

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
May 11, 2023

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board Mr. Chris Edens; 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.

Mr. Ellis gave the opening prayer.

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

Mr. Box asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Box asked if there were any changes to the April 13, 2023 minutes. There being none, Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs the employee service awards along with retirements in exhibit #5015. He also presented the proposed curriculum changes in exhibit #5016, #5017, and #5018. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the curriculum changes as presented. Mr. Edens seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Gibbs also asked the Board to consider an EDA grant matching commitment. Following some discussion, Mr. Ellis made a motion to increase SPC's match up to \$300,000. Dr. Gregory seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented an update on the upcoming 65th graduation ceremony. He detailed graduation rates and figures in exhibit #5019, followed by the breakdown of the day's schedule and assignments in exhibits #5020 and #5021.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to report. Ms. Green presented the tax office and financial reports in exhibits #5022 and #5023. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the reports as presented and Dr. Gregory seconded followed by a unanimous vote. Ms. Green also presented the HEERF expenditures in exhibit #5024.

The chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger presented an SPC Foundation scholarship update in exhibit #5025. She also asked the Board to consider quote from Elite Signs and Design. See exhibit #5026. Mr. Edens made the motion to name a wing in the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Science Center the David Etheredge Biology Wing. Mr. Box seconded the

motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction update stating that the demolition of the auxiliary building will begin in late May and permanent signage will be installed mid-May. He also stated that the welding expansion and firing range projects on the Levelland campus are on schedule and closing in on final completion dates. He also provided a Legislative update. The end his report, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider moving their regular meeting to Thursday, June 15 to accommodate financial reports. Dr. Gregory made the motion to move the regular meeting and Mr. Alexander seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary