

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
January 15, 2026

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 15, 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. Chris Edens; 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; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Santana Morin-Romero, Student Practicum in Master of Education at Grand Canyon University.

Mr. Edens 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. Edens motioned to approve the minutes as they were presented, and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board called and ordered an election for positions # 1, and # 2. See exhibit # 5346. Mr. Ellis made the motion to call and order the election. Mr. Tubb seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs presented Policy: BGC (LEGAL)BP regarding the SPC Faculty Senate for approval, as outlined in exhibit # 5347.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the preliminary 2026 spring enrollment figures in exhibit # 5348, the preliminary 2026 spring housing occupancy report in exhibit # 5349, and the Title IX reports received FY 2026 quarter one in exhibit # 5350. Dr. DeMerritt also presented the 2025 School Safety Audit Action Item List Status. See exhibit # 5351.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Baten presented the tax office report, financial reports, and investment report in exhibits # 5352, # 5353, # 5354, and # 5355. Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Stracener seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Baten also presented a resolution to amend authorized representatives for TexPool in exhibit # 5356. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the amendment of authorized representatives. Mr. Mara seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President of Institutional Advancement to report. Ms. Gerstenberger presented an update on the upcoming 2026 SPC Foundation fundraiser, Monte Carlo Evening in exhibit # 5357. Mrs. Gerstenberger asked the Board to consider approving the street-naming rights for the drive just north of the Administration Building to be used as an auction item at the upcoming Monte Carlo Evening.

Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve of the naming rights followed by a second from Mr. Ellis. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite reported that campus construction continues to move forward. Roofing projects at Tubb and Gerstenberger Halls, HVAC/ Auto Collision, and Gentry Square should finish between this month and next, with some delays caused by material shortages. The dome project is now expected to resume after spring 2026 graduation and finish in July 2026. At the aquatic center, major structural work is complete, concrete and rebar phases are underway, and power installations should be finished by January 19; about one-third of the budget has been spent. The Gillespie Hall electrical upgrade will change over on January 16. Additional ongoing projects include classroom renovations in the Administration Building, Health and Wellness floor upgrades and converting the Student Health lobby into a clinic reception area. Work is also underway on Google-supported network enhancements and the Lubbock CTE Building realignment.

Dr. Satterwhite updated the Board on the Plainview Center, noting that Plainview ISD has proposed leasing the building for \$10 a year for five years, with the option to renew for three additional five-year terms, to establish a Technical High School. SPC would retain its A&S courses, Nursing, and Cosmetology in the facility, while welding would move to PISD's new welding building. Under the proposal, PISD would assume all maintenance, custodial services, building improvements, and utilities. Both parties are working through details such as access, security, and integrating dual credit with traditional coursework. An MOU proposed by PISD is being amended and will be presented to the Board once all terms are finalized.

Dr. Satterwhite presented the results of the Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors election, as shown in Exhibit # 5358. He also asked the Board to consider an amendment to the Purchasing Operating Policy related to SB 1173, outlined in Exhibit # 5359. After discussion, Mr. Edens moved to approve the policy amendment, Mr. Stracener seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board that the full TASB policy and procedure handbook will be presented for approval at the February meeting. The Board expressed support for taking a comprehensive, holistic approach to approving the policies.

Dr. Satterwhite concluded his report by asking the Board to consider using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process to complete the construction design and prepare bid documents for the Dental Hygiene program. Mr. Tubb moved to approve soliciting CMAR bids for the Dental Hygiene project. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.