

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2017**

REGENTS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Proffer, Chair, Mr. Johnny Mize, Vice-Chair; Ms. Anette Carlisle, Secretary; Mr. Jay Barrett; Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato; Mr. Dan Henke; Ms. Sally Jennings; Mr. Patrick Miller

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: None

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OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing and CEO for Panhandle PBS; Dr. Tamara Clunis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Ms. Cara Crowley, Chief of Staff; Ms. Lyndy Forrester, Vice President of Employee and Organizational Development; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; Mr. Steve Smith, Vice President of Business Affairs; and Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President

Ms. Janet Barton – Training and Events Specialist
Ms. Joy Brenneman – Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Ms. Amber Brookshire – Director of Student Life
Ms. Becky Burton – Dean of Academic Outreach
Dr. Carol Buse – Dean of STEM
Ms. Edie Carter – Dean of Academic Success
Mr. Daniel Esquivel – Executive Director, Hinkson Memorial Campus-Hereford
Ms. Calee Follins – Mentoring Program Coordinator
Mr. Richie Garza – Recruitment Coordinator
Ms. Lisa Gray – Executive Assistant, Executive Vice President's Office
Ms. Jo Beth Hill – Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs
Mr. Josh McCormack – Student
Mr. Trent Oneal – Intramurals Specialist
Mr. Mitch Parker – Director of Career & Testing Services
Ms. Jenna Welch – Student Life Specialist
Mr. Joe Wyatt – Communications Coordinator

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Dr. Paul Proffer, Chairman of the Board of Regents.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Proffer welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2017

Dr. Proffer read the notice and called for public comments. There were none.

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

Mr. Barrett made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Mize: "I move that we set the date for the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate for August 21, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus. And, I move that we set the date to adopt the 2017 tax rate for August 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus." The motion carried unanimously.

TACC UPDATE

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart noted that the legislative session has ended. Mr. Jacob Fraire, President and CEO, of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, will keep the Amarillo College informed of any bills that could affect community colleges. The rollback exemption could be added back into legislation, but it appears to be favorable to community colleges. Mr. White attended the Texas Association of School Boards conference and will provide the Board Legislative Committee with information regarding new legislation that might impact the college.

SUPPORTING THE ACE AMARILLO SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dr. Lowery-Hart asked the Board for their approval of AC's participation in and support of this scholarship fund.

Ms. Carlisle read the following motion which was seconded by Dr. Woodburn:

"I move that Amarillo College participate in the expansion of the ACE mission by establishing and participating in the ACE Amarillo Scholarship Fund to be maintained at the Amarillo Area Foundation for the benefit of Amarillo Independent School District high school graduates. This scholarship fund is to be funded according to the following schedule:

The Fund will be created with five partners:

Amarillo College (1/5)

Amarillo Independent School District (1/5)

Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (1/5)

Amarillo Area Foundation (2/5)

The contributions per partner will be in the following maximum amounts:

Total six year cost not to exceed \$3,507,994

I further move that this Agreement be contingent on the approval by the governing boards of each listed partner and that the College President, Vice President of Business Affairs and Legal Counsel work with the partners to prepare the final agreement.”

The motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Board expressed excitement about this new proposal. Once all the Boards of the partners have voted to support the proposal, they will begin working on the details and criteria. How dual credit will fit into this new model is still being determined. Dr. Lowery-Hart noted that a community wide announcement for August 23 is being planned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion or action, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Anette Carlisle, Secretary