

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
March 12, 2020

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Mr. Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Richard Ellis. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Mr. Pete Pettiet.

Guests present: Mr. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development; Mr. Ronnie Watkins, Dean of Administrative Services; Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing; Mr. Dallas Pena, Hockley County resident; and Mr. Blake Roberts, of PMF Financial Advisors.

Mr. Neal gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes; there being none, Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President of Student Affairs to report. Dr. DeMerritt, along with Dr. Satterwhite, informed the Board of the developing plans to protect South Plains College faculty, staff, and students in the face of the novel coronavirus. He asked the Board to cancel all classes March 23 – 27, 2020. Faculty members are working to move as many classes to an online format as possible. Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the recommendations of Dr. Satterwhite, and extended authority to Dr. Satterwhite to make any operational changes necessary to deal with Covid-19. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs updated the Board on the SACSCOC 5<sup>th</sup> Year Report.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, Financial Reports, and the Investment Report. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, and Mr. Alexander moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4455, and #4456. Second by Mr. Ellis and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green then presented the Investment Report (exhibit #4457) Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and the Board approve the motion unanimously. Finally, Ms. Green introduced Blake Roberts. Mr. Roberts distributed a Financial Advisory Update/Refunding and Financing Considerations; exhibit #4458. The Board listened and informed Mr. Roberts that they would consider is options at a later date.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Mr. John introduced Ms. Gerstenberger and asked her to present. Ms. Gerstenberger informed the Board that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala was successful. The event raised \$285,615.00 with donations continuing to be received by the Foundation. See Exhibit #4459.

The Chairman called on the President for him to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented the Board with the list of faculty being recommended for rank and tenure promotions. The motion to approve those recommendations was made by Mr. Ellis, second by Mr. Alexander and the vote was unanimous. See Exhibits #4460, #4461, and #4462. Dr. Satterwhite presented a construction update. He distributed the Science Building construction budget in exhibit #4463. He stated work is on schedule. Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board that Ronnie Watkins and Dennis Churchwell had conducted interviews of CMAR Construction Managers. After discussion, Mr. Neal made a motion in accordance to Texas Government Code 2269.253, the SPC Board of Regents gives permission to begin contract negotiations with Lee Lewis as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Downtown Lubbock Center. See exhibit #4464. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider a tuition increase of \$7 per credit out for out-of-district students and non-resident students. He also recommended a \$10 increase in the instructional support fee for out-of-district and non-resident students. See exhibit #4465. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept Dr. Satterwhite's tuition increase recommendations. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Meeting adjourn.

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Chairman

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Secretary