DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET HEARING
APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Delta College Board Room
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT
R. Emrich, K. Ellison, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT
K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie

OTHERS PRESENT

PRESS PRESENT
B. Howell (The Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER
Board Chair Emrich called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:21 p.m.

2011-12 BUDGET OVERVIEW
D. Lutz began the meeting by explaining that the public Budget Hearing is required by law. She explained that this is a special session in which a summary of the 2011-12 Budget will be given and the public will have a chance to ask questions. D. Lutz gave an overview of the proposed budget. The College has a charter millage rate of 1.5563 mills. The extra voted millage is .4864 for a total of 2.0427. That millage applied to the three county property tax base of approximately $11.3 billion generates about $23 million in revenue for the College for operations. Combined with the tuition and fee revenue and the State revenue, the total revenue for the General Fund will be about $66 million.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Board Chair Emrich called for any comments from the public.

K. Higgs said that, in his opinion, the College is not in compliance with the Uniform Government Budgeting Act because the Board has transferred authority to the administration to transfer dollars throughout the year. He also stated that he believes that the Board should consider a tuition rollback. K. Higgs said that that the Board should be more involved in the strategic planning process.

L. Myles-Sanders said that the issue regarding compliance with the Uniform Government Budgeting Act has been explored by the College. She said that she is in agreement with the opinion of outside counsel who found that this statute does not apply to community colleges.

D. Lutz stated that the administration has not needed to come back to the Board regarding the general appropriations for the College mid-year, because the administration has never exceeded the approved appropriation. She also said that the College Community worked very hard to cut the budget for FY11-12 and succeeded in cutting $2.2 million in the budget without impacting programs for our students.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 2011, Regular Meeting of the Board.
Hearing no further comments, Board Chair Emrich declared the Budget Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary