

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
October 13, 2022

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. 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. Chris Edens; and Dr. Ty Gregory. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Mr. Dom Puente, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVY Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Mr. Joe Tubb.

Guests present: Mr. Ryan Fitzgerald, Dean of Dual Enrollment and Distance Education; Mr. Josh Meredith, Director of Student Life; Student Government officers: Mr. Micah Burns, Mr. Noah Lopez, Mr. Nunes Sumbo, and Mr. Zach Molina.

Mr. Box gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Mr. Box asked if there were any changes to the September 8, 2022 minutes. There being none, Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the enrollment and housing occupancy reports in exhibits #4937, #4938, and #4939. He also presented the Title IX quarterly report as shown in exhibit #4940. Dr. DeMerritt then presented the 2021 annual campus security report. See exhibit #4941. Finally, Dr. DeMerritt shared the 2019 official three-year cohort default rate in exhibit #4942.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report to the Board. Dr. Gibbs presented the EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistant grant proposal. See exhibit #4943. Following some discussion, Dr. Gregory made a motion to approve \$112,059.00 in grant assistance. Mr. Edens seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to report. Ms. Green presented the tax office, financial, and investment reports in exhibits #4944, #4945, and #4946. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ms. Green also presented the HEERF expenditures in exhibit #4947. Finally, Ms. Green presented one resale of property: David Escobar, #R1287, 504 Brownlee, Whitharral, TX, \$2,000.00; exhibit #4948. Dr.

Gregory made the motion to approve the resale, followed by a second from Mr. Alexander. The Board vote was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Ms. Gerstenberger asked the Board to consider the resolutions presented in exhibits #4949 and #4950 naming Mr. Kevin Dane and posthumously naming Ms. Stephanie Smith as distinguished alumni of South Plains College. Mr. Box made a motion to approve the resolutions. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. She invited the Board to attend the Distinguished Alumni reception on Friday, November 4, 2022.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. To begin his report, Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction report. He informed the Board that parking continues to be an issue at the Downtown Center. He asked the Board to consider demolishing the east building on the property and replacing it with asphalt. The proposal in exhibit #4951 is considered within the scope of the initial project and would not have to go out for bid. He stated that Following some discussion, Mr. Edens made a motion to accept Lee Lewis' proposal to demolish the building and create more suitable parking for the Downtown Center. Dr. Gregory seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also informed the Board like remodeling is progressing well on the welding expansion with concrete work beginning within the next week. He also presented a legislative update in exhibit #4952.

Next, Dr. Satterwhite invited Mr. Fitzgerald to discuss dual credit tuition. Dr. Satterwhite and Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the recent history of dual credit tuition and asked the Board to consider offering CTE dual credit courses at no cost to be competitive with the development of area high school curriculum. An example was provided in exhibit #4953. Following discussion among the Board, Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the zero-cost tuition for CTE courses. Dr. Gregory seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also asked the Board to consider a building use fee for the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Science Center. He discussed the detailed calculations in exhibit #4954. Dr. Gregory made a motion to discontinue the \$100 per student building use fee. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite reminded the Board of the upcoming Halloween carnival on Thursday, October 27th, the Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, November 3rd, and the Distinguished Alumni Reception on Friday, November 4th.

Mr. Box then called the Board into executive session at 2:14 p.m. to consult with the college attorney (Texas Government Code Section 551.071) and to discuss deliberations regarding a prospective gift (Texas Government Code Section 551.073).

The Board reconvened open session at 3:14 p.m. and no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary