

**ALVIN COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 23, 2026  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin College met at a regular session on the 23rd day of July at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

**Regents Present**

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| '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**

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| Robert Exley    | President, Alvin College |
| Stacy Ebert     | 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**

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| Alan Phillips          | Leigh Ann Moore | Anita Exley    |
| Bryan Hinshaw          | Lindsey Hindman | Frank Rizzo    |
| Felicia Jimenez        | Marby McKinney  | Nicole Barrios |
| Haley Lovell           | Scott Turnbough | Zack Moffit    |
| Huff Mann              | Theresa Rios    | Karen Tofte    |
| Jessica Ranero-Ramirez | Lilly Garcia    | Lily Guu       |
| John Murray            | Jesse Guevara   |                |
| John Tompkins          | Carrie Shephard |                |
| Kyle Marasckin         | Roxie Patton    |                |
| LaVonna Miller         | Greg Goering    |                |

**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**

Providing mental health services continues to be a challenge for colleges and universities nationwide. Alvin College has been recognized for its commitment to meeting the mental health needs of its students.

The College was recently selected by the Texas Suicide Prevention Council to receive the 2026 Outstanding Higher Education Partner Award in recognition of its outstanding efforts to provide critical mental health services and support to students.

The Board recognized the dedicated members of the Accessibility and Counseling Services team for this achievement:

- Lilly Guu, Director of Accessibility and Counseling Services
- Jess Guevara, Counselor
- Carrie Shephard, Counselor
- Roxie Patton, Social Services Specialist
- Greg Goering, Accessibility and Counseling Provider

### **Pledge and Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Regent Pyburn.

### **Citizen Inquiries**

There were no citizen inquiries.

### **Board Chairman Report/Comments**

Regent Marvel commented on the Upward Bound Grants Celebration, praising the many successes, the work they've done, and the grant writers, along with Wendy Del Bello and John Tompkins. Regent Hertenberger recognized Bryan Hinshaw and the Physical Plant team for all their wonderful work. Chair Sanchez mentioned the upcoming Theatre production.

### **Committee Reports**

Facilities Committee: Regent Crumm gave the Facilities Committee report stating the committee discussed the CMAR process, Tax Maintenance Note, and how to prioritize the project list for the new fiscal year.

Finance Committee: Regent Shelton stated the Finance Committee is making progress.

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Regent Knappe moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and the July 13, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting, the Grants report, and Personnel Actions for Faculty, Chemistry 9M, and Automotive Technology 12M. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

### **President's Report**

Student Services hosted Back to Campus events on July 14 at the West Campus and on July 16 at the main campus. Students were able to come in, meet with advisors, get assistance with registration, and whatever they needed to get ready for Fall. Nearly 200 students participated and were able to get the assistance they needed.

Nursing instructor Dr. Mekonnen Birru was recently nominated for the SHINE Award from SPIN-Learning for excellence as an educator. The SHINE Award recognizes and celebrates seasoned nurse educators who display exceptional dedication to academic excellence, student success, and the transformation of nursing education. The winner will be announced during a conference in October.

The Law Enforcement Academy graduated its 126th class on July 8. The class posted a 100 percent pass rate on their license exam as well. Among the graduates was Jordan Wilmore, a student who was sponsored by basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal.

The Summer Children's Theatre Festival will conclude with performances of Cowabunga starting on Tuesday, July 28. You can purchase tickets online or at the door.

This past Thursday, Upward Bound held its annual awards ceremony after completing its recent summer program. The guest speaker at the event was Rev. Dr. Tammy Isaac. There were 27 graduates who received their certificates for finishing the program.

The Student Exhibit for the Art Enrichment students is now on display at the Fine Arts Gallery and will be there until September 4.

The college hosted its annual Fourth of July Concert with the City of Alvin fireworks display that followed.

This week is the last of the summer camps hosted by the Continuing Education Workforce Development Department. There were several camps for engineering, culinary arts, data science, welding, art, and more.

Keep an eye out for the latest edition of Right Now magazine. It should be arriving in mailboxes soon.

This report was for information only.

### **Campus Modernization Status Report**

Ms. Nicole Barrios introduced the selected CMAR Tellepsen to the Board.

**Consider Approval of the Learning Management System**

Secretary Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to negotiate and contract with Blackboard for a five-year agreement for the Learning Management System, for an amount not to exceed \$574,630, effective September 1, 2026. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Legal Fee Increase – Rogers, Morris & Grover, LLP**

Regent Pyburn moved to authorize the President to increase legal services spending authority for Rogers, Morris & Grover, LLP by \$120,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Employee Contract Recommendations for 2026-2027**

Regent Reyes-Hall moved to approve the Employee Contract Recommendations for 2026-2027. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of a Resolution for Prevailing Wage Rate for Facilities Projects**

Regent Hoover moved to adopt the wage rates in Exhibit A and to permit the Board Chair and Secretary to execute the Resolution. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Childcare Fee Changes**

Regent Reyes-Hall moved to approve the proposed childcare fee changes as presented. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Repeal of Policy EGAB (Local)**

Regent Hoover moved to approve the repeal of Policy EGAB (Local) in its entirety, as it is superseded by current academic scheduling practice and no longer serves an operational purpose. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Nursing Licensure Preparation Services**

Regent Hoover moved to authorize the President to conduct any necessary negotiations with both Elsevier and ATO Testing and to contract for a period of 2 years for an approximate total of \$692,000.00, with options to renew annually for 3 additional years. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Board of Regents Meeting Schedule**

Regent Reyes-Hall moved to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Regents Meeting Schedule as presented. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report Ending June 30, 2026**

Regent Knappe moved to approve the Financial Report for June 30, 2026. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 7:40 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

  
Bel Sanchez, Chair