

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 21, 2006**

**REGENTS PRESENT:** Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda, Chairman; Ms. Michele Fortunato, Vice Chairman; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester, Secretary; Mr. Frank O. Nelson; Mrs. Sharon Oeschger; Mr. Prenis O. Williams; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

**REGENTS ABSENT:** Mr. John D. Hicks and Mr. H. Bryan Poff

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Steven W. Jones, President; Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance & Administrative Services; Dr. Renea Fike, Dean of Student and Academic Development; Dr. Brad Johnson, Dean of College Advancement; Dr. Paul Matney, Vice President and Dean of Instruction; Mrs. Damaris Schlong, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development; Ms. Julie Ashby, New Student Relations Specialist; Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office; Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Executive Assistant, President's Office and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents; Mr. Bob Sanders, Legal Counsel; and Mr. Bill Siddens, Helpdesk Operator

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Escajeda, Chairman. The invocation was given by Mr. Forrester.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2006:**

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a notice of public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for 2006 was published in the newspaper on August 11, 2006.

At this time any person and/or persons wishing to come before the Board of Regents regarding the proposed tax rate for 2006 for the Amarillo Junior College District was given the opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Bill Siddens requested to address the Board regarding the tax increase based upon the current tax appraisals. Mr. Siddens expressed his concern that his property taxes have increased significantly over the past five years. Amarillo College has kept their tax rate low, but with the increase in the Potter/Randall County Tax Assessor appraisal rates, taxes have increased considerably. Mrs. Oeschger thanked Mr. Siddens for addressing the Board.

**ANNOUNCE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEETING TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE:**

The date, time, and place was announced for the meeting to adopt the tax rate: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Palo Duro Room of the College Union Building, Washington Street Campus.

**ELECTION ORDER APPROVED:**

The Election Order for the November 7, 2006, combined election by and among Randall County, Potter County, City of Amarillo, and Amarillo Junior College District, to vote on an ad valorem tax initiative is attached at pages 229 through 240.

**ELECTION ORDER APPROVED Continued:**

Mr. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Oeschger, to approve the Election Order for the November 7, 2006 combined election to vote on an ad valorem tax initiative. The motion carried unanimously.

At 12:25 p.m., Ms. Escajeda announced there would be a closed meeting to consult with the Board attorney about matters concerning the settlement of Cause No. 2-05CV-323-J; *Abel Bosquez, et al. v. The Amarillo College District*, United States District Court, the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division.

At 12:48 p.m., Ms. Escajeda called the Amarillo College Board of Regents meeting back into open session. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Carroll Mack Forrester, Secretary

























