

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

August 11, 2022

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency 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. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Joe Tubb; Mr. Jim Mara; and Dr. Ty Gregory. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Mr. Dom Puente, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVY Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Mr. Chis Edens.

Guests present: Mr. Drew Landry, Assistant Professor of Government; and Ms. Lorie Marquez, Hockley County Appraisal District.

Mr. Box gave the opening prayer.

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

Mr. Box asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Landry addressed the Board stating that he is in favor of a pay increase for all employees. Mr. Landry exited the meeting following his comments.

Mr. Box asked if there were any changes to the June 9 minutes. There being none, Dr. Gregory made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Tubb seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs provided an update on the Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant. He highlighted Governor Abbott's positive response to South Plains College received in the grant is exhibits #4910 and #4911.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to report to the Board. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2021-2022 quarter three reported violations of policy FH in exhibit #4912. He then presented the summer II enrollment report, preliminary fall 2022 enrollment report, and the preliminary fall 2022 housing occupancy report in exhibit #4913, #4914, and #4915.

The Chairman called on the Vice President Business Affairs to report. Ms. Green presented the tax office and financial reports in exhibits #4916, and #4917. Mr. Mara made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Tubb seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. She then presented the HEERF expenditures in exhibit #4918. Ms. Green also presented a resolution to restate the pension trust for South

Plains College in exhibit #4919, #4920, and #4921. Following some discussion, Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the resolution. Dr. Gregory seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then asked the Board to consider transferring funds to debt service. Following discussion, Mr. Ellis made a motion to transfer up to \$3,600,000. Mr. Tubb seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Ms. Green presented one resale of property: Joram Banman, #R14078, \$10,500.00, exhibit #4922. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the resale and Dr. Gregory seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Ms. Gerstenberger presented an update on the strategic plan and new employee orientation. She also announced the ribbon cutting for the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Science Center will take place on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. on the Levelland campus.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. To begin his report, Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction report. He stated that the Downtown Center is nearly completion at a rapid pace and will be ready to welcome students for the Fall 2022 semester. He also stated that the welding expansion and Smallwood renovations are progressing as planned. He then presented the preliminary 2022-2023 budget. See exhibit #4923. Mr. Tubb made a motion to propose a 4% salary increase for all South Plains College employees. Mr. Mara seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous, excluding Dr. Gregory. Dr. Gregory abstained from the vote due to his familiar relationship with a college employee. The Board then began to discuss the proposed tax rate. Mr. Ellis proposed a rate of \$0.306843 followed by a second from Mr. Alexander. The Board unanimous voted to approve the proposed tax rate and set a hearing for Tuesday, August 23 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Regents meeting room on the Levelland campus. See exhibits #4924 and #4925.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to consider the bids presented in exhibit #4926. for the fiber broadband project. Mr. Ellis made the motion to accept the bids as presented and Mr. Alexander seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite presented the causality insurance proposal. See exhibit #4927. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the bids presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary