

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

September 9, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, 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. Joe Tubb; Mr. Chris Edens; and Dr. Ty Gregory. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Julie Gerstenberger; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVY Radio; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Edens gave the opening prayer.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes. Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the August 12 and August 25, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the preliminary Fall 2021 Enrollment and Housing Occupancy Reports in exhibit #4681 and #4682.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs updated the Board on the SACSCOC ten-year reaffirmation. He discussed the differentiated review process, the CCATT annual conference, as well as the upcoming SACSCOC annual meeting scheduled in December 2021. He also let the Board know of the upcoming South Plains College/Texas Tech University Transfer Summit scheduled for October 29th at the Texas Tech Market Alumni Center.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports in exhibits #4683 and #4684. Mr. Gregory made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also discussed transferring additional funds to debt service. Following some discussion, Mr. Ellis made the motion to move an additional \$2,000,000 to debt service. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. This will bring the total funds transferred to debt service to \$3,000,000. Finally, Ms. Green presented the updated HEERF expenditures in exhibit #4685.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger updated the Board on the Wheeler Foundation First to College Impact Scholarship. See exhibit #4686.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction report. He

stated that both the Science Building renovation and Lubbock Downtown Center renovation are progressing in a timely manner and on budget. He also noted that new furnishings have been put in place on the Levelland Campus Student Affairs mall area as well as the snack bar area.

Dr. Satterwhite then reviewed the call for nominations for the Hockley County Appraisal District Board as see in exhibit #4687. After discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Edens made the motion to nominate Mr. Ty Gregory to the Hockley County Appraisal District Board. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on the special legislative session set to begin on September 20. He noted the Texas Association of Community Colleges' Strengthening Community College Capacity for a Stronger Texas in exhibit #4688. Finally, he provided an update on the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic's effect on South Plains College. He stated faculty and staff are doing everything possible to continue face-to-face classes on all campuses. South Plains College is continuing to notified students if a member of their class has a confirmed case of Covid-19 in effort to not only keep students, faculty, and staff safe, but to stop the spread of the virus. As of now, South Plains College has not received any specific guidelines from the NJCAA on how athletics events will be modified in their respective upcoming seasons.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary