

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021

Trustees Present: Jason Taylor, Russell Karn, Thomas Smith. Present by Conference Call were Vernie Coy, Kenneth Huss, Carl Tharman.

Call to Order: Chairperson Thomas Smith called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the David Reist Administration Building on the Highland Campus.

Acceptance of Revenue Neutral Rate Process: President Deborah Fox reviewed Senate Bill No. 13 establishing the public hearing requirements and noted that the Doniphan County Clerk notified HCC of the revenue neutral rate for FY 2022. The General Fund Revenue Neutral Rate is 12.71. The current General Fund Tax Rate for the College is 12.994.

President Fox recommended maintaining the current rate of 12.994. In order to do so, the Board must make notification to the County Clerk of their intent to go above the neutral rate. The Board must also hold a special hearing, separate from the Budget Hearing. The Board is not required to approve the 12.994 following the hearing. Much like the former budget process, the rate can be lowered, but cannot be raised.

It was moved by Mr. Huss, seconded by Mr. Tharman, that the General Fund Tax Rate for Highland Community College be set at 12.994.

Date of August Board Meeting, Budget Hearing, Revenue Rate Hearing: President Fox explained that, at the July 2020 meeting, the Board had set the date of the August 2021 meeting to be on August 18 (the third Wednesday) instead of the normal fourth Wednesday. This was done in order to meet the deadline for publishing the budget. Because of the changes involved with going changing over to the Revenue Neutral Rate Process for budget preparation, she recommended that the meeting be moved to August 25, the fourth Wednesday.

It was moved by Mr. Huss, seconded by Mr. Tharman, that the August 2021 Board Meeting date be moved to August 25, 2021, with the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing being held first, followed by the Budget Hearing, and then the Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mr. Coy, seconded by Mr. Karn, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Thomas Smith
Chairperson

Date

Carl Tharman
Secretary/Treasurer