

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
May 7, 2026

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:00 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; Lynda Work, Levelland News Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

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

The meeting began by organizing the positions on the Board. Mr. Tubb made a motion to elect Mr. Box as Chairman of the Board of Regents, Mr. Alexander as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Ellis as Secretary. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs provided an update on the SB 37 Curriculum Review Process and also presented curriculum changes in Arts and Sciences in exhibit #5399. He also reviewed the employee service awards in exhibit #5400.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Board with the schedule and progression diagram for the upcoming graduation ceremonies, as outlined in exhibits #5401, #5402, and #5403. He also gave an overview of the student awards ceremony for the Spring 2026 semester, highlighting the President's and Spencer Award recipients, as outlined in exhibits #5404, #5405, and #5406.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger presented the South Plains College Foundation 2026-2027 scholarship budget and the schedule of local high school scholarship presentations, as outlined in exhibit #5407.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Baten presented the tax office and financial reports in exhibits #5408, #5409, and #5410. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the reports as presented, Mr. Tubb seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Baten also presented the first of two property resale items: #R19512, Rocky Perez, \$1,500.00, as outlined in exhibit #5411. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the property as presented; Mr. Mara seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

She then presented the second property resale item: #R17287, L4 Creative Management, LLC, \$6,200.67, as outlined in exhibit #5412. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the property as presented; Mr. Mara seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite provided a legislative update followed by a construction update. He noted that substantial completion of the Aquatic Center is scheduled for June 23, 2026; the Dome roof is scheduled to begin on May 25, 2026; and the Dome floor is scheduled to begin on July 6, 2026. The Board discussed beginning the insurance renewal process with the current provider rather than going out for bids.

Dr. Satterwhite presented several upcoming construction projects for Board consideration.

He presented the Baker Center Electrical Upgrade, recommending K-Bar Electric due to its completion time, as outlined in exhibit #5413. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the recommendation of K-Bar Electric; Mr. Mara seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

He then presented the Stroud Hall drain line replacement, recommending Lowery Plumbing, as outlined in exhibit #5414. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the recommendation of Lowery Plumbing; Mr. Edens seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

He then presented the Lubbock CTC parking lot repair, as outlined in exhibit #5415. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the project using Pavecon; Mr. Mara seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

He then presented the Lubbock Downtown Center parking lot repair, as outlined in exhibit #5416. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the project using Pavecon; Mr. Mara seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Finally, he presented the Plainview Cosmetology counter replacement, as outlined in exhibit #5417. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the project using WR Construction; Mr. Edens seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.