

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
February 8, 2024

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 8, 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; Mr. Chris Edens; and Mr. Jim Mara; Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Michael Weist of KLVY Radio; Ms. Kati Moody with the Texan Mosaic; Mr. Adan Rubio, Public Relations Specialist; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Dr. Ty Gregory.

Guests present: Ms. Sue Ann Lopez, community member; Ms. Jill Pitts, community member; Ms. Karen Pence, community member; Ms. Lauren Gregory, Department Chairperson and Associate Professor of Business Administration; and Ms. Mackinzee Escamilla, Assistant Professor of English.

Mr. Ellis 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. Ms. Lopez and Ms. Pitts spoke in favor of changing the regular Board meetings to the evening per Dr. Gregory's previous request. They both stated that moving the meetings would allow more community involvement, including faculty, staff, and students. They both also stated moving the meetings would make South Plains College more progressive. Ms. Lopez also felt that moving to the evenings would allow more people to run for a place on the Board. Ms. Pence stated that she is in favor of keeping the meeting time as is. She questioned whether all of the boards Dr. Gregory serves on have moved their meetings. She also questioned whether Dr. Gregory had asked permission from his employer to attend the Board of Regents meetings. She also pointed out that not all members of the Board are retired.

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

The Chairman then invited the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs provided an update on the Texan to Red Raider program.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the spring 2024 census day enrollment figures in exhibit #5107. and the spring 2024 housing occupancy figures in exhibit #5108. He also presented a review of Policy FH in exhibit #5109. Dr. DeMerritt plans to bring Policy FH back to the Board for approve during next month's meeting after the Board has had a chance to thoroughly review the changes. He also presented a student board rate increase to \$1,300.00 for the 2024-2025 year

(see exhibit #5110) for consideration. The increase is to accommodate the rate increase from Great Western Dining. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the increase as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. To finish his report, Dr. DeMerritt gave a recap of Senior Sneak Preview day that was held on Friday, February 2 on the Levelland campus.

The Chairman invited the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Green asked the Board to call and order an election for positions #5, #6, and #7. See exhibit #5111. Mr. Ellis made the motion to call and order the election. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also presented the tax office report, financial reports, and investment report in exhibits #5112, #5113, and #5114. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then presented the resolution for investment policy as well as the investment policy in exhibits #5115 and #5116. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited to President to report. Dr. Satterwhite began by providing a construction update. He stated that the outdoor fitness court is near completion, the preliminary work to begin opening bids on the Frazier Hall remodel has begun, and that we have asked BGR Architects to develop construction documents to get a better understanding of the cost of potentially renovating the Natatorium. He also presented a bid of \$362,860.89 to begin flooring renovations in the Women's Housing Complex. See exhibit #5117. After discussion, Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the bid as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite talked through the insurance renewal process. He stated that insurance consultant is encouraging the Board to consider simply renew the current policy. No action was taken on this discussion.

Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on the upcoming Scholarship Gala scheduled to take place on Friday, February 23 at the Mallet Event Center. He also asked the Board to consider approving the naming rights of the Drive north of the Administration Building to be used as a live-auction item during the event. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the naming rights. Mr. Tubb seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also asked the Board to consider moving the regular March meeting to Thursday, March 21, 2024 to accommodate the college being closed for spring break. Mr. Mara made the motion to approve the date change followed by a second from Mr. Edens. The vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite announced that the Region V basketball tournament will be held March 13-16, 2024 in Weatherford, Texas.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary