ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 25th day of September at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

'Bel Sanchez Chairman
Patty Hertenberger Secretary
Jim Crumm Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall Regent
Jody Droege Vice-Chair
Darren Shelton Regent
Michael Hoover Regent

Regents Absent

Breah Knape Regent Mike Pyburn Regent

ACC Administration Present

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

ACC Employees & Guests Present

Teri Rios Alan Phillips Lindsey Hindman Bryan Hinshaw Debra Fontenot Kyle Stone Felicia Jimenez Patty Sanchez Lilly Garcia Harold Griffin Scott Turnbough Cara Hogan Jessica Eddy Kyle Marasckin Lily Galindo Jessica Ranero-Ramirez LaVonna Miller Estevan Vasquez Huff Mann John Murray, Jr. Leigh Ann Moore John Tompkins Linet George Dick Tyson

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order 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, <u>Texas Government Code</u>.

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.

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 6:36 p.m.

Pledge and Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Chair Sanchez

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Comments

The Regents wished Vice Chair Droege a happy birthday. They commented on how great the walking trail turned out and how valuable it was to attend the CCATT Conference.

Committee Reports

The committees met on August 11th. Regent Crumm provided the facilities report, which included the discussion of the FY25 completed projects, continued work on the trail, roofs, and stairwells.

Regent Shelton presented the budget and finance report. The committee discussed capital funds, debt options and investments.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve the Consent Agenda that included the approval of the Minutes for the August 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, and the Grants report. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Registration is open now for the second Fall 8-week term.

Dow Chemical recently donated \$100,000 to the ACC Foundation for our Process Technology program to purchase simulation software for our students. Dow staff members visited the campus on September 3 to learn more about our program and meet with Process Technology instructors.

On September 10, I had the pleasure of delivering our annual State of Higher Education during a Northern Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

ACC Foundation board member and former regent Brenda Brown was recently named director emeritus of the Foundation during their meeting on September 16. Brown is a charter member of the organization and has served on it for 48 years.

The ACC Pollinator Project was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Native Prairies Association of Texas Pocket Prairie program to help build on the project. The grant funds will be used for site clearing, native plants and seeds.

The National Autonomous University of Mexico Film Festival is underway at ACC. Several films from the university have been screened in the student center. The event will wrap up on October 2.

This Saturday is the Tails and Trails event. This pet-friendly event will mark the re-opening of the college jogging trail and will feature fun activities for all ages. The fun starts at 9 a.m. with the ribbon cutting at 9:30.

With the start of the Fall semester, the Learning Lab has kicked off its Student Success workshops. Students can drop by the Learning Lab to get details or sign up online.

The Library Speaker series kicked off this past month with meteorologist Justin Stapleton on September 10 and Children's author Skylar Garcia-Frost just earlier today. Tom Wilbeck will be the next guest speaker on October 7.

ACC will look to open doors and celebrate Hispanic Heritage month during the Career Connection event on October 4. The event will give young students an opportunity to learn about their career field and how to pursue their profession.

We're one month into the academic year but already our recruiting department has been extremely busy. They have represented the college at events all throughout the region high school takeover events, senior nights, football games, career fairs, community events like the recent Hispanic Heritage Festival in Alvin, and so many more.

It's that time of year again. The ACC Foundation Under the Texas Sky Gala will be on Friday, November 7 at 6 p.m. in the Southshore Harbor Resort. Festivities begin with a social reception. There will also be dinner, a live auction and dancing with music from the Junior Gordon Band. As always, if you have any questions, please see Wendy.

This report was for information only.

Fall Enrollment Report

Cara Hogan presented the Fall Enrollment Report. This report was for information only.

Title IX Report

John Matula presented the Title IX Report. This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of Personnel Action (Repurposed): Associate Provost

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve Leigh Ann Moore as the Associate Provost. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The motion to adopt the total tax rate of 0.156543 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue rate made by Regent Shelton. Seconded by Regent Hertenberger. Votes in favor were cast by Regents Droege, Sanchez, Hoover, Reyes-Hall, Shelton, Crumm and Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

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 4.52 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE/(DECREASED) TAXES GOT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$7.84.

Debt Rate:

\$0.000000

M&O Rate:

\$0.156543

TOTAL RATE: \$0.156543

Consider Approval of Resolution for Maintenance Tax and Refunding Note

Regent Droege moved to approve the resolution authorizing various actions to prepare for the issuance of the Alvin College maintenance tax and refunding notes, series 2025; and containing other matters relating thereto. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the President's Contract Finalization

Regent Shelton moved to approve Dr. Exley's compensation for 1-year extension of his contract. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Cooperative Agreement, 1GPA

Regent Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to enter into an approved Cooperative Procurement Membership agreement with participating members of the 1GPA. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Houston Endowment Planning Grant-Contractors

Regent Reyes-Hall moved to authorize the President to enter into an agreement with Handover Research for the term of this engagement for a fee of \$180,000.00. Seconded by Regent Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Department of Labor Development Evaluator

Regent Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to enter into an agreement with TMPA for the term of this engagement for a fee of \$75,274.00. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Modification of Policy CF(Local)

Regent Crumm moved to adopt the revisions for policy CF(Local). Seconded by Regent Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Modification of Policy CM(Local)

Regent Hertenberger moved to adopt the revisions for policy CM(Local). Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Brazoria County Appraisal District - Resolution to Nominate Candidate

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve the nomination of Susan Spoor and Gail Robinson to serve on the Brazoria County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Seconded by Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

An amendment was entered to split the votes between the nominees 50/50, by Regent Shelton. Seconded by Hertenberger. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report Ending August 31, 2025

Regent Shelton moved to approve the Financial Report for August 31, 2025. Seconded by Regent Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to conduct a Level 3 employee grievance hearing.

The Board reconvened back into open session and Chair Sanchez called the session back into order at 8:34 p.m.

Level 3 Hearing Action

Regent Crumm moved that the Board uphold the administrative decision made at Level II and uphold the termination of Ms. Beasley's at-will employment, effective immediately. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

'Bel Sanchez, Chair