On behalf of Dr. Bruce Leslie, the following is a summary of proceedings of the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees meeting of August 19, 2014.

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CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
Recognition of former Trustee Gary Beitzel

Student of the Month – July 2014
Ashley N. Gutierrez, Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College, is the recipient of a $500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship, courtesy of the La Prensa Foundation, founded by Tino & Amelia "Millie" Duran. Ashley is a Biology major and is pursuing a career in Environmental Advocacy and is working toward a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in Biology with an emphasis in Environmental Studies. Her desire is to make a difference in the world by researching ways to better utilize our planets natural resources. Ashley was a graduate of the Spring 2013 cohort of the SAC GED-to-College Transition Program. Some of Ashley’s current volunteer activities include assisting at her child’s school as a parent volunteer, she also fosters for her local animal shelter and is a member of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) in which she was recently recognized by the MADD National President for her efforts in helping to pass new legislation to strengthen laws against drunk driving offenders. Ashley also has a "pay-it-forward" commitment to the GED-to-College program and has assisted with fundraising activities and was a featured speaker, sharing her
inspirational story, at this past year’s fundraising Brunch. Ashley is a single parent and has an 8-year old son, DJ.

Employee of the Month – July 2014
The Alamo Colleges family recognized Laurie Medina, Senior Advisor, Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College as employee of the month for July 2014.

Employee of the Month – August 2014
The Alamo Colleges family recognized Rick Lopez, Coordinator for the Dr. Frank Bryant, Jr. Simulation Center, Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College as employee of the month for August 2014.

National Institute for Staff Organizational Development Recipients recognized

Recognition of Hispanic Contractors de San Antonio Award

Recognition of Citi (Financial Services) benefactor of Veterans Outreach and Transition Center at St. Philip’s College

CHAIR’S REPORT
Chairwoman’s Welcome - Ms. Anna U. Bustamante

ACCT Governance Leadership Institute Report

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
Introduction of new Presidents - Dr. Craig Follins, Northeast Lakeview College, Dr. Ric Neal Braser, Northwest Vista College, and Dr. Robert Vela, San Antonio College

Convocation Video

Monthly Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers
The Alamo Colleges – CTTC, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee, convened Workforce Development Summits in New Braunfels and Seguin with total attendance of 69 participants.

The Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville had seven students complete 80 hours of welding training and received certification.

Alamo Colleges – CTTC will partner with Seguin Mini-Grip to implement an industrial maintenance apprentices program similar to the Toyota AMT project.

The completion rate for Summer 2014 classes at the Greater Kerrville Center is 88.8%.

Northeast Lakeview College Accreditation Update Presentation
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Presentation – Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College Empowerment Center: GED-to-College Transition Program

AUDIT, BUDGET & FINANCE
Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 All Funds Budget
The Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 total budget with projected revenues of $422,693,905; restricted and plant fund balance commitment of $16,200,997; operating fund balance commitment of $10,994,924; and expenses of $449,889,826.

Setting a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
The Trustees approved, orders and adopted a maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate of $0.106400 and a debt levy tax rate of $0.042750, for a combined tax rate of $0.149150/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2013/14, which is greater than the ‘combined effective tax rate’ of $0.143874/$100 of assessed valuation but less than the roll-back rate of $0.151651/$100 of assessed valuation. The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration is hereby authorized and directed to provide the public notices and to arrange the public hearings as required by the Texas Property Tax Code with respect to the proposed tax rate increase. Following such notice and hearings, the Board of Trustees shall deliberate and vote on the final tax rate increase, within the applicable time frame set out in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Setting Aside Funds for Student Cost Savings Programs
The Board approved placing $400,000 from the annual guaranteed minimum revenue of $1,000,000 paid by the Follett Higher Education Group into a reserve account designated for providing direct benefits to students.

Purchase of Educator's Legal Liability Insurance
The Board awarded a contract to USI Southwest underwritten by United Educators Insurance providing for the purchase of Educator’s Legal Liability Insurance in the approximate annual amount of $156,078.
Purchase of Student Medical Professional Liability Insurance
The Trustees awarded a contract to Bill Beatty Insurance Agency, Inc. underwritten by American Casualty Company providing for the purchase of Student Medical Professional Liability Insurance in the estimated annual amount of $50,000.

FACILITIES
Purchase of Construction Services of Dumpster Pad for Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
The Trustees awarded the contract to J. Sanchez Contracting, Inc. for the purchase of Construction Services of Dumpster Pad at the Alamo Colleges-San Antonio College First Responders Academy in the amount of $355,000

Purchase of Construction Services of Secondary Chilled Water Pump at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College
The Board awarded the contract to EZ Mechanical, Inc. for the purchase of Construction Services of Secondary Chilled Water Pump at the Central Plant at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College in the amount of $161,200.

Purchase of Facilities Support Services
The Board awarded the contract to McLemore Building Maintenance, Inc. in the estimated amount of $2,852,970.91; Varsity Facility Services in the estimated amount of $137,609.68; GCA Services Group in the estimated amount of $608,028.03; Mendoza Maintenance Group, Inc. in the estimated amount of $249,429.47, and TD Industries, Inc. in the estimated amount of $32,000, for the purchase of Facilities Support Services for a total estimated annual amount of $3,880,038.09. A contingency of $479,845.48 providing for event set up and tear down charges, is also recommended for a total award of $4,359,883.57.

Purchase of Equipment and Services for the Roof Replacement for Candler Physical Education Center at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
The Trustees awarded the contract to Weatherproofing Technologies Incorporated (WTI) providing for the Purchase of Equipment and Services for the Roof Replacement for Candler Physical Education Center in the amount of $1,670,587.10.

PERSONNEL
Appointment of Full Time Faculty
The Board approved the appointment of 8 Full Time Faculty submitted by the College Presidents for the 2014-2015 academic year. Further Board action will not be required for these persons to teach in the indicated disciplines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board of Trustees approved the adoption by ACCD Public Facility Corporation of the amended and restated bylaws
Purchase of Realty

The Trustees authorized the Chancellor or his designee to execute, deliver and close a real estate purchase agreement for the property discussed during Executive Session according to the terms therein discussed.

The Board approved the recommendation by the evaluation committee on the charges, evaluation and contract of the Chancellor

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014.