

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 4, 2016**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato, Chair; Mr. Jay L. Barrett; Mr. Patrick R. Miller; Dr. Neal D. Nossaman; and Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Dr. Paul L. Proffer, Vice Chair; Mr. Daniel E. Henke, Secretary; Mrs. Anette J. Carlisle; Mr. Johnny E. Mize

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Mr. Michael Kitten, Representative for the Hereford Campus

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT: Mr. Mike Running, Representative for the Moore County Campus

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; Mr. Steve Smith, Vice President of Business Affairs; and Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Ms. Joy Brenneman – Exec. Asst., Pres’s Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Joseph Wyatt – Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Fortunato, Chairman, at 12:05 p.m. There were no members of the public present for comment.

TAX RATE FOR 2016 APPROVED:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector will publish a legal notice on August 4, 2016, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2016 is \$.20096 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2016 published in the legal notice is \$.22280 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings on a tax rate if the recommended tax rate for the year exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$.20750.

Mr. Miller read the following motion: “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.20750, which is effectively a 3.25% increase in the tax rate.” Dr. Woodburn seconded the motion to approve the 2016 tax rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2016 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2016:

Mr. Miller made the following motions: “I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 12, 2016, and August 16, 2016 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 2016 tax rate for August 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.” Dr. Nossaman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Daniel Henke, Secretary