

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 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
Michael Hoover	Regent
Jake Starkey	Regent
Robert Exley	President, Alvin Community College
Karl Stager	Alvin Community College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin Community College
John Matula	Alvin Community College
Nichole Eslinger	Alvin Community College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin Community College

Beth Nelson	Nadia Nazarenko	Karmen Wells
Kyle Stone	Debra Fontenot	George Tacquard
Tammy Giffrow	Alexander Marriott	Patty Sanchez
Kyle Marasckin	Anita Exley	Billy Allen
John Tompkins	Mary Jove	Bryan Hinshaw
Alyssa Bullock	Dick Tyson	Lilly Garcia

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanchez at 6:06 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.

**Executive Session**

- *For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney when seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplating litigation, or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with this Chapter in accordance with Section 551.071; Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072; 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 7:05 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**  
Invocation by Dr. Crumm.

### **Citizen Inquiries**

Mr. Dick Tyson spoke on topic of Veteran's Day, investigations, and public paying for debt.

### **Board Comments**

The Regents talked about their CCATT experiences, Founders Day luncheon, Fall Fest, the student Art Show and all the work the students and staff put into it, and lastly the success of the Foundation Gala.

### **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 October 26, 2023, Personnel Action (Replacement): Faculty, Biology, Personnel Action (Replacement): Faculty, Economics, Personnel Action (Replacement): Athletic Director, the Federal, State and Private Grants Awarded during 2022-23 and Projected for 2023-24 Report, and consider approval of Brazoria County Appraisal District – Resolution to Cast Votes. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Starkey. Seconded by Mr. Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

For the seventh time, ACC was named among the top 150 colleges in the country by the Aspen Institute. We are now eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize in 2025.

Registration for the Spring semester is open now! Classes begin on January 16. The Foundation will once again be offering the First Step Award to first time in college students.

Speaking of the Foundation... what a wonderful night we had at the Annual Gala on November 10. We had a great night and raised a lot of money for our students and programs.

The Foundation is now accepting applications for more than \$75,000 in scholarships. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is March 1.

The Texas New Mexico Power Fund recently awarded a \$8,000 grant to the Foundation to purchase a biosafety cabinet for the ACC Biotech program.

The college recognized our local veterans during the Veterans Day ceremony on November 9.

The college hosted a forum on Generative AI on October 30-31 to discuss the issues that the college and the workforce will face with the advent of Artificial Intelligence. Keynote speaker for the forum was Todd McLees, a consultant and expert on generative AI.

When the capital Christmas tree is unveiled this holiday season, it will feature an ornament decorated by Art student Emily Bias. Her ornament was chosen to represent District 29 and will go on display starting November 29.

The college hosted its first ever Welding Showdown on November 4. The event included students from seven colleges including ACC, Houston Community College, Wharton Junior College, College of the Mainland, Western Texas College, Texas State Technical College and Brazosport College.

The Art Department hosted a Dia De Los Muertos event on November 1. A group of students and Art Department staff crafted various elements for the installation and Foreign Languages instructor Saul Olivares spoke about the significance of the holiday in Hispanic culture.

The Arrive Alive tour stopped at the college on November 8 to teach students about the dangers of drunk and distracted driving. The event provided students with food and activities that included a driving simulator and informational booths from the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol, Crime Stoppers as well as the ACC Police Department.

The Fall Student Art Show is now under way in the Fine Arts Gallery in the student center.

As the holiday season approaches we have many fine arts performances and shows coming up. The Choir will have its annual Christmas Concert on November 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Alvin. The Theatre will have performances of It's a Wonderful Life: a live radio play from December 2-9. The ACC Concert and Community Band will hold a Christmas concert on December 10 at the theatre.

This report was for information only.

#### **Annual College Data Report**

Mr. Pat Sanger presented the annual college data report that compared Fall 2022 to Fall 2023 and included the following: ACC faculty and staff longevity facts, high percentage of out of district students, highlighted dual enrollment, the increase of financial assistance in the form of Pell and trends in age and genders. This report was for information only.

#### **Annual Report on Board Member Trainings**

Dr. Exley reported the annual Board member trainings. This report was for information only.

#### **Consider Approval of Parking Lot Refurbish**

The motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract with Texas Precision Paving for an amount not to exceed \$528,450.00 was made by Secretary Hertenberger. Seconded by Mr. Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Consider Approval of Commodity Spending**

The motion to approve a authorize the annual spend for Welding equipment and supplies at \$100,000 through August 2024 was made by Secretary Hertenberger. Seconded by Vice Chair Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Consider Approval of ERP/SIS Staffing Augmentation**

The motion to approve the statement of work from Ultimate Consulting, LLC for this engagement with a maximum expenditure of \$202,800 through June 2024 was made by Mr. Starkey. Seconded by Dr. Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of IT Infrastructure Staffing Augmentation – No Cost Extension**

The motion to approve the continued utilization of Zion Cloud Solutions for this engagement through June 2024, not to exceed the pre-approved maximum expenditure was made by Vice Chair Droege. Seconded by Mr. Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Dual Enrollment F.A.S.T. Tuition Rate and Waivers**

The motion to approve the presented FAST Program waivers and rates effective with the Spring 2024 semester was made by Mr. Starkey. Seconded by Dr. Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report Ending October 2023**

Mr. Starkey moved to approve the financial and investment report for October 2023. Seconded by Mr. by Vice Chair Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Specific Personnel Action Requests**

The motion to approve the specific personnel action discussed in executive session was made by Secretary Hertenberger. Seconded by Mr. Starkey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Regent Position 6 Resignation**

Chair Sanchez also announced that Regent Jake Starkey would be vacating the remainder of his Board of Regents term, thanked him for his service to Alvin Community College and wished him well.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

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Bel Sanchez, Chair