

**San Jacinto College District Board Workshop
January 27, 2020
District Administration Building, Suite 201**

MINUTES

	Board Workshop Attendees:	Board Members: Marie Flickinger, John Moon, Jr., Dan Mims, Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson Absent: Erica Davis Rouse Chancellor: Brenda Hellyer Other: Allatia Harris, Rosie Helms, Sandra Ramirez, Mandi Reiland, Laurel Williamson, and Teri Zamora
	Agenda Item:	Discussion/Information
I.	Call the Meeting to Order	Board Chair, Marie Flickinger, called the workshop to order at 5:16 p.m.
II.	Roll Call of Board Members	Marie Flickinger, Erica Davis Rouse (absent), Dan Mims, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson
III.	Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.074, 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: Legal Matters, Personnel Matters, and Commercial or Financial Matters	Chair Flickinger adjourned to closed session at 5:17 p.m. It was determined that there were no legal matters to discuss during this closed session. Sandra Ramirez, Mandi Reiland, Laurel Williamson, and Teri Zamora were present for the closed session for legal and personnel matters.
IV.	Reconvene in Open Meeting	The meeting reconvened to the open meeting at 5:50 p.m.
V.	Update on Harris County Promise at San Jacinto College	Dr. Allatia Harris joined the meeting. Allatia provided an overview of the Harris County Promise at San Jacinto College program launch. The students still have until February 6 th to sign the pledge. Allatia reviewed pledge totals by each high school. The

		<p>total pledged at this time is 1,543. This is 79.3 percent of the total 2020 senior classes for the participating high schools. Allatia explained that the pep rallies have been exciting and well done.</p> <p>Brenda Hellyer reviewed the next steps of the program. Students have until March 6th to apply to San Jacinto College and until April 3rd to complete the FAFSA/TAFSA. After this date, we will have a better idea of the commitments.</p> <p>Brenda explained that she has talked with the superintendents of each of the non-participating independent school districts (ISDs).</p> <p>Brenda reviewed the number of graduates from the participating high schools that have attended San Jacinto College in the last five years.</p> <p>Brenda reviewed the data that reflects the college-going rates of the San Jacinto College area high school graduates. She highlighted the data of the three participating high schools. This data shows the college going rate of any student going to any college in Texas. This data does not necessarily tie to the data that was just reviewed because some of the data is now being reported separately (i.e. Kirk Lewis CTE High School). There also may be some differences because data from our research team is uncertified, and the third handout is certified through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board which generally runs behind.</p> <p>Allatia reviewed the Pell grant percentages from each school in program.</p> <p>Brenda stated that we will review Promise program data in more detail at the February 21st Board Strategic Planning Retreat.</p> <p>Keith asked how we are helping the students get through this process. Allatia responded that the financial aid team has been working closely with the high schools. Our shared ed planners are involved, and there have been parent nights at each school.</p>
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		Brenda stated that this program is off to a great start and we will review the numbers after the deadlines. A press release will be distributed on February 3 rd after all of the prep rallies at the participating high schools are complete.
VI.	Discuss Compliance with Public Funds Investment Act	Teri Zamora reviewed a letter from the College’s auditors, DoerenMayhew. The letter discusses the College’s compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requirements. She explained that as a result of testing performed by the auditors, noncompliance was noted in the following two areas: investment officer training and quarterly investment reports. Teri explained that the two items are already resolved, and she does not see that there will be future issues in these areas.
VII.	Review of Calendar	<p>Brenda reviewed the calendar with the Board.</p> <p>The group discussed the upcoming mass timber conference agenda. She explained that if any Board members are interested in attending, they can let us know and will be registered.</p> <p>Brenda reviewed details of the Central classroom building. She also mentioned a correction to the Building Committee minutes from January 21st which stated the wrong county as a source of the timber. The correction will be changed from Australia to state Austria.</p> <p>Dan Mims asked if there are any mass timber buildings in Texas. Teri replied that there is nothing of this scope in Texas yet. She will provide a list of smaller buildings in Texas at a future meeting.</p> <p>Larry Wilson asked for more details on mass timber. Dan explained that this construction method utilizes layers of timber. Teri explained it is a very dense and durable product.</p> <p>John Moon, Jr. asked why we are utilizing companies that are located out of the country. Brenda explained that the original plan was to utilize a company in the Unites States, but the main decision point was to choose a company with a good reputation with the product and could deliver on our building scope.</p>

VIII.	General Discussion of Meeting Items	Brenda stated that Tom Watson, Foundation Board Chair, will present the Foundation Gala with a Twist launch at the Board meeting.
IX.	Adjournment	Workshop adjourned at 6:21 p.m.