

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2024**

REGENTS PRESENT:

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

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ms. Sara Pesina, Representative for the Hereford Hinkson Memorial Campus

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kevin Ball, Vice President of Communications and Marketing
Ms. Cheryl Jones, Vice President of Human Resources
Mr. Joe Bill Sherrod, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Ms. Denese Skinner, Interim President
Dr. Frank Sobey, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Mr. Mark White, General Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Garrett Eggleston, Marketing, Special Projects Coordinator
Chief Aaron Huddleston, Interim Chief of AC Police
Ms. Brianna Maestas, Amarillo Globe News
Ms. Sadie Newsome, Director of Media
Mr. Jesse Pfrimmer, Community Member
Ms. Martha Sell, Community Member
Ms. Lisa Venhaus-Gray, Executive Assistant & Paralegal
Mr. Joe Wyatt, Communications & Marketing, Content Producer

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Anette Carlisle, Chair of the Board of Regents. She welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS FOR THE POSITION OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. Proffer gave an overview of the process and timeline of the presidential search as follows:

September 21, 2023	Aspen assisted the board in creating criteria for characteristics.
October 6, 2023	Request for Proposals sent out to find executive search firm.

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December 11, 2023	Board approved Gold Hill Associates.
February, 2024	Presidential Search Advisory Committee was created.
March 21, 2024	Committee reviewed 14 of the 22 applications submitted and narrowed the search to six semi-finalists.
March 25 & 27, 2024	Committee conducted interviews by Zoom.
April 3, 2024	Committee made recommendations to the board.

Dr. Proffer announced that the purpose of the meeting today was to select finalists.

CLOSED MEETING

At 6:04 p.m., Ms. Carlisle called for a closed session so that the regents might deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties, of the college president pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. The closed session concluded at 7:16 p.m. and no final decision, action or vote was taken in closed session. The open session reconvened at 7:16 p.m. and a quorum was still present.

Dr. Proffer moved that the Board of Regents select two finalists for the position of College President and consider Dr. Laura Boyer and Dr. Andrew Bowne as the candidates who will engage in the final steps of the interview process. Mr. Mize seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

_____, Secretary