

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2026**

REGENTS PRESENT:

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

REGENTS ABSENT:

Mr. Johnny Mize
Dr. Paul Proffer

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

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

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Mr. Jeff Turner, Representative for the Moore County Campus

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing
Dr. Jamelle Conner, President
Ms. Denese Skinner, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Dr. Mychal Coleman, Vice President of Human Resources

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bob Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs
Mr. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Dr. Frank Sobey, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Jessica Arce – Administrative Assistant
Ms. Kim Bruce – Communication Content Producer
Dr. Pascale Charlot
Ms. Ally Greenwood – Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick
Dr. Brenda Kays
Mr. Christopher Key – Coordinator, Marketing Special Projects
Ms. Sadie Newsome – Director Marketing
Officer Dustin Owens – AC Police
Dr. Mary Rittling
Dr. Hope Rivers
Ms. Martha Sell – Community Member
Mr. Robert Smith – Community Member

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Mr. Shon Wagner – Audio Visual Technical Leader - Information Technology
Mr. Josh Wyner

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 10:48 am by Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair of the Board of Regents. He welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

Mr. Barrett recognized Dr. Woodburn who is being honored as a Headliner at the Man and Woman of the Year luncheon on the 29th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

TEXAS PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Mr. Josh Wyner, with Aspen, welcomed everyone to the Texas President and Trustees Collaborative virtual workshop at 11:05 am. The purpose of the workshop was to identify new and revised ways of collaborating and aligning board's work to the improvement of student outcomes, more consistently align board meetings to a prioritized student success agenda, including through focused data review, policy considerations, budget review, and strengthen the future CEO-trustee relationship by increasing shared understanding of and focus on student success goals and reforms.

Topics discussed were:

- College 3.0.
- Aspen's Trustee Framework.
- Board Agenda's – metrics, consistent agenda, board actions.
- Aligning Policies and budgets to advance student success
 - Supporting reform by adopting/amending college policies that affect students.
 - Board making a public commitment to reform efforts.
 - Among needed changes, consider which policies/resolutions the board should enact/adopt to make it clear that major reforms are systemic and an enduring priority.
 - Reallocate resources to visibly support progress on what matters most.
 - The board more consistently considers how proposed budget changes will support student success efforts and, upon recommendation from the CEO, is willing to reallocate resources to support large-scale institutional change efforts.
 - The CEO submits and the board discusses and approves an integrated plan and budget, pulling together disparate initiatives and funding systems, in alignment with student success goals and reforms.
 - Multi-year strategy that includes budget projections.
 - Focus on revenues & investments.
 - Year-round nimble finances.
 - Plan resources or priorities.
 - Express what the college values.
 - Narrative makes reference to strategic partners' resources.

There was a breakout session for the board to discuss refining meeting agendas for what matters most. Dr. Conner shared statistics on AC's servicing area and discussed the board's feedback on

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priorities which were financial and budget reports, president's report, closed sessions, regents and active committee reports, nominations and appointments, public comment, public hearing, consent agenda, other types of reports, and SGA report. Dr. Conner asked the board what we want to be doing with our board meetings, what do we want to keep in board agenda, what are things to stop, and what are new things to start.

The board feedback included:

- Adding a Badger Bound report as part of the agenda and inviting those that are impacted by badger bound to report out to the board.
- Hearing from students more.
- Deliberations using working session over committee meetings.
- Continuing the President's Report.
- Utilizing data to drive decisions and understand student success rates.
- Keep committee reports but work on feedback regarding those committees so that the board can ask questions during board meetings.
- Having more detailed financial reports.
- Put as much as possible as part of the consent agenda.
- Having a dashboard regarding strategic goals and have presentations related to those goals.
- Add an agenda item that discusses student success initiatives and reforms and have one or two every month.
- Individualized department presentations to the board.

Ms. Hope Rivers led the second break out session with the board on aligning policies and how those policies should be reflected on agendas.

The board provided feedback on priorities

- Rebuilding funds.
- Re-evaluating and developing new budgetary procedures.
- Focusing on CTE programs at East Campus
- Wrap around services for students.
- ARC
- Pathways
- Transfer center
- Visits to Universities

Mr. Wyner concluded the workshop by reminding the board that the next session will be on April 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Sara Pesina, Secretary