

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2015**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato, Chair; Dr. Paul L. Proffer, Vice Chair; Mr. Daniel E. Henke, Secretary; Mrs. Anette J. Carlisle; Mr. Johnny E. Mize; and Dr. Neal D. Nossaman

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. Jay L. Barrett; Mr. Patrick R. Miller; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Terry Berg, Vice President of Business Affairs; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Vice President for Information Technology; Ms. Cara Crowley, Chief of Staff, President's Office; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; and Dr. Deborah Vess, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Mrs. Lori Merriman – Executive Secretary, President's Office
Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Mark White – Legal Counsel, Sprouse, Shrader, Smith P.C.
Mr. Joseph Wyatt, Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Fortunato, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2015:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a notice of public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for 2015 was published in the newspaper on August 7, 2015.

At this time any person and/or persons wishing to come before the Board of Regents regarding the proposed tax rate for 2015 for the Amarillo Junior College District was given the opportunity to be heard. There were none.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE SECOND HEARING AND THE MEETING TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE SCHEDULED:

Dr. Proffer made the following motions: "I move that we set the date for the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate for August 17, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the Louise Daniel Room 106 on the Washington Street Campus." And, "I move that we set the date to adopt the 2015 tax rate for August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Louise Daniel Room on the Washington Street Campus." Mr. Henke seconded the motions. The motions carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

The assignments were approved by each regent serving on the committees.

BRANCH CAMPUS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF REGENTS:

Dr. Lowery-Hart explained that the Bryan/College Station Campus of Blinn College is not pleased that they do not have representation on the Blinn Board; the legislature is looking into

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this situation; Amarillo College will try to get ahead of a legislative mandate and include representation from both communities of Dumas and Hereford. Other community colleges which may have a problem and do not have branch campus representatives are Frank Phillips College and Howard College. Attached at page 272 is a list of branch campus representative expectations, qualifications and selection. Attorney Mark White requested modification to the attachment which includes that a representative shall be available to attend substantially all Amarillo College Board meetings each year.

Dr. Nossaman moved, seconded by Mr. Mize to approve the request and selection of representatives from the Branch Campus communities to serve as non-voting members on the Amarillo College Board of Regents. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Daniel Henke, Secretary

AMARILLO COLLEGE
Branch Campus Community Representative
To Board of Regents
(Non-Voting)

Each branch campus of Amarillo College may have a non-voting community representative sit with the Board of Regents and participate in its activities to the extent allowed by law.

Branch Campus Representative Expectations

- Representative shall be available to attend eight (8) evening AC Board of Regents meetings per year plus special called meetings and AC events requiring Regents' presence
- Representative shall attend Board Member training seminar(s) and retreats
- Representative may serve on Board of Regent Committees at the discretion of the AC Board Chair
- Representative term shall be 4 years

Qualifications and Selection

- The Branch Campus Nonvoting Representative to the AC Board of Regents shall be a (current or former) member of the respective Branch Campus Advisory Committee having served on the advisory committee a minimum of one (1) year
- The Branch Campus Advisory Committee and the AC President shall recommend two nominees
- The nominees shall submit a letter of interest with qualifications and commitment to serve to the AC Board of Regents
- Candidates may be interviewed by the AC Board of Regents
- The Board of Regents shall make the final selection