

## MINUTES

## Regular Meeting

## BOARD OF REGENTS

## South Plains College

November 12, 2020

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents meeting room with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Richard Ellis; Mr. Ty Gregory; Mr. Jim Mara; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Pete Pettiet; Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Tara Boiles and Mr. Jeff Roberts, Condley and Company, L.L.P.; and Mr. Blake Roberts, PFM Financial Advisors.

Mr. Box gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Dr. Satterwhite canvassed the general election votes shown in exhibit #4553. Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the votes as presented. Mr. Ellis seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box then invited Mr. Jim Mara, position #1, exhibit #4554; Mr. Ty Gregory, position #2, exhibit #4555; and Mr. Joe Tubb, position #6, exhibit #4556, to take the oath of office.

Following the oath Mr. Pettiet made a motion to appoint Mr. Box as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Tubb made a motion to appoint Mr. Alexander as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Gregory seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Alexander made a motion to appoint Mr. Ellis as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Box seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes; there being none, Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

Following a short break, Mr. Box invited Ms. Boiles and Mr. Roberts to present their audit findings. See exhibit #4557. Mr. Roberts stated that this is Condley's first year to perform an audit on South Plains College. He felt that SPC is in good standing and they were able to provide a clean audit thanks to the good work of College employees.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. Gibbs presented a list of Fall 2020 retirees. See exhibit #4558. Four members of the faculty are retiring with a combined total of 71 years of service.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented an update on the Fall 2020 8-week term enrollment; exhibit #4559. He also presented the post-Thanksgiving options in exhibit #4560.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there

being none, Mr. Tubb made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4561 and #4562. Second by Mr. Gregory and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman then invited Mr. Blake Roberts to discuss the resolution to authorize issuance, sale, delivery of South Plains Junior College District revenue financing system refunding bonds, Series 2020A; and approving and authorizing instruments and procedures relating thereto. See exhibit #4563. After much discussion, Mr. Gregory made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Pettiet seconded to the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Box – approve; Mr. Pettiet – approve; Mr. Gregory – approve; Mr. Mara – approve; Mr. Alexander – abstained; Mr. Ellis – abstained; and Mr. Tubb – abstained. Mr. Box stated he received affidavits from Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Tubb stating conflicts of interested and they would abstain from voting. The vote was approved.

Mr. Roberts also discussed the resolution to authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of South Plains Junior College District revenue financing system improvement bonds, Series 2020B; and approving and authorizing instruments and procedures relating thereto; exhibit #4564. Mr. Gregory again made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Mara seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Box – approve; Mr. Pettiet – approve; Mr. Gregory – approve; Mr. Mara – approve; Mr. Alexander – abstained; Mr. Ellis – abstained; and Mr. Tubb – abstained. Mr. Box stated he received affidavits from Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Tubb stating conflicts of interested and they would abstain from voting. The vote was approved.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Mr. John reported on student enrollment for the 2020 Fall semester. Mr. John said that the College reports student enrollment data to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as of the 12th Class Day of the fall semester. From this report, a demographic snapshot of the student body is compiled for analysis and planning. This information was presented to the Board of Regents in exhibit #4565. Mr. John said the College reported an official fall enrollment of 8,867 students. He reported that 6,644 students or 75 percent are college-level students, while 2,223 or 25 percent are dual credit students. Mr. John discussed student demographic data for all students in the following areas: gender, ethnicity, age, first time in college, course load, residency, and major field of study. The College continues to enroll more women than men with 59.9% of the student headcount being female. Enrollment of men has declined about 15.0 percent in the past five years, while enrollment of women has remained stable. The average age of students has remained stable at 22 years with traditional college-age students, age 24 and younger, accounting for 80 percent of the student body. The number of first-time-in-college from high school students decreased 7.3 percent for the 2020 fall semester. Mr. John attributed this decline, as well as the overall 3.4 percent enrollment decline for the semester, to the COVID-19 pandemic and the region's economic recession. The student body continues to grow in diversity with 58 percent of students being of a racial or ethnic minority. Hispanic students make up 49.4 percent of students at SPC. He also noted that 85 percent of student enrolled this fall reside in the College's 15-county service area. The College also experienced a 5.6 percent increase in the number of students declaring a career or technical education major. He said the demographic data helps College administrators understand how the student body is changing from one year to the next and is an important consideration when planning for the future.

The Chairman asked the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite began his report by providing an update on the Science Building Renovation. He provided an updated budget analysis in exhibits #4566, #4567, and #4568. The project is within the original budget and progressing in a timely manner.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to call a special meeting on Friday, November 20 at 8:30 am to review and approve the bids on the Phase II of the Science Building Renovation. Mr. Alexander made the motion to

approve the special meeting, followed by a second from Mr. Gregory. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite also gave legislative update providing a headcount enrollment comparison from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in exhibit #4569, He also presented a letter from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (exhibit #4570) explaining the Community College Formula Funding that is presented is exhibit #4571.

Dr. Satterwhite then gave an update on the Fall and Spring calendars. He stated that employees will return to campuses on January 4, 2021 following the Christmas holiday. Campuses will be closed to the public and students will be able to make appointments to come on campus to reduce the number of people on each campus. Classes will begin on January 19, 2021. The Administration are hopeful these changes will help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite suggested the Board cancel the regular December 10 meeting. Mr. Tubb made a motion to accept Dr. Satterwhite's suggestion, followed by a second from Mr. Ellis. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourn.

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Chairman

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Secretary