

## MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

## South Plains College

April 9, 2020

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; and Mr. Richard Ellis; Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody of the Hockley County News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Alexander 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 of the regular March 12, 2020 meeting. There being none, Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box asked the Board to postpone the May 2020 election until November 3, 2020 in accordance with Government Election Code, Chapter 41, Section 41.0052. Mr. Ellis made a motion to postpone the election, Mr. Alexander seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to extend Mr. Neal's current term through November 3, 2020. Mr. Ellis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented the proposed employment list for 2020-2021. See Exhibit #4467. The list includes several replacements due to retirements and relocations. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the Employment List, second by Mr. Neal. Vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2019-2020 Quarter 2 report on Title IX violations. See exhibit #4468.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, and Mr. Ellis made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4469 and #4470. Second by Mr. Neal and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green informed the Board that Pate, Downs, and Pinkerton would not be submitting a proposal to complete the College's annual audit. They have moved away from this service. Ms. Green then presented an audit proposal from Condley and Company, LLC. See exhibit #4471. After some discussion, Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Alexander seconded the vote was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite gave an update on the progression of the Science Building renovation. He stated that the renovations are moving ahead of schedule, and the completion of the project is anticipated to be ahead of schedule as well.

Dr. Satterwhite then began his report on COVID-19. He was adamant that South Plains College employees

have performed in an exemplary manner in the wake of sudden changes and challenges put on SPC by the virus. He stated that South Plains College is doing everything it can to protect the health of our students, employees, and our community. He and other employees have participated in daily conference calls with stateside health professionals, peer colleges and universities, and our own educational staff. He informed the Board that DeEtte Edens, Associate Director of Health and Wellness, is serving as our health advisor. She is participating in daily conference calls with the Department of State Health Services.

Dr. Satterwhite then discussed the timeline of events which began March 12 with the extension of spring break. On March 18, it was announced that the faculty and staff would return to campus. On March 19, faculty was told to work from remote locations to bring all instruction online. All offices on campus began working with skeleton crews. On March 24, he sent out a video message to students to stay strong. On March 29, the Lubbock and Plainview Center were issued a work from home order.

Dr. Satterwhite invited each Vice President to give updates on the accommodations their divisions are making to help keep South Plains College student's success our first priority. Notably, Dr. Gibbs asked the Board to consider charging a building use fee for the Lubbock Downtown Center for Summer 2020. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the fee, Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider canceling the 2020 graduation ceremonies. Mr. Neal regrettably made a motion to cancel the graduation ceremonies. Mr. Pettiet seconded. Mr. Alexander also made a motion to cancel all end-of-year activities. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. Both motions passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary