

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
August 14, 2025

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board Mr. Chris Edens; Mr. Jim Mara; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Pete Stracener. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Ms. Tracy Baten; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Adan Rubio, Public Relations Specialist; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Dr. DeMerritt gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the minutes as presented. Mr. Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as they were presented, and Mr. Edens seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present. Dr. Gibbs asked the Board to consider the Statutory Requirement of Faculty Senates as stated in TX 89(R) S.B. 39 in exhibit #5293. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the action. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to accept was unanimous. Dr. Gibbs provided an update on Open Educational Resources (OER) in exhibit #5294 and recognized Jimmy Stratton as the 2025 Anthology Catalyst Award Winner in exhibit #5295.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2024-2025 Quarter 3 reported violations of Policy FH in exhibit #5296, the summer II enrollment figures in exhibit #5297, the fall 2025 enrollment update in exhibit #5298 and the fall 2025 housing occupancy update in exhibit #5299.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present. Ms. Green presented the tax office report and the financial reports in exhibits #5300 and #5301.

Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the reports as presented, followed by a second from Mr. Alexander. The vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then asked the Board to consider a transfer of funds to Capital Improvements. Following some discussion, Mr. Ellis made the motion to move up to \$4.5 million to Capital Improvements. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman invited the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget in exhibit #5302. The proposed budget includes a 3% pay increase for all full-time employees. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the pay increase, followed by a second from Mr. Stracener. The vote to approve was unanimous, excluding Mr. Edens, who abstained due to his familiar relationship with an SPC

employee. The Board discussed the establishment of the 2025-2026 tax rate. The proposed voter-approval tax rate was discussed at \$0.333677. See exhibit #5303. Mr. Edens made a motion to gather on Monday, August 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room on the Levelland campus to discuss the proposed rate. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite provided a construction update stating that current projects are progressing well. He then asked the Board to consider approval of the property insurance proposal in exhibit #5304. Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the proposal as presented and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider replacing the Women's Complex electrical. See exhibit #5305. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the electrical replacement. Mr. Mara seconded. The vote is as follows: Mr. Box – for; Mr. Ellis – for; Mr. Tubb – for; Mr. Stracener – for; and Mr. Alexander – abstained. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary