

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
September 10, 2026

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, September 10, 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; Lynda Work, Levelland News Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Janine Fox, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies.

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 were 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 Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs presented a report in Exhibit #5451 showing enrollment by program, allowing the Board to assess appropriate enrollment levels. He also presented the 2026-2027 Faculty Handbook proposed changes, Exhibit #5452, for the Board's review.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the official Fall 2026 enrollment and housing occupancy reports in exhibits #5453 and #5454. He also presented the TASB-CC required edits to SPC Policies DIAA, DIAB, FFDA and FFDB for approval in Exhibit #5455. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the edits as presented. Mr. Edens seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger presented South Plains College's Mission, Vision and Values for review in exhibit #5456. She also reported on the success of the Designer Bag Bingo event.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Baten presented the tax office and the financial reports in exhibits #5457, #5458, and #5459. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the reports as presented, Mr. Mara seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite reported that punch list items are being finalized for the Aquatic Center. The Dome roof is complete, and bids are currently being accepted for new seating. The City has issued the permit for the Dental Hygiene program construction, with work expected to begin next week. Additionally, the Economic Development Administration has awarded funding for the SPC Workforce Training Center, contributing \$1.45 million, while the Levelland Economic Development Center is

providing \$1.5 million. Dr. Satterwhite reported that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board continues to meet with an appointed group of college representatives and TACC leadership to explore improved methods for predicting and stabilizing funding needs. He also shared that both the Radiology and Dental Hygiene programs completed accreditation site visits this month. The Radiology program received no recommendations (citations) and two advisory suggestions, with expectations of earning a five- or seven-year accreditation. The Dental Hygiene program received no recommendations and no suggestions. Its next accreditation site visit will occur as the first cohort approaches program completion. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider approving the resolutions naming Mr. Russell Vest in exhibit #5460 and Dr. Stefan Kreuzer in exhibit #5461 as Distinguished Alumni for 2026. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve both resolutions as presented, and Mr. Tubb seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary