

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

January 13, 2022

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 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. Joe Tubb; 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. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVY Radio; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

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. Seconded by Mr. Gregory. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs presented an update on workforce education in exhibit #4722.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Students affairs to report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the preliminary spring 2022 enrollment and housing occupancy reports in exhibits #4723 and #4724. He also presented the Title IX reports received in FY 2022 Quarter 1 in exhibit #4725.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present her report. She presented the tax office, financial and investment reports; see exhibits #4726, #4727, and #4728. She also presented in HEERF expenditures in exhibit #4729.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Ms. Gerstenberger shared the end-of-year giving report for the South Plains College Foundation in exhibit #4730. She also presented an update on the upcoming scholarship gala; *Grand Opportunities*. The sponsorship levels are listed in exhibit #4731.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented a construction update in exhibit #4732. He noted that the Science Building renovation is on schedule and currently under budget. He also stated that the Lubbock Downtown Center is on target to finish on time, the tennis court project on the Levelland campus is complete and done well, and the Firing Range renovation on the Levelland campus is in the midst of the abatement phase and the target collection system will be delivered in February and installed in March. The fundraising has begun for the Welding Addition that was previously approved.

Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on covid-19 precautions and mandates for the Spring 2022 semester. Students are returning to campus for face-to-face classes on January 18. Dr. Satterwhite also provided a Legislative update. He informed the Board he was invited to testify to the legislative subgroup regarding rural colleges. During his testimony, he highlighted the declining populations, financially vulnerable student bodies, public transportation, infrastructure inequities, and the taxing district misalignment.

Following Dr. Satterwhite's report, the Chairman called the Board into executive session to consult with the college attorney (Texas Government Code Section 551.071) and the discussion personnel matters (Texas Government Code 551.74).

The Board reconvened the public meeting and no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary