

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2015**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato, Chair; Mr. Jay L. Barrett; Mrs. Anette J. Carlisle; Mr. Johnny E. Mize; and Dr. Neal D. Nossaman; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Dr. Paul L. Proffer, Vice Chair; Mr. Daniel E. Henke, Secretary; and Mr. Patrick R. Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: 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
Mr. Michael Runyan – Photographer, KVII – News Channel 7
Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Mark White – Legal Counsel, Sprouse Shrader Smith Law Firm
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 MEETING TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE ANNOUNCED:

Mr. Barrett made the following motion: "I move that we set the date to adopt the 2015 tax rate for Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Louise Daniel Room of the College Union Building on the Washington Street Campus." Mrs. Carlisle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

The Executive Vice President of College Advancement position will be posted after this meeting; the person in this position will work directly with the President. Mr. Mize was on the committee to determine the job duties and qualifications for this position. As the state's appropriations decrease, it will be necessary to request private funds and apply for grants; this position will be in charge of that duty along with grants development and management.

Dr. Lowery-Hart said it will be necessary to have a Board retreat in the near future to discuss the Strategic Plan. Various dates were discussed. The date will be set soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michele Fortunato, Chairman