

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2023
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 27th day of April 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
Michael Hoover	Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent
Jake Starkey	Regent
Robert Exley	President, Alvin Community College
Michael Beck	Alvin Community College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin Community College
Nichole Eslinger	Alvin Community College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin Community College
John Matula	Alvin Community College
Karl Stager	Alvin Community College

Beth Nelson	Robert Sanchez	Mikel Chamblee
Clay Grover	Jessica Ranero-Ramirez	Michael Fernandez
Tammy Giffrow	Leroy Brigman	Amanda Smithson
Kyle Marasckin	Nadia Nazarenko	James Wilmot
John Tompkins	Jeff Parks	Esther Kempen
Alyssa Bullock	Debra Fontenot	Bryan Hinshaw
Lloyd Cox	Alexander Marriott	Kayla Upton
Karmen Wells	Cammy Guggisberg	Don Parus
Esther Kempen	Misty Abraham	
Lilly Garcia	Robert Sanchez	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanchez at 6:03 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.

Board Recognitions

Discovery Day, the largest ACC recruiting event, had more than 500 students on campus on April 14 to meet with staff members and fellow students to learn about the different programs that the college has to offer. It took many people to coordinate this successful event. Recognized were: Director of Recruitment and Enrollment Amanda Smithson, Event coordinator Kayla Upton, Student Life coordinator Querencia Joshua, Student Life administrative assistant Juanita Buenrostro, Marketing specialist Cammy Guggisberg and Dental Assistant instructor Misty Abraham.

The Petrochemworks Golf Tournament was created to support students interested in careers in the petrochemical industry by providing scholarships to local community colleges. ACC participated in the tournament to raise funds for the scholarship program this past year and ACC students were awarded \$36,000 in scholarships from the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, the Foundation that supports the tournament. Recognized staff members who provided assistance with the tournament were: Dean of Technical, Professional and Human Performance Jeff Parks, Vice President of Outreach and Development Wendy Del Bello, administrative assistant for Technical, Professional and Human Performance Karmen Wells, Process Technology Chair Don Parus, Welding instructor Leroy Brigman, Cybersecurity instructor Mikel Chamblee and Supply Chain Management instructor Michael Fernandez.

Executive Session

- *Private consultation with its attorney, when seeking the advice of its attorney in accordance with Section 551.071; Deliberate the evaluation of ACC employees, including, but not limited to, College President's goals as related to President's evaluation and contract, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074.*

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 6:34 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**
Invocation by Mr. Shelton.

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquires.

Board Comments

The Regents talked about the various events they attended including the Big Band dance, Spring concert, Purse Bingo, ACCT online meeting and Honoring Excellence program, gave kudos to the Culinary Arts program for the fabulous job, thanks to all staff that worked and volunteered for the Purse Bingo fund raiser, and thanks for the support of the Tour de Braz event.

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 Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2023, approval of Personnel Action (Replacement): Executive Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Math Faculty Geology Faculty, Upward Bound Director, approval of Recommendation of Dr. Stacy Ebert as Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and approval of the Federal, State, and Private Grants Awarded during 2022-23 and projected for 2023-2024 Report. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Marvel and seconded by Mrs. Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Ester Kempen, Faculty Senate President, informed the Board that this would be her last meeting as president, as new officers have been elected for the 2023-2024 term. She thanked Dr. Exley, Dr. Beck for their support, Brian Berger and Laurie English for the work in getting faculty informed about the transition to 8-week classes. This report was for information only.

President's Report

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

Registration for Summer and Fall semesters are now open.

The Foundation hosted its first Designer Bag Bingo on April 13. Foundation supporters played 20 rounds of bingo and won brand new designer handbags from designers such as Brahmin, Coach, Marc Jacobs, Tory Burch, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and more. The event raised more than \$35,000 for the Foundation.

The college hosted its annual gradfest event on April 18. Students attended a brief commencement information session and were eligible for raffle prizes. So far, 495 students have signed up to participate in May's Commencement.

The Music Department held its 24th annual Big Band concert this past Saturday. All proceeds from the event benefit scholarships for our Music students. Donations are still being accepted for a new timpani drum and so far we are half way to the \$3,000 needed.

The annual Honoring Excellence reception was held and honored the Presidential Scholars while the Foundation issued several innovative grants and named the annual Excellence Award winners.

On April 19 Stacy Ebert and Dr. Exley attended the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership general membership meeting in Seabrook. Guest speaker for the event was Texas Workforce Commission chair Bryan Daniel who spoke about recruiting and hiring initiatives, training grants and training programs. ACC was one of the sponsors for the meeting.

Tomorrow is the Spring induction ceremony for the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges.

The ACC Community Band will have its Spring concert tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre. The Choir will have its concert on May 5 also in the Theatre.

The annual Walk for Wellness was held on April 12. The event is to help raise awareness about the importance of mental health. The event is part of the Pathway to Positivity initiative on campus and was hosted by ACC counseling, Student Life and the Active Minds organization.

ACC hosted University of Houston Clear Lake Day on April 19. Students had an opportunity to visit with transfer and admissions advisors along with an opportunity to fill out a free application to the university.

The Texas Board of Nursing issued a letter of approval to ACC for the CNA to LVN program here at the college. The program is due to be implemented in the Summer of 2024.

ACC staff members spoke with students during the recent Women in Industry Conference hosted by the Texas Gulf Coast Community Colleges organization on March 31.

Dr. Jessica Ranero-Ramirez presented during the President's report, the Talent Strong Texas Pathways Spring conference. She talked about the framework of the four pillars, the work prior on the pathways through 2022, data that has been collected on students and highlighted the next ACC action plan for moving forward.

This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of Wayfinding Signage

The motion to authorize the President to enter a contract with Innerface Architectural Signage, Inc. for the furnish and installation of vehicular signage at a cost of \$ 139,668.38 was made by Secretary Hertenberger. Seconded by Mr. Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Selection of Natural Gas Provider 2023

The motion to approve the selection of Symmetry for new 36-month term natural gas contract at a rate not to exceed \$4.75/Dth and authorize the President to execute a contract to begin June 1, 2023 was made by Mr. Hoover. Seconded by Mr. Starkey. Voted For: Secretary Hertenberger, Chair Sanchez and Vice Chair Droege. Voted Against: All remaining Regents. Motion failed. A second motion was made by Mr. Shelton to approve the selection of Pro Energy for a 12-month term natural gas contract at a rate not to exceed 3.65/Dth and authorize the President to execute a contract to begin June 1, 2023. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Upgrade of Lab School Landscaping

The motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract with Corestone Paving and Construction for the purchase of this project at the Lab School at a cost of \$ 54,815.20 was made by Vice Chair Droege. Seconded by Mr. Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Campus Technology Upgrades

The motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract with CX2, Inc., not to exceed \$332,966.59 (Bid \$302,696.90 + \$30,269.69) was made by Mr. Starkey. Seconded by Mr. Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Purchase of Leased Transportation Bus

The motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract with Wells Fargo, N.A. for the purchase of this bus at a cost of \$ 99,750.00 was made by Mr. Shelton. Seconded by Mrs. Reyes-Hall. After further discussion on the cost presented and the request to look at more options for purchase or lease, Mr. Shelton made the motion to amend the motion to table the motion. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shelton also made the motion to table motion. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Purchase of Boiler System for S-Building

The motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract with Gulf Coast Boilers for the purchase of this boiler system at a cost of \$ 68,701.38 was made by Mr. Shelton. Seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of 2022-2023 Budget Amendment

Mr. Shelton made the motion to authorize the transfer of \$34,500 from General Institutional/Finance & Administrative Contingency to Grounds Maintenance Department T/C Salary FT. Seconded by Mrs. Reyes - Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report Ending March 2023

Mr. Starkey made the motion to approve the financial and investment report for March 2023. Seconded by Dr. Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

Bel Sanchez, Chair