MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
TEXARKANA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, January 17, 2011
1:00 p.m.
Texarkana College, Truman Arnold Student Center, VIP Room

A Special Called Meeting of the Texarkana College Board of Trustees for the purpose of conducting a training session for trustees focusing on the SACS Principles of Accreditation was called to order by President Randy Moore at 1:00 p.m. All board members were present: Tom Coleman, Julie-Ray Harrison, Jennell Ingram, Molly Beth Malcolm, David Potter II, Dr. C. Jack Smith, and Terry Taylor. Also present was Dr. Alan Rasco – TC President.

The training was moderated by Dr. Mary Ellen Duncan rather than Narcisa Polonio, ACCT Vice President of Board Leadership Services. Dr. Duncan has had thirty-five years of experience in higher education. Seventeen of those years were in presidencies in community colleges. Her expertise is sought as a consultant in the areas of leadership and team development, board development and relations, legislative relations, quality management with an emphasis on accountability and assessment, fundraising and capital campaigns, and executive coaching. After the Board and Dr. Duncan had thoroughly reviewed and discussed the SACS guidelines, she noted that at times there is justification for Boards moving in and out of what is normally their role. In summary, she said that when there is an attempt to move an organization that is not future oriented forward, it is much more difficult than moving a good organization to a better organization. It is necessary for a Board to be courageous and make the changes necessary. It requires time and much communication. She noted that communication from the President to the Board is key. Dr. Duncan stated that she appreciated the courage of the Texarkana College Board, their interest in student success, their willingness to learn, and the forthrightness and honesty of the Board during the discussion on what needs to happen to move to a better and stronger organization. She concluded by saying, “I think this Board has done a good job on delineating your role from that of the President. You could have written the SACS paper we have just reviewed on Institutional Mission, Governance and Effectiveness.”

At 4:00 p.m., the Board went into Executive session pursuant to the following section of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:

- Section 551.074 – Discussing or deliberating appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
  -- discuss or deliberate duties of college public officers or employees pertaining to SACS Principles of Accreditation, Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, and college policies and procedures related to the Principles.

At 5:44 p.m., the meeting was reconvened in open session. No action was taken.
A motion was made by Dr. C. Jack Smith and seconded by Tom Coleman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary