AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 30, 2026

REGENTS PRESENT:
Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair
Mrs. Anette Carlisle
Ms. Michele Fortunato, Vice-Chair
Ms. Irene Hughes
Mr. Johnny Mize
Dr. Paul Proffer
Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT:
Mr. John Betancourt
Ms. Peggy Thomas

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. Mychal Coleman, Vice President of Human Resources
Dr. Jamelle Conner, President
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. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Regular Board 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
Mr. Barrett prayed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were two public comments.

REGENT'S REPORTS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMENTS REGARDING AC AFFILIATES

Executive Committee
Mr. Barrett reported that the executive committee met, they discussed the board agenda, drafts of the mission, vision, values, and strategic goals, and the Board self-evaluation. He reminded the Board to complete the evaluation before the Board retreat in July.

AC Foundation
Ms. Fortunato reported that the AC Foundation is honoring Beverly del la Bretonne, who is turning 90. She has contributed significantly to the Suzuki program; her birthday party will be at the Innovation Outpost on July 23rd from 5 – 7pm. Ms. Fortunato highlighted the series Keep Us Live. She announced that the AC Foundation is assisting with dinners for all the athlete groups. Ms. Fortunato suggested that the regents help out to feed the athletes during the next year.

Amarillo Museum of Art (AMoA)
Ms. Fortunato reported that AMoA had three events in the past month. There was a reception for artists Ed Ruscha and Ron Cooper. A reception for Edward Keating, a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer, for *Main Street: The Lost Dream of Route 66*. They also had *Art after Dark*.

Panhandle PBS
Dr. Woodburn reported that two local PBS productions, *Cadillac Ranch* and *Unmodified,* were selected by the Texas PBS Made in Texas Commission, which means they will be broadcast at every Texas PBS station this fall. PBS will have a meet and greet on July 7th for the new PBS General Manager Matt Franklin, *Chalk it Up* on Saturday July 25th, and a community event *Fire & Flavor* on October 1st.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)
Dr. Woodburn reported they met and discussed a hotel market study being conducted by the LW Hospitality Advisors. There was a progress report on the update on the Center City Increment Tax Reinvestment Zone final project, financing plan, and downtown Amarillo strategic action plan.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 2 (TIRZ 2)
Ms. Skinner reported that they did not meet, however there was discussion about expanding the zone at the last city commission meeting, she expects that they will meet next month.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 3 (TIRZ 3)
No report.

Standing Policies & Procedures Committee
No report.

Finance Committee (AC Investment, Potential Lease & Sales Opportunities)
Mr. Mize reported they met and discussed many of the items on the agenda, the investment policy, investment reports, financial audit items, cash flow projections, and the upcoming budget.

Legislative Affairs Committee
No report.

Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT)
No report.

Nominating Committee
No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Dr. Jamelle Conner provided the President's report which discussed:

- State Auditor's office recently completed its review of Amarillo College's compliance with the public fund's investment act with special provision 65, Amarillo College demonstrated full compliance.
- On June 18th Amarillo College received the final performance funding payment from the state of $4.6 million.
- Enrollment shows 5,726 students are registered for fall, which is 8.5% above the five-year enrollment average.
- Summer student headcount and student credit hours increased by 7% over last summer.
- Dual Credit has reached 873 students, an 87% increase over the five-year average. Online enrollment climbed to a five-year high of 2,171 students.
- Welcoming the first class of Badger Bound program, of the 440 students identified for the inaugural Badger Bound Cohort, 211 have been awarded scholarships, and 160 have registered for fall classes.
- Mr. Ramon Suarez Jr. has accepted the position of Vice President of Administrative Services. He will begin his new role on August 10th.
- A recent Skills for Small Business Grant awarded by the Texas Workforce Commission to the Innovation Outpost.
- A recent proposal to the AC Foundation to use a portion of the MacKenzie Scott endowment to expand the STEM Scholars program and replicate the model to other academic communities such as Business, CIS, Creative Arts, and Liberal Arts. The initiative supports the performance-based funding model, with financial projections showing a high completion rate that would generate $472,000 in additional performance funding by the end of the fifth year. The proposal provides $125,000 annually, the proceeds of which about $2 million in endowed funds to support implementation during the first two years. Beginning in year three the college will gradually assume 25% of the additional annual cost each year until the program is fully supported within the operating budget.
- Gave a report on the current MacKenzie Scott funds which include 1 million in non-endowed funds, $13 million in endowed funds, and $3.4 million in accumulated earnings.
- Finalizing drafts of the mission, vision, and values statements and the strategic plan.
- Working on budget
- Tour of the Citadelle Art Museum in Canadian
- Meeting with the new CEO of the AEDC
- Sharing Hope Ministry visit
- United Way *Day of Caring* at the Children's Learning Center
- C3 event at the Moore County Campus
- Recent AC participation in the *Texas Route 66 Festival* finale
- Recent meeting with Pathways Coach Dr. Spurlock
- Interviews with doctoral students about leadership in the community college setting
- June Jazz and the retirement of Dr. Jim Laughlin

MINUTES
Minutes of the regular board meeting on May 19, 2026, were provided to the Regents.

Mr. Mize moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 19, 2026. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA
Ms. Fortunato requested that the consideration of the Rockrose Sports Park contract payment be removed from the consent agenda. The Chair agreed.

A. APPOINTMENTS
None to report.

B. BUDGET AMENDMENTS
The Budget Amendments were provided to the Board of Regents.

C. Items Over $50,000

Consideration of the Purchase of Pure Storage, Storage Area Network:
Subject: The replacement of college-wide storage area network life cycle.
Proposed Action: Approve the purchase of a Pure Storage SAN to replace the aging HP storage system.
Vendor: Insight Public Sector
Funding Source: Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
Amount: $98,467.75

Consideration of Purchase of Audio-Visual Equipment in Classrooms:
Subject: The purchase of new HDMI plates, adapter plates, wall ac outlets, switches with audio outputs, Medialink controller, and ceiling speakers to be installed in Durrett Hall to replace aging audiovisual equipment in classrooms
Proposed Action: Approve the purchase of audiovisual equipment to upgrade classrooms
Vendor: AVI-SPL
Funding Source: Hispanic Service Institution Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Grant
Amount: $62,922.09

Consideration of the Purchase of Sim Junior Medium Manikin with Related Components:
Subject: The purchase of new D232-05050-M CPO Sim Junior Medium Manikin with related components
Proposed Action: Approve the purchase of Sim Junior Medium Manikin and related components for simulation use
Vendor: Laerdal Medical Corporation
Funding Source: Hispanic Service Institution Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Grant Program Funds
Amount: $86,410.00

Ms. Fortunato moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Woodburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INVESTMENT POLICY ANNAUL REVIEW
Mr. Mize discussed the investment policy annual review and several changes to CAK, with the main highlights being the title of the Vice President of Business Affairs to the Vice President of Administrative Services and the update to show two signatures are required for investments. Mr. White added that the review of CAK is required annually.

Mr. Mize moved to approve the investment revised policy CAK. Ms. Fortunato seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS
Ms. Tiffani Crosley presented the monthly financial report for April 30, 2026. A copy of the financial statements and the monthly financial report were provided to the regents.

Ms. Hughes moved to approve the April 30, 2026, financial reports. Dr. Proffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

INVESTMENT REPORT
Ms. Tiffani Crosley presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of March 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026. A copy of the report was provided to the regents.

Dr. Woodburn moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MASTER PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BROADDUS PLANNING
Mr. White requested approval for the Master Planning Services Agreement with Broaddus Planning, LLC.

Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the Master Planning Services Agreement with Broaddus Planning, LLC. Dr. Woodburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT FOR ROCKROSE SPORTS PARK
Mr. White requested approval of the Facilities Use Agreement between Amarillo College and Kid's Inc. regarding the long-term use of baseball fields owned by Kids, Inc. at the Rockrose Sports Park. The agreement was provided to the regents. Mr. White provided the regents with a revision to paragraph fifteen of the Facilities Use Agreement. Dr. Proffer shared background on the history of athletics and the need for the sports park to provide a place for practices. Mr. John Kritser donated $1 million, AC will pay $200,000 annually over five years. The field is named after Mr. Kritser.
Dr. Proffer thanked all the donors, Kid's Inc., and Rockrose. Ms. Michele Fortunato clarified with Mr. White that the agreement follows the deal sheet that was previously provided.

Dr. Woodburn moved to approve the Facilities Use Agreement between Amarillo College and Kid's Inc. including the revision in paragraph fifteen, Dr. Proffer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2ND 2026 ROCKROSE SPORTS PARK CONTRACT PAYMENT:
Mr. Barrett returned to the item that had been removed from the consent agenda, consideration of the 2nd 2026 Rockrose sports park contract payment.

Subject: Scheduled annual payment for Facilities Use Agreement between Amarillo College and Kids, Inc.
Proposed Action: Approve the 2026 Rockrose Sports Park Facilities Use payment.
Vendor: Kids, Incorporated
Funding Source: Baseball Institutional account
Amount: $200,000

Ms. Fortunato moved to approve the $200,000 payment. Dr. Woodburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT KITS
Dr. Sobey requested approval for the one-time purchase of dental hygiene student kits to help support students entering the dental hygiene program in the Fall of 2026. The amount he requested was not to exceed $150,000.

Dr. Proffer moved to approve the purchase for dental hygiene kits not to exceed $150,000. Dr. Woodburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF GATESAIR VAXTE-8 AND FILTERS FOR THE KACV-TV STATION
Mr. Ball reported that this is a continuation, and the final piece, of the PBS funds that were approved previously. The best value invitation for bid was publicly advertised in the *Amarillo Globe-News* on May 10, 2026, and May 17, 2026. Bid documents were secured from one prospective firm, resulting in one formal submission. The highest evaluated vendor was GatesAir, LLC. The funding source will be from Public Broadcasting System Bridge Fund 26-27 in the amount of $150,468.57.

Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the purchase of materials for the KACV-TV station from GatesAir, LLC., in the amount of $150,468.57. Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S INCENTIVE PAY
Mr. Barrett announced that agenda item number 17 would not be considered at this meeting.

CLOSED MEETING
Mr. Barrett called for a closed session, so the regents could consult with the college attorney to seek his advice on confidential legal matters pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. President Jamelle Conner and Counsel Mr. Mark White were asked to stay. The time was 7:15 pm.

At 7:20 pm the closed session concluded. No final decision, action, or vote was taken in closed session. The open session convened at 7:21 pm. A quorum was still present.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Woodburn moved to adjourn. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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Irene Hughes, Secretary