AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
August 12, 2025

REGENTS PRESENT
Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair
Mrs. Anette Carlisle
Ms. Irene Hughes
Ms. Peggy Thomas
Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT
Mr. John Betancourt, Vice-Chair
Ms. Michele Fortunato
Dr. Paul Proffer
Mr. Johnny Mize

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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Mr. Jeff Turner, Representative for the Moore County Campus
Ms. Sara Pesina, Representative for the Hereford Hinkson Memorial 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, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Frank Sobey, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Mark White, Executive General Counsel

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ms. Jessica Arce, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Kim Bruce, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Ally Greenwood, Executive Assistant & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Mr. Christopher Key, Marketing Special Projects Coordinator
Ms. Jeanette Nelson, Budget Officer
Ms. Sadie Newsome, Director of Media, College Relations

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:02 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 will publish a legal notice on August 18, 2025, stating that the no-new-revenue tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2025 is $ 0.20773 per $100 of assessed value. The voter-approval tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2025 published in the legal notice is $ 0.23294 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 $ 0.21994.

Mr. Sharp addressed the proposed tax rate with the Board.

Mrs. Carlisle moved that the proposed tax rate not exceed $0.21994, which will effectively be a 5.87% increase in the tax rate. Mr. Woodburn seconded. Mr. Sharp discussed how the proposed tax rate is calculated. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE DATE TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2025 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2025

The Board will set the date to adopt the tax rate for 2025, and will schedule one public hearing regarding the tax rate for 2025.

Ms. Thomas moved that we set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the proposed tax rate for August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., on the Washington Street Campus, College Union Building, Second Floor, Palo Duro Room. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Woodburn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Sara Pesina, Secretary