

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT  
JULY 10, 2023**

**REGENTS PRESENT:**

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

**REGENTS ABSENT:** None

**CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Ms. Kathie Fuston, Representative for the Moore County Campus; Ms. Sara Pesina, Representative for the Hereford Hinkson Memorial Campus

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Bob Austin, Vice President of Enrollment Management; Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing; Dr. Tamara Clunis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Ms. Cara Crowley, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives; Ms. Cheryl Jones, Vice President of Human Resources; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; Mr. Chris Sharp, Vice President of Business Affairs; Mr. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Ms. Denese Skinner, Vice President of Student Affairs; and Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Ms. Toni Van Dkye – Exec. Asst., President's Office/Asst. Sec. to the Board of Regents  
Mr. Danny Smith – Program Manager, Independent Contractor for bond projects  
Mr. Alex Deanda – Community Member  
Mr. Jesse Pfrimmer – Community Member

**BOARD RETREAT**

The Retreat was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Ms. Anette Carlisle, Chair of the Board of Regents. Ms. Carlisle welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**BOND UPDATE**

Mr. Danny Smith presented to the board an update on the bond projects. He reported that Sim's architect is working with staff and faculty on programming for the Student Life Center and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of the Ware Building.

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

Mr. Chris Sharp introduced Amarillo Assistant City Managers Andrew Freeman and Laura Storrs. Fire Chief Mays was also introduced. A review of the possible sale or lease of land on the West Campus was done. The Board authorized Chris Sharp to

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enter into negotiations for the lease or sale of the lot on West Campus.

**HB8 EXPLANATION**

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart reported to the Board how HB8 will affect the College. The State funding model has changed from a headcount to an outcome-based model. This model will increase the funding from the State by several million dollars. The State has formed a committee that is working on rules and guidelines for the new funding model. Ms. Anette Carlisle and Mr. Jay Barrett both reported on how the new funding model was developing with input from CCATT.

**2023-24 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Mr. Chris Sharp provided the board with a review of the proposed budget for FY2024. He stated the College's tax rate will be lowered slightly. The Board set the dates and times for the public hearings on the tax rate and budget. Ms. Cheryl Jones presented information, requested by the Board, regarding cost of living comparisons between Amarillo and the communities of other TACC colleges.

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.074****ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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**John Betancourt, Secretary**