ALVIN COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2026
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Board of Regents of Alvin College met at a regular session on the 29th day of October at 6:00 p.m., at the Nolan Ryan Center, 2925 South Bypass 35, Alvin, Texas, with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

'Bel Sanchez	Chairman
Jim Crumm	Vice-Chair
Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Kam Marvel	Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Mike Pyburn	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent
Michael Hoover	Regent
Breah Knape	Regent

Alvin College Administration Present

Robert Exley	President, Alvin College
Kelley Peatross	Alvin College
Beth Nelson	Alvin College
John Matula	Alvin College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin College
Rene De Leon	Alvin College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin College

Alvin College Employees & Guests Present

Alan Phillips	Marby McKinney	Jessica Trevino
Doug Lauersdorf	Patty Sanchez	Chase Dillman
Estevan Vasquez	Scott Turnbough	Kenneth Navarro
Haley Lovell	Theresa Rios	Celia Fife
Huff Mann	Patty Sanchez	Genie Cox
Jessica Ranero-Ramirez	Pam Kaminsky	Anita Exley
John Murray	Kayla Brown	
John Tompkins	Melinda Laurance	
LaVonna Miller	Misty Abraham	
Laurel Joseph	Karmen Wells	
Leigh Ann Moore	Norma Lahart	
Linet George	Sara Hightower	
Kyle Marasckin	Physical Plant	

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:01 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

Regents Pyburn and Marvel presented the following recognitions:

- Respiratory Care Program 50th Anniversary: The Board recognized the Respiratory Care program, one of the College's first and longest-running Allied Health programs, on its 50th anniversary. The program marked the milestone with a reception on October 22 for former faculty and students. The program was represented by Director Norma Lahart; Clinical Director Sara Hightower, a graduate of the program; Dean of Health Sciences and former Respiratory Care Director Dr. Marby McKinney; and Respiratory Care faculty members.
- 50th Annual Fall Festival: The Board recognized the individuals who organized and coordinated the College's 50th Annual Fall Festival, one of the largest events on campus. The event featured favorite attractions along with new additions, including a children's train, a haunted house, and a drone show. Those recognized were: John Matula, Karmen Wells, Doug Lauersdorf, Jessica Trevino, Chase Dillman, Dr. Estevan Vasquez, Celia Fife, Athletics, Scott Turnbough, Kyle Marasckin, Kayla Brown, Laurel Joseph, Controller, Bryan Hinshaw, Melinda Laurence, Diana Gonzalez, Kenneth Navarro, Ike Gonzalez, James Wilmot, Taylor Bass, Chris Matula, Penny Garcia, Roy Sambrano, John Rodriguez, Pete Rocha, Juanita Buenrostro, Paula Leija, Cecy Garcia, Norma Martinez, Alma Calderon, Irma Pina, and Maria Leija.

Executive Session

For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney when seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated 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 Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071; or to 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; or to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge and Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Regent Pyburn.

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Chairman Report/Comments

Regents commented on attending the ACCT National Trustee Conference, Brazoria County Alliance meeting, Community Advisory Breakfast, and the Brazoria County Foster Youth Collaborative meeting. Regent Reyes-Hall praised the drone show at the Fall Festival. Regent Knape recognized the Exleys for sponsoring a golf team in support of ACTIONS, a nutrition transportation service for seniors.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: Regent Crumm gave the Facilities Committee report. The committee met on October 19th and discussed building S roof and chillers, surge protection and parts, progress, logistics, and planning of maintenance tax note, completed surveys and testing, and capital project priorities such as restrooms in building K. Regent Crumm commented that the Alvin College team approach is outstanding.

Finance Committee: Regent Shelton gave the Finance Committee report. The committee looked at the possible consideration of managed services for IT and how to manage staff leaving.

Information Items

The Board received the following information items: the Employee Count, the Employee Resignation/Retirement Report, and Options for Staffing the Interim Vice President of Administrative Services/CFO position.

These items were for information only.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Regent Knape moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes of the September 23, 2026 Public Tax Hearing and the September 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, the Grants report, and Personnel Actions for Faculty, Automotive Technology 12M (Replacement), and Faculty, Vocational Nursing 12M (New). Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Alvin College was selected for the Houston Endowment grant program for a student success initiative. The $2.9 million grant will allow the College to implement a career-focused advising and pathways model for commercial driving, logistics, and business management. Dr. Exley thanked the staff who made major contributions to the initiative: co-chairs Vice Presidents Dr. Stacy Ebert and John Matula; Grants Coordinator Lilly Garcia; Institutional Effectiveness and Research Executive Director Patrick Sanger; Vice President Wendy Del Bello; and Business Intelligence Officer Rene De Leon.

- The College celebrated its 50th annual Fall Festival on campus. Local families enjoyed new attractions, including train rides, a haunted house, and a drone show.
- The Respiratory Care program celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reception on October 22, where former faculty and graduates reunited and shared memories of the program.
- The College received final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Classes will begin in the spring, and registration opens on November 12.
- The College hosted Counselor's Day on October 2. Counselors from several local school districts visited campus to learn about the College's programs, and a student panel discussed the Allied Health programs available.
- Speech instructor Dr. Earnest Burnett was recognized by State Representative Ron Reynolds for his many years as an educator during the 50 Shades of Green fundraiser gala on October 17.
- The College hosted eight Alvin ISD junior high schools during its annual Junior High Day on October 9, bringing hundreds of students to campus to learn about the College and its programs.
- History instructor Dr. Shane Hand was the most recent presenter in the Library Speaker Series. The next speakers will be professional dancers Zach and Kyara Le Fevre on November 4.
- Alvin College and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship will host a business pitch competition on November 21, open to all Alvin College students, alumni, and members of the community.
- The Foundation's Destination Opportunity Gala will take place on Friday, November 13. Seating is limited, and tickets are available through Wendy Del Bello.
- College mascot Blue visited the Alvin Senior Center on October 29th to play Bingo with local senior citizens. Nursing students conducted the games and shared healthcare tips between rounds, and ActionS helped coordinate the event.

This report was for information only.

Student Services Data Report

John Matula presented the Student Services Data Report.

This report was for information only.

Nolan Ryan Center Report

Wendy Del Bello presented the Nolan Ryan Center Report.

This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of the TABI Contract

Regent Knape moved to approve the TABI Contract in an amount not to exceed $350,000. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed 7-2. Regents Shelton and Hoover voted against this item.

Consider Approval of the President's Contract Finalization

Regent Marvel moved to approve the finalization of the President's Contract. Seconded by Vice Chair Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Customer Relationship Management Solution (CRM)

Regent Marvel moved to authorize the President to enter into a five-year contract with Technolutions for the Slate CRM solution for $386,575. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Smart Planning and Registration Software

Regent Marvel moved to authorize the President to enter into a five-year contract subscription agreement with Ellucian Company for Smart Planning and Registration Software in an amount not to exceed $329,706. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Core Curriculum Review

Regent Pyburn moved to approve the Core Curriculum Review as presented and to execute the resolution. Seconded by Vice Chair Crumm. Motion passed 8-0, with Regent Knape absent for the vote.

Financial Report Ending September 30, 2026

Regent Marvel moved to approve the Financial Report for September 30, 2026. Seconded by Vice Chair Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

'Bel Sanchez, Chair