

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2026**

REGENTS PRESENT:

Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair
Mr. John Betancourt
Mrs. Anette Carlisle
Ms. Michele Fortunato, Vice-Chair
Ms. Irene Hughes
Mr. Johnny Mize
Dr. Paul Proffer
Ms. Peggy Thomas
Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT:

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

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Mr. Jeff Turner, Representative for the Moore County Campus

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

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
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. Ramon Suarez, Vice President of Administrative Services
Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT:

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. Jevin Bradley prayed with the Board.

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There were no public comments.

SGA REPORT

Ms. Jessica Magana gave the SGA report. Ms. Magana highlighted the following:

- Drive-In Movie, 57 students; 48 guests
- Pool Night, 69 students; 100 guests
- Welcome Week Kick-Off's at Washington, West, and East, 435 students
- Badger Connect, 158 students.
- F.L.O.A.T Lunch
- Ball Drop
- Light It Up
- Elio Movie Night.

Ms. Magna provided officer introductions, discussed a trip to the Student Government Institute, and SGA Elections. Ms. Magna discussed the SGA goals, and student clubs, noting that there is a new club, Badger Bookworms.

REGENT'S REPORTS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMENTS REGARDING AC AFFILIATES**Executive Committee**

Mr. Barrett reported that they met and discussed the tax rate, police department, and tonight's agenda.

AC Foundation

Ms. Fortunato reported that the Foundation has \$100 million in the portfolio for the first time. *Keep Us Live!* is coming up on September 22nd, 2026. The annual meeting will be on September 15th, 2026. The Distinguished Alumni are Dr. Paul Proffer and Dr. David Woodburn, the VIP reception will be September 29th, with the Distinguished Alumni luncheon on September 30th.

Amarillo Museum of Art (AMoA)

Ms. Fortunato discussed *Art After Dark*, which had 350 people in attendance and signed up 36 new members. AMoA hosted a family day on August 8th. She reminded everyone that August 30th is the last day for the Ed Ruscha and Ron Cooper exhibit in honor of Route 66.

Panhandle PBS

Ms. Peggy Thomas reported that on October 31st Panhandle PBS will welcome Steven Raichlen's for *Savor the Goods* at Arts in the Sunset's Legacy Room. There have been 110 tickets sold so far. Panhandle PBS has been selected as an honoree for the 58th Public Media Awards, presented by the National Education Telecommunications Association. They are being recognized in two categories – in the cultural category for *Unmodified, Real People Fantastic Worlds* and then in the performance arts category for *Cadillac Ranch*. The awards will be announced Sunday, September 13th.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 1 (TIRZ 1)

Dr. Woodburn reported that TIRZ 1 met. They reviewed the annual comprehensive financial report and had a presentation on the annual budget.

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026**Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 2 (TIRZ 2)**

Ms. Denese Skinner reported that Mr. Drew Brassfield would be giving a presentation later in the evening.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 3 (TIRZ 3)

Dr. Proffer reported that the audit and budget meeting will be next Thursday.

Standing Policies & Procedures Committee

Mrs. Carlisle reported that items from this committee would be discussed later in the meeting.

Finance Committee (AC Investment, Potential Lease & Sales Opportunities)

Mr. Mize reported the committee met and were introduced to Mr. Ramon Suarez. They discussed the tax revenue, President's incentive goals, impacts of legislative changes, and tax ceiling definition.

Legislative Affairs Committee

Ms. Hughes discussed that there have been zoom meetings regarding the changes that are happening in Austin.

College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT)

No report.

Nominating Committee

No report.

Hereford Campus and Moore County Campus Updates

Mr. Turner discussed that advanced manufacturing has a new cohort of 20 students. The campus is offering GED and English as a second language classes in the morning. There are 12 Badger Bound students that started this fall. In the Quest program 117 students enrolled this year. Campus is healthy and strong.

INTRODUCTION OF MR. RAMON SUAREZ

Dr. Jamelle Conner introduced Mr. Ramon Suarez, the new Vice President of Administrative Services, to the Board of Regents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- Convocation.
- Fall headcount currently is at 8,914 students, a 3.2% increase over first day last year.
- Students are taking more credit hours, up 1.4% from last year.
- Fall-to-fall retention rate for FTIC 2025 cohort 58.09%.
- There are 270 students beginning their first year at AC having already earned at least 15 hours of college credit through dual enrollment. 219 of those students are part of Badger Bound.
- 52% of students are now attending full time this semester, up from 45.07%. This shift is significant in Liberal Arts, STEM, Business, and CIS, as well as a surge in East Campus enrollment.
- Average student age has decreased to 24 years old.

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- AC's participation to help conserve water due to drought restrictions.
- *Grow with Google AI for Small Business* event on August 20th at the First Responders Academy.
- Panhandle PBS updates: PBS Daily Clips interview with Mr. Kevin Ball and discussed the *Chalk it Up Festival*.
- 50th Anniversary of FM90.
- Recent donation of \$760,000 to support Amarillo College Volleyball by the Terk family.
- Improvement in the biannual state of Texas DIAR cyber security assessment, increasing score from 1.57 to 2.44, with the goal being 3.0. Dr. Conner highlighted AC's RiskRecon Score is 9.5 in comparison to the average community college which is currently 7.2.
- Fitch affirmed Amarillo Colleges AA+ credit score with a stable outlook.
- Facilities Master Plan surveys and upcoming on campus visit with Broaddus Planning.
- 90th Birthday celebration of Beverly de la Bretonne and an endowment by the AC Foundation to support the Suzuki program in honor of her legacy. The goal is 1 million with \$240,000 raised so far.
- Recent Ai4 conference.
- TACC Summer meeting.
- Recent selection of Dr. Conner as the West Texas Regional Representative on the TACC Executive Committee.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 30, 2026, the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop on July 28, 2026, and Special Meeting on August 11, 2026, were provided to the Board of Regents.

Ms. Hughes moved to approve the minutes of June 30, July 28, and August 11th. Ms. Fortunato seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board of regents were presented the consent agenda which included the faculty appointments and budget amendments as well as the below requests:

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR ELLUCIAN SMART PLAN AND SMART PLAN INSIGHTS SOFTWARE

- **Subject:** Consideration of annual renewal for maintenance and support for Ellucian Smart Plan and Smart Plan Insights software from 10/1/2026 through 9/30/2027. This is annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations. Renewal is the most cost-effective option avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for annual renewal of maintenance and support of Ellucian Smart Plan and Smart Plan Insights software.
- **Vendor:** Ellucian
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$136,725.00

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR ELLUCIAN SYSTEM SOFTWARE CONTRACT

- **Subject:** Consideration of annual renewal for maintenance and support for Ellucian system

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software contract from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations for current contract that is year 3 of 5 and will end 8/31/2028. Renewal is the most cost-effective option, avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.

- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for renewal of maintenance and support for Ellucian software.
- **Vendor:** Ellucian Company, LLC
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$878,630.00

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR NEOGOV SYSTEM SOFTWARE CONTRACT

- **Subject:** Consideration for annual renewal of maintenance and support of NeoGov system software contract from 10/23/2026 through 10/22/2027. This is an annual renewal of a system already embedded in college operations for current contract signed June 2026. Renewal is the most cost-effective option, avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for renewal of maintenance and support of NeoGov software.
- **Vendor:** NeoGov
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$51,975.87

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR ANTHOLOGY/BLACKBOARD SYSTEM SOFTWARE CONTRACT

- **Subject:** Consideration for annual renewal of maintenance and support for Anthology/Blackboard system software contract from 9/16/2026 through 9/15/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations for current contract that is year 2 of 5 and will end 9/15/2030. Renewal is the most cost-effective option, avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for renewal of maintenance and support of Anthology/Blackboard software.
- **Vendor:** Anthology/Blackboard
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$450,359.00

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR SOFTDOCS SOFTWARE CONTRACT

- **Subject:** Consideration of annual renewal for maintenance and support of SoftDocs software contract from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations for annual contract. Renewal is the most cost-effective option, avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase of renewal of maintenance and support for SoftDocs software.
- **Vendor:** SoftDocs
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$68,225.93

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026**REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR TOUCHNET SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE**

- **Subject:** Consideration of annual renewal for maintenance and support for TouchNet subscription software from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations. Renewal is the most cost-effective option avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for annual renewal of maintenance and support for TouchNet subscription software.
- **Vendor:** TouchNet Information Systems
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$78,282.00

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR MANAGE ENGINE ENDPOINT CENTRAL SECURITY EDITION SUBSCRIPTION

- **Subject:** Consideration for annual renewal of maintenance and support for SHI Government Solutions ManageEngine Endpoint Central Security Edition Subscription from 9/19/2026 through 9/17/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations. Annual renewal is the most cost-effective option, avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for renewal of maintenance and support of SHI Government ManageEngine Endpoint Central Security Edition software.
- **Vendor:** SHI Government Solutions
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund
- **Amount:** \$78,091.20

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF XR PROMAX 3D WITH CEPH/CALM IMAGING UNIT

- **Subject:** Consideration and approval of the purchase of XR Pro Max 3D with Ceph/Calm Imaging Unit
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase of a XR Promax 3D with Ceph/Calm Imaging Unit.
- **Vendor:** Henry Schein, Inc.
- **Funding Source:** HSI STEM GRANT
- **Amount:** \$98,412.92

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

- **Subject:** Consideration of payment for Architectural and Engineering services for A-7 Ware Student Commons renovation of 4th floor bond project.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the payment for Architectural and Engineering services for A-7 Ware Student Commons renovation of 4th floor bond project.
- **Vendor:** Sims + Architects Inc.
- **Funding Source:** Alterations and Improvements Ware Project.
- **Amount:** \$66,061.82

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026**REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR CARAHSOFT SERVICENOW SOFTWARE**

- **Subject:** Consideration of annual renewal for maintenance and support of Carahsoft ServiceNow software from 10/1/2026 through 9/30/2027. This is an annual renewal for a system already embedded in college operations. Renewal is the most cost-effective option avoiding the higher costs and disruption associated with replacement.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase for annual renewal of maintenance and support for Carahsoft ServiceNow software.
- **Vendor:** Carahsoft Technology Corporation
- **Funding Source:** Technology Replacement Equipment Contingency Fund.
- **Amount:** \$56,137.68

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE MECHANICAL SUPPLIES AND COMPREHENSIVE WORK FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR

- **Subject:** Consider the purchase of various mechanical supplies and comprehensive work for the 2026-2027 budget year.
- **Proposed Action:** Approve the purchase of various mechanical supplies and comprehensive work.
- **Vendors:** Johnson Controls
- **Funding Source:** Building Maintenance Budget 2026-2027
- **Amount:** \$60,000

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR

- **Subject:** Consideration and approval to purchase custodial supplies in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for the 2026-2027 budget year.
- **Proposed Action:** Approval to purchase of custodial supplies
- **Vendors:** Empire Paper Company and Mayfield Paper Company
- **Funding Sources:** Custodial supplies budget 2026-2027
- **Amount:** \$40,000 to Empire Paper Company and \$95,000 to Mayfield Paper Company

Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Betancourt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

INNOVATION OUTPOST UPDATE

Ms. Denese Skinner, Mr. David Terry, and Mr. Kevin Cheek gave an update to the Board of Regents on the Innovation Outpost's vision to be the preeminent workforce acceleration engine in the Texas Panhandle.

No action was taken.

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TIRZ 2 - Mr. Drew Brassfield

Mr. Drew Brassfield gave a proposal on expanding the East Gateway Tax Increment Zone #2 by adding approximately 2,092 acres. He discussed the history of the zone and shared expansion research. Mr. Brassfield stated this would mean deferring the capture of incremental growth to the end of the zone, which would be, the year 2046. They will continue to do research on the

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parcels, gather feedback, and will eventually present to the city council a request to expand the boundary. If city council passes the ordinance, then they will come back to the taxing entities and request participation agreements.

No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MISSION, VISION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC GOALS

Dr. Jamelle Conner presented the proposed mission, vision, values, and strategic goals to the board for approval.

Mission:

Amarillo College is committed to transforming lives through learning, creating opportunities for student success, and nurturing prosperity for the Texas Panhandle.

Vision:

Amarillo College: Every learner succeeds. Innovation thrives. Communities flourish.

Values: (ICARE)

- **INTEGRITY**: We earn trust through our actions.
Integrity means doing what is right, even when it is difficult. We act with honesty, transparency, and consistency in every interaction. We keep our commitments, own our decisions, and build confidence in one another through our words and actions. By modeling integrity, we prepare our students to lead with character and purpose.
- **CURIOSITY**: We embrace learning without limits.
Curiosity fuels discovery, innovation, and growth. We ask questions, seek understanding, and remain open to new ideas and perspectives. We challenge ourselves to learn continuously, improve boldly, and adapt to meet the needs of our students and communities. We inspire our students to approach life with the same passion for learning and exploration.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**: We take ownership of our impact.
Accountability means holding ourselves and one another to high standards because our students, colleagues, and communities depend on us. We deliver on our commitments, measure our results, and continuously strive for excellence. We encourage our students to take responsibility for their learning, growth, and contributions to the world around them.
- **RELEVANCE**: We deliver instruction that matters.
Relevance means connecting education to opportunity, purpose, and real-world impact. We design experiences that prepare students for meaningful careers, engaged citizenship, and lifelong success. We continually adapt to meet the evolving needs of our region while helping students understand the difference they can make in their communities and beyond.
- **ENGAGEMENT**: We create belonging through connection.
Engagement means showing up with purpose, listening with respect, and contributing to something greater than ourselves. We foster relationships that strengthen learning,

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collaboration, and community. By creating environments where people feel valued, supported, and empowered, we invite every student and employee to play an active role in our shared success

Strategic Goals:**1. Empower All Students to Achieve Their Purpose (Student Success & Completion)**

Create a transformative student experience where every learner has the support, opportunities, and resources needed to achieve their educational, career, and life goals. Eliminate barriers, foster belonging, strengthen engagement, and champion success from enrollment through completion and beyond.

1.1 Increase Student Graduate Rate: Achieve a first-time-in-college 3-year student graduation rate of 41% (Baseline: Fall 2022 FTIC 31%)

1.2 Increase Student Persistence: Achieve a first-time-in-college student fall-to-fall retention rate of 71% (Baseline: Fall 2024 FTIC 61%)

1.3 Increase Transfer Success: Achieve a first-time-in-college 3-year student transfer rate of 22% (Baseline: Fall 2022 FTIC 17%)

1.4 Expand Student Access and Success Through the Badger Bound Dual Credit Program: Increase the number of Badger Bound eligible students to 1,100 and increase the number of Badger Bound eligible students who matriculate to Amarillo College to 600. (Baseline: Matriculation AY 2023 eligible 661 and Matriculated 170)

2. Build the Workforce that Powers Our Region's Future (Workforce & Career Alignment)

Partner with industry and community leaders to develop talent, expand opportunity, and prepare students for meaningful careers. Create innovative, market-responsive pathways that connect education to employment and strengthen the economic vitality of our communities.

2.1 Increase Workforce Credential Production: Increase the number of graduates from workforce programs with an annual median wage at or above a living wage one year after graduation by 10% (692) (Baseline: AY 2024 CTE Graduates and Living Wage 629)

2.2 Expand Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Increase student participation in internships, clinicals, co-ops, practicums and earn-and-learn experiences by 10% (1,571) (Baseline: AY 2024 Participation 1,428)

2.3 Strengthen Industry Partnerships: Achieve 90% employer satisfaction with the quality of Amarillo College graduates, curriculum, KSAs, and opportunities for employer student engagement.

2.4 Grow Innovation Through the Innovation Outpost: Position the Innovation Outpost as a regional hub for innovation by engaging at least 6,000 students, employees, entrepreneurs, and community members annually in innovation, technology, workforce, and entrepreneurial programming with more than a 60% employer return rate.

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2.5 Launch Bachelor's Degree Programs: Develop and secure approval for at least one applied bachelor's degree program aligned with regional workforce needs and enroll the first student cohort.

3. Promote Teaching and Learning Excellence

Inspire excellence across the College by embracing evidence-based practices, continuous innovation, and professional growth. Empower faculty and staff to create engaging learning experiences that maximize student achievement, workforce readiness, and transfer success.

3.1 Strengthen Career and Transfer Readiness: Embed authentic assignments and assessments in all programs to connect classroom learning with career competencies and/or support transfer success.

3.2 Expand the Scholars Program Across Academic Disciplines: Expand the Scholars Program beyond STEM disciplines by launching Scholars tracks in at least 2 additional academic programs.

3.3 Lead in Artificial Intelligence Innovation: Implement AI-enhanced teaching, learning, and operational tools across the College, with 100% of faculty receiving foundational AI training and at least 50% incorporating AI-supported practices into the classroom.

4. Steward Resources to Sustain and Expand Our Impact

Strengthen the college's future through responsible stewardship, strategic investment, operational excellence, and effective compliance practices that promote accountability, manage risk, and uphold institutional integrity. Align resources, policies, and decision-making with our mission, values, and regulatory responsibilities to expand access, deepen partnerships, and ensure long-term sustainability and transformational impact for students and our communities.

4.1. Ensure A Strong Financial Future: Strengthen the planning, oversight, and optimization of the College's primary revenue streams - including tuition, fees, state appropriations, grants, and other recurring revenues - to support sustainable operations, maintain positive operating margins and healthy reserves, exercise responsible expense management, and advance institutional priorities.

4.2 Improve Operational Efficiency: Identify and then redesign, streamline, and/or automate all necessary high-impact administrative processes to reduce cycle times, improve service, and enhance employee productivity.

4.3 Strategic Workforce Alignment and Talent Optimization: Identify and align the College's workforce and organizational design to advance strategic priorities by ensuring talent and expertise are deployed where they can have the greatest impact on student success, institutional effectiveness, and long-term sustainability.

4.4 Facilities Alignment and Utilization Management:

Complete a comprehensive assessment of 100% of college-owned facilities to maximize space utilization, improve operational efficiency, and support evolving institutional needs. Implement space optimization and consolidation strategies that enhance the value and

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effectiveness of campus facilities, repurposing or transitioning underutilized space to better support strategic priorities.

4.5 Enhance Institutional Effectiveness and Data-Informed Decision-Making:

Implement performance dashboards and continuous improvement processes across all divisions, with 100% of departments quarterly reviewing and reporting progress on strategic metrics.

5. A Century of Impact, A Future of Possibility:

Celebrate a century of impact while inspiring transformational investment that advances student success, strengthens Amarillo College's legacy of excellence, and shapes a bold vision for the next 100 years.

5.1 Deliver a Signature Centennial Celebration: Plan and execute a year-long centennial celebration that engages students, employees, alumni, donors, and community partners through a series of high-impact events and experiences.

5.2 Complete a Transformative Centennial Comprehensive Campaign: Explore, design, and then launch a comprehensive campaign to secure philanthropic investments that advance the College's strategic priorities and long-term sustainability.

5.3 Strengthen Alumni and Community Engagement: Deepen lifelong connections with alumni and strengthen Amarillo College's role as a community anchor institution by increasing active alumni engagement through events, volunteerism, mentorship, and giving.

Mrs. Carlisle moved to accept the mission, vision, values as well as the strategic goals for Every Dream 2031. Ms. Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026

Mr. Jay Barrett read the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2026. In accordance with provisions of Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code, a notice of a public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for 2026 was published in the newspaper on August 17, 2026.

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE TAX RATE FOR 2026

Dr. Conner discussed the tax rate.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code, Amarillo Junior College District published a legal notice stating that the no-new-revenue tax rate for 2025 for the Amarillo Junior College District is \$0.21717 per \$100 of assessed value. Adoption of the following resolution will set the 2026 Tax Rate at \$0.24670 for operations.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Regents of the Amarillo Junior College District has caused to be formulated and adopted a budget for Amarillo College in the Amarillo Junior College District for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2027, the tax year 2026,

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now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. An ad valorem tax of, and at the rate of six thousand eight hundred thirty thousandths' cents (\$0.06830) on the one-hundred-dollar (\$100) value thereof, estimated in lawful currency of the United States of America, be levied to pay interest on and provide a sinking fund for Amarillo College in the Amarillo Junior College District for bonds issued July 2, 2015, September 1, 2016, September 12, 2019, February 15, 2020, March 23, 2021, and April 7, 2022.

2. An ad valorem tax of, and at the rate of seventeen thousand eight hundred forty hundred thousandths cents (\$0.17840) on the one-hundred-dollar (\$100) value thereof, estimated in lawful currency of the United States of America, be levied to pay for the support and maintenance of Amarillo College in the Amarillo Junior College District for the fiscal year 2026- 2027, the tax year 2026.**BE IT ORDERED** by the Board of Regents of the Amarillo Junior College District that there is hereby levied for the tax year 2026 on all real property situated in, and all business personal property owned within the limits of said district on the first day of January 2026 same being the current year, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, or of the United States of America, a total of twenty-four thousand six hundred seventy thousandths cents (\$0.24670) on the one-hundred dollar (\$100) value thereof, estimated in lawful currency of the United States of America for support and maintenance, payment of current interest, and a sinking fund for the retirement of bonds of Amarillo College in the Amarillo Junior College District for the fiscal year 2026-2027. "THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE." "THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 13.59% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$12.94."

Dr. Proffer moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.24670, which is effectively a 13.59 percent increase over the no-new-revenue tax rate. The purpose of this revenue generated by the proposed debt rate is to improve/maintain the district's financial stability, support ongoing operations, address increasing operational costs, and continue providing quality education programs and services to students and the community. Mrs. Carlisle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

Dr. Jamelle Conner discussed the budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year to the Board of Regents.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the legal requirements of the laws of the State of Texas and the regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding this document have been met;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the said proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is hereby designated as the official budget for Amarillo College in the Amarillo Junior College District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Jay Barrett, Chair of the Board of Regents of the Amarillo Junior College District, be directed to file copies of this official budget with the county clerks of Potter and Randall counties of Texas, and with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for distribution to the Governor's Budget and Planning Office, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Legislative Reference Library.

Ms. Thomas moved to approve the proposed budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year. Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Tiffani Crosley reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board of Regents. The monthly financials were provided to the regents.

Dr. Proffer moved to approve the financial reports. Mr. Betancourt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO POLICIES DIAA, DIAB, FFDA, AND FFDB OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL

Mrs. Carlisle discussed that these changes are mainly updating the Title IV Coordinator information and is very straightforward and requires Board approval.

Mrs. Carlisle moved that the Board of Regents approve the updates to local policies DIAA, DIAB, FFDA, and FFDB as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and outlined in the Boardbook materials. Mr. Mize seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)

Mr. Bob Austin discussed the interlocal agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental quality (TCEQ) regarding testing services. This is a renewal. The agreement was provided to the Regents.

Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Regents approve the Interlocal Agreement between Amarillo College and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for testing services. Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RENEWING THE LINE OF CREDIT WITH AMARILLO NATIONAL BANK

Mr. White reminded the Board that last October the Board established a line of credit with Amarillo National Bank out of an abundance of caution in the amount of \$5,000,000. The terms at the time was a revolving line of credit, interest rate was Wall Street journal prime minus 1%, quarterly interest-only payments, 12 month term, line of credit is unsecured, did not require fees or guarantees to set it up. Mr. Whites recommendation was to renew the line of credit on the same terms for another year, not with an eye towards using it but as a prudent business practice.

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Dr. Woodburn moved that the Board of Regents approve the renewal of the existing \$5,000,000.00 revolving line of credit with Amarillo National Bank for an additional one-year term beginning October 1, 2026, and that the President be authorized to sign the loan documents. Ms. Fortunato seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE

Mr. Johnny Mize noted that the Board approved, at its May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting, a performance incentive for the college president.

Mr. Mize moved that payment of the incentive be considered. The board has been working with the President on the following key items for over a year:

- a. Development of a college-wide strategic plan for the 2027-2031 period;
- b. Development and implementation of the Badger Bound Dual Credit Program in anticipation of the expiration of the THRIVE scholarship, including a dual-credit outreach strategy;
- c. Development of a strategic plan and operational focus for the Innovation Outpost; and
- d. Development of a plan to strengthen the College's long-term financial stability, including strategies to build fund balance reserves, enhance internal controls and processes, and establish internal audit functions.

It was Mr. Mizes' opinion that all of the above items had been timely completed such that Dr. Conner has earned the performance incentive. Based on this success, Mr. Mize moved that the \$10,000 incentive be paid at this time, subject to payroll requirements such as withholding, etc. This is not an increase to base salary. Dr. Woodburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Carlisle moved to adjourn. Ms. Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:17 PM.

Irene Hughes, Secretary