confusion. M. Torres provided a couple of brief updates:

- COVID-19 – mission is to meet DACC mission of providing quality education as safely as possible. A DACC COVID Safety Team leads the way in this effort. Currently, 75% of classes are being offered online, and all college services are online; the only individuals on campus are those who have to be physically present (WELD, AUTO, etc.). Everyone coming to campus participate in robust check in procedures. The college will continue to assess the risk regarding on campus activities and will update accordingly.
- Historically, students have been charged a fee for online courses (~\$75 for a 3-credit course). DACC has received approval to waive that fee.
- Nursing program has received a full 8-year reaccreditation.

Decision/Action: None.

2. RESOLUTION Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Doña Ana Community College District General Obligation (Limited Tax) Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10,500,000 – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, & Mr. Erik Harrigan

Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks provided the Board a brief reminder of the specific bond projects, an overall bond projects funding breakdown; highlighted was the creative campus media building which has been approved for state matching funds as well.

E. Harrigan updated the Board on the finance plan and the process for selling the bonds. Key items included:

- history of assessed valuation – growth consistent over last few years
- history of tax rates maintained at .75 cents.
- key points of debt management plan
 - \$8M to be sold early (Feb. 2021), rest to be sold as needed by DACC, expected to be sold in Feb. 2023, but can sell earlier if needed
 - 13-year final maturity (20 year max)
 - refunding of Series 2011 GO Bonds – became callable on 8/1/20; average interest rate of 4% can be refunded for savings of approximately 5.04% (3% or more is considered economically beneficial)
 - key areas of market focus – presidential election on 11/3, still unsure of results of that (President and composition of Congress) – looks like Senate and House majorities will remain the same, Republican and Democrat, respectively
 - it is still difficult to tell what type of stimulus package will come, if any – will continue to keep interest rates at a pretty low level. There was a spike in interest rates in March 2020, that’s why we waited. If there happens to be a spike again, we won’t do the refunding.

K. McKinney provided specifics of the resolution. Resolution allows DACC flexibility to sell or not sell due to interest rates.

Please refer to the November 5, 2020 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/advisoryboard/>).

Decision/Action: Motion to approve resolution as presented made by G. Mitchell; seconded by L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, roll call vote taken, all in favor; motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION Open Meetings Act – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, & Mr. Erik Harrigan

Key Discussion Points: K. McKinney was available for any questions. According to the Advisory Board by-laws, the Open Meetings Act is to be reviewed/approved annually.

Decision/Action: Motion to approve resolution as presented made by J. Viramontes; seconded by G. Mitchell; no discussion, roll call vote taken, all in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting made by G Mitchell; seconded by J. Viramontes; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo
Laura Salazar Flores

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Elva Garay

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Ray Jaramillo
Teresa Tenorio

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Charles Abasa-Nyarko	Vicki Haggard
Lydia Bagwell	Ike Ledesma
Shannon Bradley	Kristi Martin
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Matt Byrnes	Mónica Torres
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Guests Present:

Travis Dempsey, GISD Superintendent
Karen Trujillo, LCPS Superintendent

Call to Order: Ms. Elva Garay, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:29 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Roll Call: R. Jaramillo called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Advisory Board was present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by R. Jaramillo; seconded by D. Castillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2020 Motion to approve September 3, 2020 minutes as presented made by R. Jaramillo; seconded by D. Castillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. NMSU System Integration Follow-Up – Dr. Mónica Torres

- Key Discussion Points: M. Torres presented information and welcomed discussion regarding the NMSU System Integration talks. Highlighted items include:
- Items expressed by the Chancellor: legislative concerns about higher ed over the years; budget pressures in NM; and enrollment loss in the last decade.
 - Chancellor’s vision – economic development throughout the state and strategic efficiencies – how do we use the system resources across the state.
 - Early decisions made – administrative restructuring at 3 community colleges, eliminated President positions and created Branch Executive Director to oversee the 3; established an economic development working group.
 - DACC critical differences – size (in system and in the state), complexity (2 campuses, 4 centers, early college high schools), primary location (same as main campus). DACC is the 4th largest institution of higher ed in the state. There are areas where we are already integrated – transcripts, registrar, legal counsel, payroll, enterprise-level platforms, HR, financial aid, procurement, etc.
 - Recent activity – Branch Executive Director of 3 community colleges is working to figure out how to restructure; NMSU-Carlsbad community is exploring independence from NMSU; creating a framework for economic development activities supported by NMSU system; broader discussions about coordinated services: institutional analysis, libraries, continuing education, etc. – preliminary conversations about maybe not combining, but how do we coordinate better all of these services.
 - Some topics that have been put on the table: program pathways from community colleges to the university; single accreditation for the entire system (NMSU and 3 of the 4 community colleges have separate accreditation); single tuition fee structure. These would have implications for DACC if they move further.
 - NMSU facing budget and enrollment pressures; (there are populations of students who are clearly DACC students or clearly NMSU students, but what about students who could go to NMSU but choose to start at a community college (overlapping student population). Important consideration for DACC in all of this – remember our mission, the communities we’re committed to serve, workforce development and transfer education, access and affordability.

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Decision/Action: None.

2. Conversation: How do we become better partners to help students access and benefit from higher education? – Dr. Mónica Torres

- Key Discussion Points: M. Torres indicated that she would like to have regular open conversations with the Board about what is happening in their districts and how we can be better partners? Board members were asked the following questions.
1. How would you characterize the most significant issues occurring in your districts right now?
 - E. Garay (HVPS) – this pandemic is not helping, across the board everyone is having trouble staying engaged online; and there is the question of whether or not students are going to lose an entire year of

education as a result. Thanks to staff who help with providing food for the children, and the bus with internet access is helpful.

- R. Jaramillo (LCPS) – personally as an early childhood educator, failure isn't necessarily bad, it is the way we learn; reflect, expect failure/issues and then make adjustments. Other concerns are how the legislature is going to fund SEG, what numbers they will be using; because of pandemic there will be significant budget shortfalls; swiping of cash/fund balances (legislature take back); broadband access issues for rural areas.
- T. Tenorio (LCPS) – social and emotional welfare of our families and kids – 9 months into pandemic, how are we all dealing with it and how are we going to successfully get through this. It's not just the students, we are all coping with this. When thinking about career pathway, have conversations about the instability of our country – creating new systems for things that are working. Families are still dealing with spots that don't provide strong internet; added frustration; encourage students not to quit. SEG funding is another concern.
- L. Salazar Flores (GISD) – The district was able to purchase notebooks and hotspots for all students. District board meeting discussion regarding equitable grading; there was a unanimous decision to move to an equitable grading scale to motivate students to engage and give them hope that they can be successful. Cafeteria workers moving from serving meals daily to serving meals once a week. If our students were already struggling in the classroom environment, what are we doing to help our adolescents already struggling with reading – need to work together to help meet the needs of these students.

2. What are some things that have emerged in your districts that have come as a result of adjustments made during the pandemic?

- L. Salazar Flores (GISD) – there is definitely a place for some sort of online learning in addition to traditional learning.
- R. Jaramillo (LCPS) – connection/collaboration with childcare.
- T. Tenorio (LCPS) – parents are seeing that involvement in student's learning is key.

3. What are some ideas for how DACC and your district could collaborate?

- R. Jaramillo (LCPS) – nothing specific, but asking us these questions is the relationship building part that is so needed. Continue to build on the relationship, trust each other and work on behalf of each other; continue working as a team.
- E. Garay (HVPS) – is there a way to reach out to students in elementary schools as well as high schools and middle schools.
- T. Tenorio (LCPS) – there is promise showing with community school models – continuing to grow; strengthen relationships with community, schools, and higher education.

M. Torres thanked the Board for their feedback, and welcomes any additional feedback. M. Flores thanked M. Torres for all she and the college do, and for asking the Board to provide feedback.

Decision/Action: None.

3. Other News from GISD, HVPS, LCPS – Board Members

Key Discussion Points: None.

Decision/Action: None.

4. Board Announcements and Comments

Key Discussion Points: Tentative Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, March 4, 2021
- Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Thursday, September 2, 2021
- Thursday, November 4, 2021

Decision/Action: M. Torres closed by thanking board members for their attendance.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by D. Castillo; seconded by T. Tenorio; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Jaramillo, Secretary
DACC Advisory Board