

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 2025**

**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

**REGENTS ABSENT:**

Mr. Johnny Mize  
Dr. David Woodburn

**CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Mr. Jeff Turner, Representative for the Moore County Campus

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

**CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bob Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing  
Dr. Jamelle Conner, President  
Mr. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement  
Ms. Denese Skinner, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Frank Sobey, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

**CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Chris Sharp, Vice President of Business Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Dolores Arambula – Dean of Campus Operations, Hereford  
Ms. Tina Babb – Associate Vice President of Curriculum, Planning, & IE  
Mr. Kim Bruce – Communication Content Producer  
Mr. Martin Conner – Community Member  
Ms. Tiffani Crosley – Associate Vice President of Business Affairs  
Ms. Ally Greenwood – Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board  
Ms. Alicia Heidiage – Student  
Ms. Brenda Hernandez – Advising/ Student Life Associate  
Officer Ekhlo Htoo – Amarillo Police  
Mr. Christopher Key – Coordinator, Marketing Special Projects  
Mr. Tim Leeper – Assistant Director Moore County Campus  
Ms. Sadie Newsome – Director Marketing  
Ms. Pam Ortega – English Professor, Moore County Campus/ Faculty Senate Secretary  
Mr. Scott Palser – Coordinator, Student Support Services Program

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Ms. Emily Ruiz – Assistant Director of Operations, Hereford Campus  
Ms. Alma Trujillo – Moore County Campus  
Mr. Shon Wagner – Audio Visual Technical Leader - Information Technology  
Ms. Holly Wait – Data Management Assistant  
Ms. Jill Williams – Dean of Campus Operations, Moore County Campus

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair of the Board of Regents. He welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRAYER**

Ms. Alicia Heidiage prayed with Board.

**MOORE COUNTY CAMPUS UPDATE**

Ms. Jill Williams, Dean of Moore County Operations, provided the MCC update. Ms. Williams reported that enrollment is at 417 students this year. There are 25 students on the Better Futures Scholarship, and 158 in the Quest cohort. Moore County Campus has doubled enrollment at Kids College which is working with industry partners such as Happy State Bank, for accounting and finance classes, and Valero for a STEM class.

Ms. Williams discussed that the Success Center has seen 31 dual-credit students. The Tutoring Center saw 798 visits this year compared to 554 from last year. Ms. Williams discussed goals for the ESL program to enroll 30 students and to get 20% of those students to matriculate into college level programs. The CDL program has continued to grow and was recently awarded money for a new simulator. The Support Service Program has been renewed for a five-year grant cycle which allows the campus to have wraparound support services for students. Moore County continues to partner with Moore County Hospital and Dumas ISD to expand the colleges CNA program. Ms. Williams concluded that Moore County is looking at CTE and Internships in accounting and finance, as well as growing dual credit in welding, advanced manufacturing, and construction to meet local needs of the community.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Conner shared that the college is receiving positive feedback since the announcement of Badger Bound and that AC is adding CTE dual credit for Bovina, Dimmit, Canyon, River Road, and Tulia which includes 120 students. There are about 2,200 dual-credit students which is a 13.5% increase from our five-year average and the college is projecting just over 1,000 students will reach the 15 dual-credit hours by the end of Spring 2026. That is over a 25% increase year over year. For spring, the college is projecting over 200 new dual-credit enrollments. Dr. Conner shared that The Innovation Outpost recently hosted two events: The Badger Cyber Security Day and the Panhandle Region Manufacturing Alliance. Dr. Conner discussed successes over the summer with the HSI STEM Summer Bridge Program, as well as with internships supported by the HSI STEM grant which will be ending soon. The college is looking at how to institutionalize these impactful programs.

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Dr. Conner discussed highlights on connections she has made in the community such as talking with Dr. Brad Johnson's Introduction to Community and Junior Colleges doctoral class at WT, meetings with the President of Texas Tech University and their Associate Dean of Agriculture to discuss strengthening partnerships with AC. Dr. Conner participated in several Foundation events such as The Badger Bold End of Campaign Celebration and The Distinguished Alumni Luncheon. Dr. Conner gave updates on a West Campus visit, Theatre performances, and athletics wins. Dr. Conner concluded that she is currently working on the Strategic Plan and will be rolling that out in the coming year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular board meeting on September 23, 2025, and the special board meeting on October 9, 2025, were provided to the Regents.

**Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and special board meeting on October 9, 2025. Dr. Proffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was provided to the board.

**Mrs. Fortunato moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Tiffani Crosley reviewed the financial statements for August 31, 2025, with the Board.

**Mrs. Fortunato moved to approve the financial reports. Mr. Betancourt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**TITLE IX REPORT**

Ms. Denese Skinner discussed the annual Title IX Report with the Board and that the report is on the Title IX page on the college's website.

**NAMING OF THE AMARILLO COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CENTER ON THE WASHINGTON STREET CAMPUS**

Mr. Sherrod shared that this item was placed on the agenda for the Board of Regents to consider and approve the naming of the Amarillo College Enrollment Center on the Washington Street Campus in accordance with Board of Regents policy CAM. Mr. John Kritser has recently provided a gift of \$1M in support of construction projects for Amarillo College. In 2023, he made a similar capital gift of an additional \$300,000 bringing his 5-year Badger Bold Campaign capital giving total to \$1.3M.

**Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Amarillo College Enrollment Center in honor of John Kritser and give him the choice of Amarillo College Kritser Enrollment Center or Amarillo College Kritser Family Enrollment Center. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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At 6:44 pm Mr. Barrett called for a closed session in order that the Regents might consult with the college attorney to seek advice on two legal matters pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; and deliberate the possible lease of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. President Dr. Jamelle Conner and Council Mark White were asked to stay.

At 7:35 pm the closed session concluded. No final decision, action, or vote was taken in the closed session. The open meeting reconvened at 7:37 pm with a quorum still present.

**APPROVAL OF FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH KIDS, INC. FOR THE USE OF THE AMARILLO COLLEGE BASEBALL FIELD AT ROCKROSE SPORTS PARK**

Mr. White discussed that Rockrose has agreed to construct a baseball field for Amarillo College use. This item was placed on the agenda for the Board of Regents to consider approval of a Facilities Use Agreement between Amarillo College and Kids, Inc. allowing Amarillo College Athletics to use Rockrose Sports Park for intercollegiate baseball games and other events the college may have. The regents were provided a deal sheet that contains the essential terms of the agreement. Mr. White stated that if approved, he would come back with the finalized agreement.

**Ms. Fortunato moved that the Board of Regents approve the deal sheet outlining the essential terms of a Facilities Use Agreement between Amarillo College and Kids, Inc. allowing Amarillo College Athletics to use Rockrose Sports Park for intercollegiate baseball games and other events the college may have. After counsel works with Kids, Inc. to finalize an agreement, she asked that the agreement be presented to the Board for final approval. Mr. Betancourt seconded.** Dr. Proffer stated that this will be a magnificent facility for our college and economy and that all AC students will be able to use it for intramurals. Ms. Fortunato added it solves the problem for the baseball players who have a great place to practice at Amarillo High but do not have a great schedule for practicing, this will help them take more in-person classes. Ms. Fortunato thanked Amarillo High for allowing AC athletes to use their field. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn. Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.**

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Sara Pesina, Secretary