

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
September 14, 2023

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, September 2023, 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. Chris Edens; and Mr. Jim Mara; Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVY Radio; Mr. Dom Puente of the Levelland News-Press; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Dr. Ty Gregory and Mr. Joe Tubb.

Dr. DeMerritt 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 made the motion to approve the minutes as they were presented and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then invited the Vice President for Students Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the preliminary Fall 2023 enrollment figures in exhibit #5054 and the preliminary Fall 2023 housing occupancy figures in exhibit #5055.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs stated that South Plains College is hosting the SACSCOC onsite visit next week. He presented the nine members of the on-site team in exhibit #5056. He also presented the Health Sciences credentialing exam passage rates in exhibit #5057.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Green presented the tax office report and financial reports in exhibits #5058, #5059, and #5060. Mr. Edens made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Ellis seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger presented an update on the South Plains College Foundation update in exhibit #5061.

The Chairman invited to President to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented a construction update. Most notably, he informed the Board that the outdoor fitness court has been ordered. South Plains College has received a \$175,000 donation towards to project. The court is scheduled to open in the spring of 2024.

Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on the House Bill 8 and Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)

program. He announced that House Bill 8 will result in an addition \$5,700,000 in funding for South Plains College.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board for nominations to the Hockley County Appraisal District Board. See exhibit #5062. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve a resolution nominating Dr. Ty Gregory. Mr. Ellis seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider the Distinguished Alumni nominations. The recommendations are Mr. Charles "Bo" Outlaw in exhibit#5063, Mr. John Stoll in exhibit #5064, and Mr. Heath Wright in exhibit #5065. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve all three recommendations as presented. Mr. Edens seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary