

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 24th day of February at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

'Bel Sanchez	Chairman
Jody Droege	Vice-Chair
Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Jim Crumm	Regent
Kam Marvel	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent
Roger Stuksa	Regent
Robert Exley	President, Alvin Community College
Jade Borne	Alvin Community College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College
Nichole Eslinger	Alvin Community College
Cindy Griffith	Alvin Community College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin Community College
Karl Stager	Alvin Community College

Beth Nelson	Kyle Stone	Lilly Garcia
Clay Grover	Clay Grover	Linsey Hinman
Kyle Stone	JD Taliaferro	Michael Hoover
Tammy Giffrow	Kim Taliaferro	Juanita Marasckin
Anita Exley	Bret Haduch	Alex Ordonez
Holly Williams	Marleyna Ochoa	Jeff Parks
Dick Tyson	Dave Gutierrez	Stacy Ebert
Patrick Sanger	Ben Deadwyler	John Matula
Kyle Marasckin	Michael Pounds	Nadia Nazarenko

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanchez at 6:02 p.m.

Certification of Posting of Notice

Certification of the posting of the notice as listed in the agenda was acknowledged. Dr. Exley certified that a notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 551, *Texas Government Code*.

Consider Acceptance of Board Regent Resignation

Motion to accept Regent Andy Tacquard's resignation from the Alvin Community College Board of Regents effective as of February 15, 2022 was made by Vice Chair Droege. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Procedure for Board Regent Resignations

Motion to approve the adoption of Local Policy BBC, Board Members Vacancies and Removal from Office was made by Mr. Stuksa. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

• *For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney when seeking the advice of its attorney, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071; For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072; For the purpose of deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.073; Deliberate the evaluation of ACC employees, including, but not limited to, College President's goals as related to President's evaluation, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074.*

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 7:00 p.m.

- **Pledge**

- **Invocation**

Invocation by Dr. Crumm.

Citizen Inquiries

Mr. Dick Tyson, Alvin citizen, spoke on the topics of drainage, taxes, improvement to the college, and the sprinkler system on campus.

Board Recognitions/Comments

The Regents thanked Regent Andy Tacquard for his service to the Board of Regents and that he will be missed. They also congratulated Dr. Cindy Griffith, Vice President of Instruction, on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her service and contribution to the college,

Art instructor Alex Ordonez was recently selected for a fellowship in equity from the prestigious Talley Dunn Gallery in Dallas. The year-long fellowship provides mentorship and resources for the artists to pursue their work and learn about the inner workings of the art world. Recognized was Alex Ordonez.

The Student Services Department recently launched the Navigate software platform to better serve students. The app allows students to schedule appointments, set important reminders, find ACC resources, and more. Recognized staff members who lead with this project included: IT Director of Business Enterprise Solutions Ben Deadwyler, Academic advisor Michael Pounds, Student Success and Advising Director Holly Williams, Learning Commons Director Natalie Freese and Dean of Student Support Services Akilah Martin.

In addition to those who lead the Navigate program, there were several staff members who contributed to the program who were recognized as well: English Chair Thomas Parker, English instructor Alexander Swiger, English instructor Bea Hugetz, Dean of Arts and Sciences John Matula, Academic Support specialist Kim Taliaferro, Vice President of Information Technology Kelly Klimpt, Instructional Support specialist Lori King, Marketing Director Lorrent Smith, Student Activities coordinator Querencia Joshua, and Student Support Services administrative assistant Marleyna Ochoa.

Dr. Cindy Griffith's expertise and hard work led to many accomplishments and milestones for the college. She led the accreditation reaffirmation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, developed the College and Career Pathways program and served as the liaison to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and SACSCOC.

She worked to grow the ACC Dual Enrollment program at Alvin ISD, Pearland and Danbury High Schools. She helped create the Shadow Creek off campus site for evening programs, the partnership with the University of Houston Clear Lake Pearland and lead the development of new programs. A final project included the recommendation for Bachelor's Degrees.

While at ACC she introduced grant opportunities, provided guidance to the curriculum committee and much more. Recognized was Dr. Cindy Griffith.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chair Sanchez said that she would entertain a motion of approval of the Consent Agenda that included the Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2022, Minutes of the Board Workshop of January 24, 2022, Personnel Action (Replacement): Instructor-Administrative Office Technology (Dr. Andrea Busch), Personnel Action (New): Instructor – Cybersecurity (Mikel Chamblee) and approval of Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dr. Crumm. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

The ACC Baseball and Softball teams recently kicked off their spring seasons. Their schedules are located online at the ACC website.

The college hosted the sixth annual Across the Curriculum Conference on February 18. The virtual conference featured keynote speaker Dr. Richard White, who talked about his struggles to go from being homeless to the first black musician to earn a PhD in the tuba.

The completion of construction on campus is nearing. Crews last week laid down the sod on the campus grounds.

Performances of the musical Always... Patsy Cline will begin on March 5. Showtimes and tickets are available on the ACC website.

This report was for information only.

President's Goal #4 Report - Research on Feasibility of ACC Bachelor's Degrees

Dr. Cindy Griffith, Vice President of Instruction, presented the President's Goal #4 report on Research on Feasibility of ACC Bachelor's Degrees. Through their research, a task force of instructors and staff members provided the following findings: benefit the students to earn a bachelor's degree with a lower tuition and fees cost, smaller class sizes, increase ACC's number of graduates in the workforce, and give ACC greater visibility. Dr. Griffith noted that the programs most geared toward a bachelor's include Business Administration and Nursing and that a Bachelor's program would require additional staff

members and will require significant change regarding the college's accreditation processes. With approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, ACC could begin offering the degrees as soon as Fall 2024 or 2025. This report was for information only.

Census Day Internal Enrollment by Location Report

Dr. Pam Shefman presented the Spring 2022 Census Day Internal Enrollment by Location report. She noted that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year would be a reset year establishing baseline data for moving forward. Also noted, there was a positive retention rate of 74% from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022. This report was for information only.

Remote Work Presentation

Mr. Pat Sanger and Ms. Lindsey Hindman reported the research findings by the Remote Work Committee. Included was flexibility to support students, training for staff, accountability measures and that remote work is trending for the future and that it is needed to be competitive in hiring. The Regents requested that the committee move forward in drafting a Board Policy and bring back to the Board for approval. This report was for information only.

Appointment of Board Regent Replacement

The motion to appoint former Board Regent, Mr. Mike Pyburn, via resolution, for the remainder of Regent Tacquard's current term ending May 2022 was made by Mr. Shelton. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution of Payment for Personnel during Closure due to a Winter Storm

The motion to approve the Resolution of Payment of for personnel during closure due to a winter storm was made by Vice Chair Droege. Seconded by Dr. Crumm. Vote against: Mr. Shelton. Motion passed 6-1.

Consider Approval of Additional Personal Leave Days for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mr. Shelton introduced the motion to approve an additional three (3) days of personal leave to be granted under the stated guidelines for this 2021-2022 fiscal year only. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Applying 6% COL increase for employees hired from March 1 through August 31, 2021

The motion to approve a pro-rated application of the FY2021-2022 6% Cost of Living Increase (COLA) for twelve employees who were hired between March 1, 2021, and August 31, 2021 for a total cost of \$30,259.85 was made by Mr. Shelton. Seconded by Dr. Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Change Order for AGCM for Soil and Concrete Testing Services

Motion to approve the payment to AGCM for \$66,715.61 as a change order to their contract for this work was made by Dr. Crumm. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Vote Against: Mr. Shelton. Motion passed 6-1. It was noted that these funds are included in overall budget and do not require approval of additional funds. Mr. Marvel asked that AGCM be made aware of cracks in the concrete and Dr. Exley agreed to have conversation with AGCM.

Financial Report Ending January 2022

Mr. Shelton made the motion to approve the financial report. Seconded by Vice Chair Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Renewal Anticipated Price Increase

Mr. Karl Stager made the Regents aware of a 35% price increase in the upcoming insurance renewal and that the increase was mostly due to the storms that have hit the United States over the past year. He noted that new appraisals will be done for the buildings identifying facilities with improvements. This report was for information only.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

'Bel Sanchez, Chair