

**DACC SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo  
Laura Salazar Flores  
Arlean Murillo

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Lupe Castillo  
Elva Garay  
Merlinda Hinojos

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Teresa Tenorio  
Carol Cooper  
Robert Wofford

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Mónica Torres	Kristi Martin
Ike Ledesma	Joe Butler
Xeturah Woodley	Jennifer Hodges
Kelly Brooks	Marissa Yniguez

Guests:

Katherine McKinney  
Erik Harrigan

**Call to Order:** Ms. Laura Salazar Flores, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:14 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**Roll Call:** M. Hinojos called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Special Advisory Board was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by T. Tenorio; seconded M. Hinojos; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**1. Welcome – Dr. Mónica Torres**

Key Discussion Points: Brief welcome explaining how the meeting will be conducted – there will be a short special advisory board meeting to approve items, followed by a longer regular advisory board meeting.

Decision/Action: None

**2. Open Meetings Act Resolution – Ms. Kelly Brooks and Ms. Katherine McKinney**

Key Discussion Points: Discussion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution

Decision/Action: Motion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution as presented made by E. Garay; seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**3. 2023 GO Bond Resolution – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, and Mr. Erick Harrigan**

Key Discussion Points: Discussion to approve the GO Bond Resolution

Decision/Action: Motion to approve the GO Bond Resolution as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by M. Hinojos; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.


**4. Pricing Results for DACC Taxable Education Technology Note Series 2023 – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, and Mr. Erick Harrigan**

Key Discussion Points: Update and presentation of the pricing certificate, which closed the week prior.

Decision/Action: None

**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 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

DACC Advisory Board



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Daniel Castillo  
Arlean Murrillo

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Merlinda Hinojos

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Robert Wofford  
Teresa Tenorio

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Mónica Torres	Kristi Martin
Ike Ledesma	Joe Butler
Xeturah Woodley	Jennifer Hodges
Kelly Brooks	Marissa Yniguez

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Laura Salazar Flores, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:31 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**Roll Call:**

M. Hinojos 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 D. Castillo; seconded by T. Tenorio; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve November 3, 2023 minutes as presented made by T. Tenorio; seconded by M. Hinojos no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.  
Motion to approve December 19, 2023 DACC Special meeting minutes as presented made by T. Tenorio; seconded by M. Hinojos no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**1. President’s Report – Dr. Mónica Torres**

Key Discussion Points: Presented key items: Enrollment is up; legislators approved a 6% salary increase and a film tax – which supports our Creative Campus; ribbon cuttings at UP Park – ground breaking for our creative campus; wrapping up our next facilities masterplan – primary focus will be how we adapt to growing online classes; Sunland Park is growing; DACC Works; 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our culinary arts program; just opened our comfort casita; received federal grant for students with basic needs; phi beta kappa – received funding to grow; we received early childhood grant; Achieving the Dream – we have done several activities – helped develop a student success and equity statement - working with consultant to work on trainings; our SIR department created a guide to lead us through a process to determine how to get information out to various outlets; Dr. Woodley will be leaving DACC and we will be working with a national organization for an interim appointment and are in preliminary conversation with the firm to create a national search.

Decision/Action: None

**2. Appointment of Advisory Board Vice President – Ms. Laura Salazar Flores**

Key Discussion Points: Mr. Robert Wofford appointed as Advisory Board Vice President by President, Ms. Laura Salazar Flores after the resignation of J. Jaramillo.

Decision/Action: Ms. Laura Salazar Flores appointed Mr. Robert Wofford as Advisory Board Vice President.

**3. Accreditation – Dr. Jennifer Hodges**

Key Discussion Points: DACC is preparing for the 2024 Reaffirmation Visit on March 25-26; preparing Assurance Argument; Fall 2023 student focus groups; discussed potential role of the Advisory Board, who may be asked to meet with the peer review team over lunch; shared a brief timeline of the accreditation process.

Decision/Action: None

**4. FY 2023-24 Operating Budget – Ms. Kelly Brooks**

Key Discussion Points: Legislative results – compensation increase of 6% across the board; new I&G funding; RPSP funding for Dental Hygiene and Nursing Expansion; other funding for Opportunity Scholarship, building renewal and replacement, demolition, equipment renewal and replacement, and cyber security; additional Budget Considerations – enrollment increase, compensation gap, position(s)/existing commitments, and Mil levy growth – no change to tuition and fees; 3.8 mil of new money to build the budget this year; focus has been on new positions and utility increases; shared the different faculty and staff positions that have been added; exempt staff funded by grants – listed a couple of the positions; areas where funding comes from – largest would be the state, federal, and private; the local levy funds about 14% of I&G funding.

Decision/Action: Motion to approve FY 2023-24 Operating Budget as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by M. Hinojos no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

#### 5. End of Year Reflections – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: M. Torres – things have gone well this year; we are going to focus on how COVID has changed things and how to balance providing a quality learning environment; commencement on Thursday, May 11.  
K. Martin – spoke about the distinguished alumni and student scholarship ceremony – invited everyone to attend.

Decision/Action: None

#### 6. Board Announcements and Comments

Key Discussion Points: B. Wofford – talking with colleagues about the fragility of students and we recognize the stresses of faculty and students, and focusing on mental health.  
T. Tenorio – 2023 was good to LCPS as far as getting on their feet; experiencing changes with the board and proving stability for the sake of the students; hired a search committee and consultant; appointed a new board member.  
D. Castillo – extended Mr. Dempsey’s contract; focused on giving stability to the kids.  
M. Hinojos – higher education group made it to nationals – only Hispanic team; started weight lifting program and they won state; be here for the kids and support them.  
A. Murrillo – excited for graduations; kids are currently concerned about testing; need for advocacy in the south.  
L. Flores – there is a national reading crisis; challenge – ask if we have reading intervention teachers and funding for reading intervention teachers; secondary level is important, too; being aware that some adults need reading interventions.

Decision/Action: None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by D. Castillo; seconded by F. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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