

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 26th day of September immediately following the conclusion of the Public Tax Hearing scheduled 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
Breah Knape	Regent
Mike Pyburn	Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent

Robert Exley	President, Alvin Community College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin Community College
Beth Nelson	Alvin Community College
Crystal Lee	Alvin Community College
Kelley Peatross	Alvin Community College
John Matula	Alvin Community College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin Community College

Felicia Jimenez
Kyle Marasckin
John Tompkins
LaVonna Miller
Debra Fontenot
Linet George
Harold Griffin
Estevan Vasquez
Jessica Ranero-Ramirez
Patrick Sanger
Dr. Mary Jove

Bryan Hinshaw
Lilly Garcia
Patty Sanchez
John Murray, Jr.
Jessica Eddy
Lilly Garcia
Laurel Joseph
Travis Kessinger
Pete Rocha
Donna Gonzalez
Ike Gonzalez

Don Parus
Kenny Navarro
Alyssa Bullock
Sgt. Alvarado
Roy Sobrano
Rosa Navarro
Katrina Hinshaw
Shannon Samuelson
Kim DeLauro
Dick Tyson

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:04 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

The Regents extended their deepest gratitude to Physical Plant Director Bryan Hinshaw, Environmental Systems Supervisor Ike Gonzalez, Environmental technician Pete Rocha, Environmental Technician Roy

Sambrano, and Grounds Supervisor Kenny Navarro for their commitment and outstanding service during the sudden power outage that disrupted our operations.

The Regents also recognized Dr. Mary Jove for leading Academic Affairs for 10 months when the previous Vice President of Instruction stepped down. She has led the department through organizational changes while continuing the push to offer the first Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Management this fall. She served on the Executive Leadership Team, worked on the team to change our accreditation to Level 2, assisted with our implementation of House Bill 8 and the FAST program and worked with faculty to develop an AI policy.

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; Deliberate 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; 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 6:42 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**
Invocation by Regent Mike Pyburn.

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquires.

Board Comments

Regent Hertenberger would like to keep Florida in our thoughts as the hurricane makes its way in their direction. She also said that ACC's volleyball team won last night's game against Lone Star College-Kingwood. Which makes it their second win!

Regent Reyes-Hall recognized how amazing the Culinary Arts program is. The food is wonderful, and the presentation is phenomenal. The CCATT Annual Meeting in Amarillo was very informative.

Chair Sanchez also attended CCATT Annual Meeting in Amarillo. The First Responders Academy was impressive. She stated Dr. Exley also attended but was focused on the campus emergency the whole time. She was a moderator for the Hispanic Family Night. The turnout was low, but the event was well organized and promoted. Kudos to Wendy, Marketing, and Student Services for doing a great job advertising the event. There were flyers put up throughout town and mentioned on Univision.

Board Recognitions

The Regents thanked the staff and faculty for all their continued hard work and efforts in keeping the college operating and serving the students.

Committee Reports

Regent Crumm provided the facilities report, he updated the community on the energy problem and how it has caused a domino effect. We need to evaluate all the aging infrastructure to take steps to get a program

in place. The ACC West department continues to recover from Beryl as well as the tennis court and baseball field and state of the firing range. The K Buildings' possible uses

Regent Pyburn provided the budget and finance report, he attended the budget finance committee meeting on September 16th. Staff reported on finalizing the budget and tax rate that will generate approximately \$50 million in budgeted revenues. The overlap discussion of the electrical problem and the expense it causes. Also, repair of the chillers will be another huge expense. We still do not know the total to replace or repair, but there is money in the reserve to cover the repairs. Update on Hurricane Beryl, the repairs in progress including information about insurance coverage and FEMA. The committee talked about creating a capital reserve account in addition to the institutional reserve. The bond for building S will be fully paid by next February. Also discussed getting the Budget Committee involved in budget discussions in January for guidance. Have the Committee look at financials and check registers ahead of time to eliminate questions.

Regents Reyes-Hall, Hoover, and Crumm are members of the facilities committee.

Regents Shelton, Pyburn, and Vice Chair Droege are members of the budget committee.

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 the Minutes of the August 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes for the August 29, 2024 Special Called Meeting, and approval of the Grants report.

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

- Campus updates: Enrollment, Beryl damages, Electrical issues, Dan Parus
- Club Volleyball is back at ACC! The team had its first match on September 18 and we took the win over Texas Southern University in 5 sets. We also have a YouTube channel that has been set up to livestream the games. Our next home game is October 9 at 7 p.m. vs. UH-Downtown.
- On Tuesday we had our first Hispanic Family Night. Spanish-speaking families had an opportunity to learn about getting started at college as well as what programs we have to offer. We were featured on Univision on Monday to help promote the event.
- We also had our latest edition of Right Now Magazine translated into Spanish that was handed out during the Hispanic Family Night event.
- And to continue our recruitment in the Hispanic community ACC was represented at the recent Hispanic Heritage Festival here in Alvin.
- ACC alum Dillon DeWitt recently won a Houston Press Theater Award for his performance in the play "It is Magic."

- ACC Government instructor Amy Acord recently received a grant to purchase new textbooks for students in our TDCJ program. The grant was awarded from a partnership with the Alliance for Higher Education in Prison and the W.W. Norton Publishing Prison Education Book Connection.
- The Student Resource Center in H109 opened up earlier this month for students in need with clothing, toiletries, food and support from other community organizations.
- A group of Digital Communications students got a chance to visit the Channel 13 news studio and meet newscaster Charly Edsitty.
- Recruitment was on hand for the Shadow Creek/Alvin football game on September 13. The Alvin ISD Athletic Director Mike Bass said he received a lot of positive feedback from both Shadow Creek and Alvin Fans. He said, "I received several comments of appreciation for ACC being on site to pass out the items (clear fanny bags & fans) to the AHS & SCHS fanbase! The comments included how courteous y'all were even when folks were asking for more than one!"
- The Law Enforcement Academy held its annual job fair on Tuesday with 24 agencies throughout the state participating.
- TexasTail owner Nick Droege was the first guest this fall of the Library Speaker Series on September 19. We have several speakers coming up through the semester including Alvin city councilman and author Glenn Starkey, Fox News investigative reporter Randy Wallace, author Jason Angell, former Texas Ranger and author Maurice Cook, body builder Hannah Hussein and more.
- The financial website Niche recently named ACC as the 9th best community college in the state and the 124th best community college in the nation according to their most recent rankings.
- We are going to be very busy in October with events happening every week on campus.
- On October 8 the college will host the annual Empty Bowls event. All proceeds from the sale benefit Alvin Meals on Wheels. The event will start at 4 p.m. in the Student Center.
- The Drama Season kicks off with performances of Peter and the Star Catcher starting on October 12. Tickets are available on ACC website.
- This year is the 49th Fall Festival on campus on October 26 starting at 4 p.m. on campus.
- The Foundation Gala is almost here! We're calling all parrotheads as the theme of this year's event will be a tribute to Jimmy Buffett. The gala will be on November 8. You can get tickets online or, as always, talk to Wendy.

This report was for information only.

Notification of Emergency Response to Electrical Outage and Subsequent Damage, Utilization of Entech Sales and Services LLC and Related Resolution for Compensation Payment

Regent Droege read the resolution agreement.

Regent Hoover moved to approve the resolution as presented. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Title IX Report

John Matula reported two recent cases that did not rise to the level of an actional item. Both cases were resolved informally, completely documented, and closed.

Consider Approval of Personnel Action (Replacement): Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Regent Crumm moved to approve Beth Nelson as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Seconded by Regent Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Establishment of the Center of Excellence for Legal Studies, Law Enforcement Academy, Criminal Justice and an Executive Director of Legal Studies
Regent Reyes-Hall moved to approve the Establishment of the Center of Excellence for Legal Studies, Law Enforcement Academy, Criminal Justice, and an Executive Director of Legal Studies. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

Brazoria County Appraisal District Resolution to Nominate Candidates

Regent Droege moved to approve to nominate Tommy King to serve on the Brazoria County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Tax Rate for 2024-25

The motion to adopt the total tax rate of 0.155988 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the NO NEW REVENUE tax rate was made by Regent Droege. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Votes in favor were cast by Regents Droege, Sanchez, Hoover, Reyes-Hall, Shelton, Crumm and Hertenberger. Votes not in favor were cast by Regents Pyburn and Knappe. Motion passed 7-2.

A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate does not require the language about "tax increase" as stated in section 26.05(b) of the Property Tax Code. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED/(DECREASED) BY 8.00 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE/(DECREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$5.30.

Debt Rate:	\$.007290
M & O Rate:	\$.148698
TOTAL RATE:	\$.155988

Ms. Nelson will forward the signed Tax Rate Resolution to the Brazoria County Tax Assessor Collector.

Consider Approval of Purchase of Pignat Ethylene Glycol Distillation System

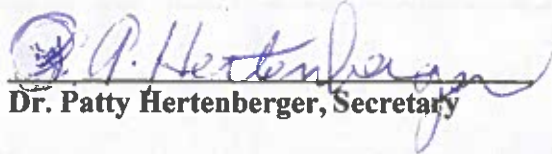
Regent Hoover moved to approve the purchase of the Pignat Ethylene Glycol Distillation System. Seconded by Regent Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report Ending August 31, 2024

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve the financial and investment report for August 31, 2024. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Regent Pyburn thanked Beth Nelson for recategorizing the check register.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary


Bel Sanchez, Chair