

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
February 12, 2026

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board Mr. Jim Mara; Mr. Pete Stracener and Mr. Joe Tubb. Others present were Ms. Tracy Baten; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Mr. Adan Rubio, Public Relations Specialist; Lynda Work, Levelland News Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Dr. Jacob Braddock, Dean of Health Professions; Mr. Nick Castillo, Executive Director of Administrative Services and Ms. Lynne Contreras, Director of Dental Hygiene Program

Mr. Stracener gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the minutes as presented. Mr. Tubb motioned to approve the minutes as they were presented, and Mr. Ellis seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs invited Dr. Braddock and Ms. Contreras to present a cost analysis of the Dental Hygiene program.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2026 spring census day enrollment figures in exhibit #5360, the 2026 spring housing occupancy report in exhibit #5361. Dr. DeMerritt then presented proposed updates to Policy FH: Sexual and Gender-based Misconduct in exhibit #5362. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the proposed updates as presented, and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. DeMerritt also provided a report on student health services in exhibit #5363, the 2025 accident and injury report in exhibit #5364, the 2025 hazing report in exhibit #5365. He also presented the proposed updates to SPC's Emergency Operation Plan, exhibit #5366. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the updated plan as presented. Mr. Stracener seconded the motion, and the vote was approved unanimously. Finally, Dr. DeMerritt presented a wrap-up report on Senior Sneak Preview.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Baten presented financial and investment reports in exhibits #5367, #5368, and #5369. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Baten also presented the Investment Policy for review. Following discussion, Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the Investment Policy and Resolution in exhibits #5370 and #5371. Mr. Stracener seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction update and noted that SPC will review bids for the Lubbock Career and Technical Center realignment at the March regular meeting.

Dr. Satterwhite and Mr. Castillo presented the construction manager at risk (CMAR) bids for the Dental Hygiene facility, recommending Henthorn Commercial Construction. Mr. Ellis moved to approve the recommendation, Mr. Mara seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Satterwhite requested approval of the updated SPC Policy Manual, revised in accordance with TASB policies. Mr. Ellis moved to approve the updated policy, and Mr. Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

He also asked the Board to consider approving the purchase of a radiology table, with quotes ranging from \$63,500 to \$104,804, recommending the bid from Brown's Medical Imaging at \$63,500, exhibit #5372. Mr. Mara moved to approve the purchase from the recommended vendor, Mr. Stracener seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to consider approval of the MOU with Plainview ISD regarding the Plainview Center, exhibit #5373. After discussion, Mr. Tubb moved to approve the MOU with amended wording, stating that PISD will be responsible for replacing the parking lot and the roof within SPC specifications. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

To conclude his report, Dr. Satterwhite presented the Region V basketball tournament brackets for the Texans and Lady Texans, scheduled for March 11–14, 2026, in Odessa, Texas. See exhibit #5374.

Meeting adjourned.