

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
August 13, 2024**

REGENTS PRESENT

Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair
Mr. John Betancourt, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Anette Carlisle
Ms. Michele Fortunato
Ms. Irene Hughes
Dr. Paul Proffer
Ms. Peggy Thomas
Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT

Mr. Johnny Mize

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ms. Sara Pesina, Representative for the Hereford Hinkson Memorial Campus

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Mr. Jeff Turner, Representative for the Moore County Campus

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Bob Austin, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing
Mr. Chris Sharp, Vice President of Business Affairs
Mr. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Ms. Denese Skinner, Interim President
Dr. Frank Sobey, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Mark White, Executive General Counsel

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Cheryl Jones, Vice President of Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Joy Brenneman, Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Ms. Ally Greenwood, Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Mr. Christian Johnson, KAMR Local 4 News
Ms. Sadie Newsome, Director of Media, College Relations

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Special Meeting of August 13, 2024**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair of the Board of Regents. He welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE 2024 TAX RATE

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code, Amarillo College published a legal notice on August 19, 2024, stating that the no-new-revenue tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2024 was \$0.20469 per \$100 of assessed value. The voter-approval tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2024 published in the legal notice was \$0.22842 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold one public hearing on a tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$0.21556.

Mr. Sharp addressed the proposed tax rate. Board discussed the increase of average home values and their impact on the community. Mr. Sharp also presented the history of AC's tax rate and highlighted the 5.31% tax increase which represents a \$13.73 cent increase on the average house per year. The board is legally required to adopt the tax rate by the 27th and Mr. Sharp outlined the next steps in the process.

Ms. Hughes moved, seconded by Mrs. Carlisle, that the proposed tax rate not exceed \$0.21556, which will effectively be a 5.31% tax increase in the tax rate.

APPROVAL OF THE DATE TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2024 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2024

The Board set the date to adopt the tax rate for 2024 and scheduled one public hearing regarding the tax rate for 2024 for August 27, 2024 during the regularly schedule Board of Regents meeting.

Ms. Hughes moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the proposed tax rate for August 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on the Washington Street Campus, College Union Building, Second Floor, Palo Duro Room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:12 pm, Mrs. Carlisle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Sara Pesina, Secretary