MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

October 8, 2026

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, October 8, 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; Jaxon Fox, Levelland News Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Robyn Reaves, Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Box 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 were none.

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

The Board entered Executive/Closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 at 12:33 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 12:57 p.m. Upon return to Open Session, the Board considered and took action regarding the appeal of termination of employment of a faculty member in the Communications Department. Mr. Alexander made a motion to deny Ms. Hilary Nixon's appeal and uphold her termination from South Plains College. Mr. Tubb seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs presented the review process for SPC's curriculum to ensure compliance with TX SB 37. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the College's curriculum, confirming compliance, followed by a second from Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Gibbs also presented the Minor Degree and Certificate program inventory for consideration. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the program inventory without any changes to current degrees offered. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Fall 2026 Census Enrollment Figures in exhibit #5463 as well as the Title IX 2025-26 Quarter 4/Annual Report in exhibit #5464 and the SPC 2025 Annual Campus Security Report in exhibit #5465. He also presented the recommended changes to SPC Policy CHF (Local) – Site Management: Weapons for approval in Exhibit #5466. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the edits as presented. Mr. Stracener seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger presented the SPC Mission Statement for reaffirmation in exhibit #5467. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve

the reaffirmation, followed by a second from Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Baten presented the tax office and the financial reports in exhibits #5468 and #5469 and the quarterly investment report in exhibit #5470. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve all reports as presented, Mr. Mara seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite reported that construction of the Dental Hygiene facility is underway, with demolition nearing completion and utility work scheduled to begin next week. The Plainview Center parking lot repair has been rescheduled due to weather. Plainview ISD has requested that the City of Plainview replace the roof and will attend a City Council meeting later in October to discuss the urgency of the project. Progress continues on the Career Services Center in Levelland, with interior work completed and wall installation scheduled for December. Mrs. Gerstenberger was asked to provide an update on the REA Charitable Trust. She reported that the College received an additional $200,000 to complete the theater lighting project and purchase a new curtain, which will complete the theater renovations. Dr. Satterwhite also reported that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Workforce Training Center is scheduled for October 28 in Levelland. The Board will review quotes for new seating in the Texan Dome at its next meeting. Dr. Satterwhite then presented bids for roofing repairs on the Levelland Campus for consideration in exhibits #5471 and #5472. Mr. Tubb moved to approve the bid submitted by CanTex in the amount of $474,300, reflecting the exclusion of the Student Services Building, which is scheduled for replacement. Mr. Mara seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. To conclude his report, Dr. Satterwhite invited the Board to attend several activities on campus.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman Secretary