

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

February 11, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Sundown 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. Ty Gregory; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Jim Mara. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and Ms. Laura Fowler, college attorney.

Mr. Gregory 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. Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Gregory, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs presented an update on Instruction Technology in exhibit #4591.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Spring 2021 census day enrollment and the Spring 2021 house occupancy reports in exhibits #4592 and #4593. Dr. DeMerritt noted that the overall enrollment is only down %2.4. Dr. Satterwhite echoed Dr. DeMerritt's positive outlook on enrollment, especially in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, and Financial Reports as seen in exhibits #4594 and #4595. Mr. Tubb made the motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also asked to Board to approve the Resolution of Investment Policy (exhibits #4596 and #4597). Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Tubb seconded with a unanimous vote.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John, provided an update on the process that is underway to revise the College's Institutional Plan for 2021-2026. He reported that 74 employees comprising the instructional and administrative leadership of the college and

a group of faculty and staff participated in planning workshops in early October 2020. The workshop participants helped identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges that were analyzed by the Institutional Plan Steering Team to identify six strategic challenges and priorities (Exhibit #4598). These strategic priorities include: instructional excellence and dynamic curriculum; student success and engagement; student access, equity and affordability; facilities, technology and campus environment; comprehensive enrollment/marketing/ recruitment plan; and human resources. He reported that Strategic Priority Teams of SPC employees have been established for each of the six priority areas. These teams met February 5, 2021 in a planning workshop designed to validate the strategic priority against the mission and core values of the college and to begin the first step of providing input into strategic programming for the plan. The teams will meet once more on March 5, 2021 to continue providing input for the development of the plan's institutional goals and objectives. Mr. John said one of the next steps in the process is to engage the Board of Regents by scheduling a strategic planning workshop for board input into the plan. Regents agreed to schedule this workshop for 1:00 p.m. February 24, 2021. Mr. John then invited Ms. Gerstenberger to present. She updated the Board on the upcoming 23rd Annual Scholarship Gala. See exhibit #4599. The annual event will be held virtually this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite began his report by requesting the Board approve an emergency declaration for repairs in Lamar Hall. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve Dr. Satterwhite's request with a second from Mr. Tubb. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also provided a Legislative update. He stated that with the uncertainty of legislative funding and consideration of funding to college, there is a great amount of uncertainty regarding South Plains College. However, for the current time, it looks optimistic for South Plains College based on enrollment projections and initial estimates. See exhibit #4600. Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to consider renaming the drive north of the Administration Building to be used as an auction item at the upcoming Scholarship Gala. Mr. Alexander made a motion approve Dr. Satterwhite's consideration and Mr. Gregory seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Next, Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board that the Hockley County Appraisal District is seeking nominations from taxing entities to fill a vacancy on their board in exhibit #4601. Mr. Mara made a motion naming Mr. Ty Gregory as the nominee on behalf of South Plains College. Mr. Tubb seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box stated he had received a formal letter of resignation from Mr. Pettiet, following his verbal announcement of retirement during the January 2021 meeting. Mr. Gregory made a motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

At 2:23 p.m., Mr. Box called the Board into executive session to consult with the College attorney (Texas Government Code Section 551.071). The Board reopened the public meeting at 3:16 p.m.

To close the meeting, the Board considered a special election or appointment to fill position #5 on the Board of Regents. Follow much discussion, the majority vote of the Board was to host a special election. The votes were as follows: Mr. Box – abstained; Mr. Alexander – against; Mr. Ellis – for; Mr. Tubb – against; Mr. Mara – for; and Mr. Gregory – for.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary