

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
April 11, 2024

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board Mr. Joe Tubb; Dr. Ty Gregory; and Mr. Jim Mara; Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Mr. Dom Puente, Levelland News Press; Mr. Adan Rubio, Public Relations Specialist; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Mr. Chris Edens.

Guests present: Mr. Ryan Fitzgerald, Dean of Dual Credit and Early College Programs, Ms. Christa Henley, Dual Credit Enrollment Coordinator, Mr. Nickolis Castillo, Executive Director of Administrator Services, Ms. Pat Grappe, community member, and Ms. Connie Thomman, community member.

Mr. Mara 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. Both Ms. Grappe and Ms. Thomman spoke in favor of repairing the Natatorium on the Levelland campus.

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. Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited Dr. Satterwhite to present the proposed 2024-2025 employment list in exhibit #5138. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the list as presented followed by a second from Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous with Dr. Gregory abstaining.

The Chairman then invited the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs presented an update on the Texan to Red Raider Agreement. He provided an example of how classes would transfer in exhibit #5139.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2024 2nd Eight-Week enrollment report in exhibit #5140, the 2023-2024 Q2 Title IX report in exhibit #5141, and provided a Student Health Services update in exhibit #5142. Dr. DeMerritt invited Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Henley to present a update on Dual Credit and Early High School programs. Mr. Fitzgerald detailed the report in exhibit #5143.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Green presented the financial reports in exhibits #5144 and #5145.

The Chairman invited to President to report. Dr. Satterwhite began his report with a construction update. He stated that the women's complex flooring project will begin in May. The flooring and abatement are expected to be completed during the summer ahead of the Fall semester. He then requested permission to seek bids for a construction-manager-at-risk potential Natatorium remodel project. See exhibit #5146. After much discussion, Mr. Box made a motion to move forward with the request to seek bids for a construction manager-at-risk. Dr. Gregory counter-motined that the Board does not move forward with seeking bids. Mr. Tubb seconded the initial motion to move forward with seeking bids for a construction manager-at-risk. The votes were as follows: Box – for; Alexander – for; Ellis – for; Mara – for; Tubb – for; Gregory – against. Dr. Satterwhite then requested the Board's approval to begin the construction process on Frazier Hall in exhibit #5147. Dr. Gregory made to approve the construction process on Frazier Hall. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also asked the Board to consider beginning the construction process for Cosmetology to expand Barber services on the Levelland campus. See exhibit #5148. Dr. Gregory made a motion to approve beginning the construction process for the Cosmetology building with Mr. Mara seconding. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite provided the state enrollment report in exhibit #5149. He noted that South Plains College had an enrollment increase of 10.7%. Dr. Satterwhite also asked the Board to consider accepting our insurance renewal versus going out for bids. Following some discussion, Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the insurance renewal. Mr. Tubb seconded the motion and to vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to consider changing the regular May 9th meeting to 4:00 to coincide with the Employee Recognition Banquet to be held that evening. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve moving the meeting time followed by a second from Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous. To end his report, Dr. Satterwhite highlighted upcoming end-of-year events.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary