

**TECH PREP OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VOTING MEMBERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 26, 2005—Knapp Medical Center, Conference Center, Weslaco, Texas

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY VOTING DELEGATES OR PROXIES:**

**Independent School District Member:**

Edinburg CISD  
Harlingen CISD  
Hidalgo ISD  
Lyford CISD  
McAllen ISD  
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD  
Raymondville ISD  
Rio Hondo ISD  
San Benito CISD  
Weslaco ISD

**College/University Member:**

South Texas College  
Texas Southmost College at Brownsville  
  
Texas State Technical College, Harlingen  
The University of Texas at Brownsville  
  
The University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg

**Other Member:**

Region One Education Service Center  
South Texas Association of CATE Administrators and Supervisors

**Voting Delegate:**

Rene Cantu, Sr., CATE Supervisor  
Gil Tello, CATE Director  
Eloy Garcia, Technology Director  
Janie Gutierrez, Counselor  
Proxy – Delia Weaver, CATE Administrator, San Benito CISD  
Noelia Guajardo, Vocational Director  
Eloy Castaneda, Superintendent  
Rolando Ramirez, Teacher, First Generation Project Director  
Delia Weaver, CATE Administrator  
Sandra Avila, CATE Director

Jorge Saenz, Coordinator of Public School Relations  
Margie Mancillas, Ed.D., Associate Faculty for Resource Development and Research  
Proxy – Sandra Avila, CATE Director, Weslaco ISD  
Margie Mancillas, Ed.D., Associate Faculty for Resource Development and Research  
John A. Edwards, Ph.D., UTPA, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services

Gloria Cantu, Sr. Education Specialist, Office of High School  
Ed Garcia, Vice President

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Rio Hondo ISD

Juan Montez, Principal

**MEMBERS ABSENT (NOT REPRESENTED BY VOTING DELEGATES OR PROXIES):**

**Independent School District Members:**

Brownsville ISD  
Donna ISD  
Edcouch-Elsa ISD  
La Feria ISD  
La Joya ISD  
La Villa ISD  
Lasara ISD  
Los Fresnos CISD

Mercedes ISD  
Mission CISD  
Monte Alto ISD  
Point Isabel ISD  
Progreso ISD  
Rio Grande City CISD  
Roma ISD  
San Isidro ISD

San Perlita ISD  
Santa Maria ISD  
Santa Rosa ISD  
Sharyland ISD  
South Texas ISD  
Valley View ISD

**Other Members:**

Area II, Region III Business Professionals of America  
Teach for America – Rio Grande Valley  
Texas Workforce Commission

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

John A. Edwards, Ph.D.  
Dean LaFever  
Cesar Maldonado, P.E.  
Margie Mancillas, Ed.D.  
Moose Miller  
Janice Mumford  
Joey Treviño  
Joe Vasquez  
Linda Wade, Ph.D.

UTPA, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services  
Texas Gas Service Company, Director for Rio Grande Valley  
MGM Engineering Group, Managing Principal  
UTB/TSC, Associate Faculty for Resource Development and Research  
Moose Miller Enterprises, President/CEO  
Community Volunteer  
Half Associates, Planning/Business Development  
Mid Valley Health Systems/Knapp Medical Center, Vice President of HR  
Harlingen CISD, Superintendent

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Adrian A. Arriaga, CCIM, CIPS  
Joe Calvillo, Jr.

AAA Real Estate & Investments, Broker/Owner  
ACT/RGV, Career and Technology Education Program

Marilyn D. Gilbert  
Nicolas (Nick) Gonzalez  
Josefa G. (Josie) Guerra  
Maria Nuez Hall  
Pat Hobbs  
Robert Leftwich  
Sam Olivarez  
Hector Quintanilla  
Mark Rainey, PHR

Hollis V. Rutledge, Jr.  
Celeste Sanchez  
Stephen M. Vassberg  
Perry A. Vaughn  
Antonio Zavaleta, Ph.D.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon Cavazos, Ph.D.  
Ed Garcia

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Liz Amill  
Michael (Mike) Barrera, Ed.D.  
Charles Champion, Jr.  
Connie Guerra  
Daniel King, Ph.D.  
Roberto F. Loreda

Minnie Lucio  
Jose G. Martin, Ph.D.  
Arnold Pedraza  
Estella L. Trevino  
Ron Tupper, M.S.  
Romeo Villarreal

Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Energy Risk Manager  
South Texas College, Director of Public School Relations  
Rio Grande City CISD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Allstate Insurance Co., Associate Market Business Consultant  
Texas State Technical College, Vice President for Student Learning  
Lockheed Martin, Material Planning  
Barrera's Supply Co., Inc., President  
Brownsville Area Manufacturer's Association, Education Committee Chair  
McAllen Medical Center, Edinburg Regional Medical Center, Assistant  
Administrator, Human Resources  
Hollis Rutledge and Associates, Inc., President and CEO  
San Benito CISD, Assistant Superintendent  
TSTC, Associate Vice President for Workforce Development  
Associated General Contractors-RGV, Executive Director  
UTB/TSC, Vice President for External Affairs

ProSound Ins. – MUZAK, President  
South Texas Assoc. of CATE Administrators and Supervisors, Vice President

Marketing, Media Services, Public Relations - Consultant  
McAllen ISD, Lead Director for Middle School Instruction and CATE  
Brownsville ISD, Special Projects Officer  
Region One ESC, Director, Migrant, Bilingual and High School Programs  
Hidalgo ISD, Superintendent  
PSJA ISD, Assistant Superintendent for Administrators and School Operations,  
and Mayor of San Juan  
Texas Workforce Center, Community Coordinator  
UTB/TSC, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Utility Engineering Specialists, Owner  
Edinburg Housing Authority, Executive Director  
El Milagro Clinic, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Romeo Villarreal Rental Properties, Owner

Mariana Whitley

Center for Civic Engagement, Brownsville, Compassion Grant Coordinator

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Blanca Munoz

Tech Prep, Superintendent Outreach Consultant

Debra Warner

Center for South Texas Programs – RAHC, Director of Community Outreach

**STAFF PRESENT:**

T. Yvette Garza

Tech Prep, Administrative Assistant

Todd Holland

Tech Prep, Outreach Specialist

Lilia Perez

Tech Prep, Secretary

Pursuant to notice duly given, the semi-annual meeting of the voting members and Board of Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., was held at the above time and place with the above persons participating. Cesar Maldonado chaired the meeting, and Yvette Garza served as secretary.

**Call to Order; Opening Ceremony.** A quorum was present, and Cesar Maldonado called the meeting to order. Todd Holland led the invocation and pledge of allegiance. There were then self-introductions of everyone present.

Maldonado invited comments from the school districts.

There were no public comments at this time.

Board President Maldonado informed the Board and Members of the Strategic Plan Meeting to be held on June 4, 2005, at UTPA (with Dr. John Edwards hosting) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Updates from Regional Partners.** Maldonado introduced Debra Warner, Director of Community Outreach, Center for South Texas Programs, RAHC. Warner gave a presentation on opportunities in the Rio Grande Valley through this program.

Todd Holland followed with a presentation on the Region One Go Centers and Scholars activities.

**Action Item: Consider and Approve Minutes of Members' Meeting of October 28, 2004.** The group reviewed the minutes of the annual meeting, which were included in the packet for the meeting.

The minutes of the annual meeting were approved on motion made by Moose Miller, seconded by Dr. Margie Mancillas, and unanimously carried.

**Action Item: Ratify Board's actions from October 28, 2004, through April 25, 2005:** A written report of the Board's activities during the past six months was included in the packet for the meeting. There were reports by committee chairs, as follows:

Curriculum/Work-Based Learning Committee:	Dr. Linda Wade reported.
Executive Committee:	Cesar Maldonado reported.
Finance and Bylaws Committee:	Joe Vasquez reported.
Marketing and Awards Committee:	Dean LaFever reported.
Nominations Committee:	Cesar Maldonado reported for Perry A. Vaughn.
Partnerships Committee:	Maldonado reported for Adrian A. Arriaga.
Professional Development Committee:	Janice H. Mumford reported.
Technology Initiatives Committee:	Todd Holland reported for Sam Olivarez.
Universities and Colleges Committee:	Cesar Maldonado reported for Pat Hobbs

After all reports and discussions were completed, the Board's actions during the past six months were ratified on motion made by Dr. Margie Mancillas, seconded by Dr. Linda Wade, and unanimously carried.

**Briefing Items:** Cesar Maldonado directed Board and Members to the coming events listed in the packet. Todd Holland reminded all of Go Center Meeting on May 5, 2005, and Moose Miller reminded all of May 4, 2005, Scholarship interviews which time was to be determined.

**Adjournment:** There was no further business; so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Garza, Secretary of the Meeting