

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Special Meeting and Board Retreat on July 9, 2024

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING AND BOARD RETREAT
July 9, 2024**

REGENTS PRESENT:

Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair
Ms. Michele Fortunato
Ms. Irene Hughes
Mr. Johnny Mize
Dr. Paul Proffer
Ms. Peggy Thomas
Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT:

Mr. John Betancourt, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Anette Carlisle

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ms. Sara Pesina, Representative for the Hereford Hinkson Memorial Campus
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
Ms. Cheryl Jones, Vice President of Human Resources
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:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Joy Brenneman, Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Ms. Ashley Escobar, AC Media Student
Ms. Sadie Newsome, Director of Media, College Relations
Ms. Lisa Venhaus-Gray, Executive Assistant & Paralegal
Mr. Collin Witherspoon, Executive Director of Institutional Research

SPECIAL MEETING AND BOARD RETREAT

The Special Meeting and Board Retreat was called to order at 4:37 pm by Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair of the Board of Regents. He welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2024 were provided to the Regents.

Dr. Woodburn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2024. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

THRIVE SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT APPROVED

Mr. Austin requested approval of the Thrive Scholarship Agreement between Amarillo College, Amarillo Independent School District, Amarillo Area Foundation, and Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. The original agreement expired on its own terms on June 30, 2024. A redlined and clean version of the updated agreement were included in the materials provided to the Board.

The Thrive partners agreed to extend the agreement through July 31, 2024 allowing time for the partners to review and approve the changes to the agreement. The partner's board members will meet later in July to review and approve the updated agreement.

Dr. Proffer moved that the Board of Regents approve the updated Thrive Scholarship Agreement and to the extent that the partners make minor changes to the agreement before July 31, 2024, that Bob Austin, Vice President Enrollment Management, is authorized to accept or negotiate the changes. Mr. Mize seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ATHLETICS BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mr. White presented a comprehensive review of the Amarillo College Intercollegiate Athletic Program since its inception in January 2021 through June 2024. This review included information about budget, fundraising, facilities, and student athlete success. The Financials were included in Board materials and a printed copy was provided at the meeting.

No action was taken on the item.

HOUSE BILL 8 UPDATE

Mr. Witherspoon explained how HB 8 changed the way state funding is allocated to community colleges - contact hours vs. success points. Contact hour value is the number of contact hours for which the course is actually scheduled. Success points are measurable attainments correlated with the completion of 8 different milestones. These milestones were developed to measure the performance of institutions in a way that promotes their efforts to increase the rate of student progression and achievement. Since points are based on milestones achieved, multiple points can be awarded for an individual student.

HB 8 was signed into law on June 9, 2023, codifying the new model that moves to an outcomes-based approach and rewards colleges for awarding degrees, certificates, and other "credentials of value."

No action was taken on the item.

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BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Sharp presented the draft of the 2024-2025 Amarillo College budget to the Regents. He reviewed each line of the budget and included a list of needed improvements for each campus and the cost of each. A copy of the budget was included in Board materials.

No action was taken on the item.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT

Chair Barrett opened discussion of the Board's self-evaluation for the previous year pursuant to Board of Regents Internal Operating Procedures Section 2.13 with the review of the new board policy Section BBF – Statement of Ethics. He then proceeded to allow individual board members to give their thoughts and comments. The evaluation results were provided in Board materials.

No action was taken on the item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 pm, Ms. Fortunato moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Woodburn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Sara Pesina, Secretary