

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

'Bel Sanchez	Chairman
Jody Droege	Vice-Chair
Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Jim Crumm	Regent
Michael Hoover	Regent
Breah Knape	Regent
Mike Pyburn	Regent

Regent Absent

Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent

ACC Administration Present

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

ACC Employees & Guests Present

Felicia Jimenez	Charley Bevill	Jadyn Granere
Kyle Marasckin	Lilly Garcia	Aliyan Vela
John Tompkins	Patty Sanchez	Delaney Gray
LaVonna Miller	John Murray, Jr.	Linda Kettler Smith
Debra Fontenot	Scott Turnbough	Juanita Buenrostro
Linnet George	Alan Phillips	Maria Garcia
Harold Griffin	Crystal Robinson	Maria Cecilia Garcia
Estevan Vasquez	Brian Ayres	Paula Leija
Leigh Ann Moore	Anita Exley	Penny Garcia
Patrick Sanger	Grace Coleman	Norma Garcia
Chief Ronnie Phillips	Isabelle Doggett	Norma Martinez
Bryan Hinshaw	Ahren Fuhrmann	Shayla Preston

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:07 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**

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, ACC hosted the 49th Annual Fall Festival with over 35 community vendors and 25 ACC organizations participating. Hundreds of families enjoyed a night of trick-or-treating, games, and other activities. The festival raised over \$7,000 for ACC student clubs and organizations. Events like this don't just happen—they are the result of vision, planning, collaboration, and hard work. This event would not have been possible without the efforts of the Fall Festival Committee and many behind-the-scenes employees. We would like to thank and recognize the following individuals who went above and beyond to ensure the festival was a memorable experience for everyone. Please help me recognize those who made this event possible: Evan Geiger, Juanita Buenrostro, Scott Turnbough, Estevan Vasquez, Karmen Wells, John Matula, Kyle Marasckin, Bryan Hinshaw, Diana Gonzalez, Chase Dillman, Susan Garcia, Maria Leija, Paula Leija, Irma Pina, Maria Garcia, Cecilia Garcia, Norma Martinez, Penny Garcia, Ahren Fuhrmann, Taylor Bass, Kenny Navarro

### **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 6:44 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**  
Invocation by Chair 'Bel Sanchez

### **Citizen Inquiries**

There were no citizen inquiries.

### **Board Comments**

Regent Patty Hertenberger mentioned the progress of the J Building and congratulated the Volleyball team for placing third. Regent Michael Hoover is very impressed with how well the volleyball team did. Chair Bel Sanchez attended Grace Episcopal Food Pantry, where ACC's Strive students served the community. ACC did a great job at Sanchez Elementary School's Career fair. Theatre production is coming soon. Regent Jody Droege thanked participants for a great Fall Festival, Wendy and Stacy for campus tours, and kudos to Wendy and the team for an outstanding Gala. Regent Jim Crumm agreed that the gala was great. He also mentioned the ACCT Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington was very beneficial to attend. Regent Breah Knappe thanked the Veterans Ceremony participants and all Veterans for their services. Regent Mike Pyburn thanked Regent Jody, Wendy, and the Team for a great gala.

### **Committee Reports**

The committees met on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Regent Crumm provided the facilities report which included the discussion items of the K Building proposal and an update from the President's Cabinet about the Stantec meeting. The cabinet was disappointed that the evaluation of the properties and facilities which

was the initial reason that got Stantec involved was not presented to the group. There was also discussion regarding the J Building, the Baseball fence, and the music renovation.

Regent Pyburn presented the budget and finance report the committee discussed preparing budget guidelines that list the Regents expectations for our financial office. The committee also continued the discussion on developing a Capital Reserve in addition to our Institutional Reserve.

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

Chair Sanchez said that she would entertain a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda that included the approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 17, 2024, approval of Personnel Action (Replacement): Dean of General Education and Academic Support, approval of Personnel Action (Replacement): Controller, approval of Personnel Action (New): Dual Enrollment Director, and approval of the Grants report.

A move to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Regent Droege. She approved agenda item 12.C., except the annual salary for the controller position will be amended to \$115,000.00 to correct a clerical error. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Student Report - Student Government Association**

Grace Coleman, the Student Government Association president presented the report. The information included collaborating on the objectives of the student body, ACC's Administration, staff, and faculty. SGA will host Open Forums every fourth Monday evening to provide a platform for students, faculty, and staff to voice concerns and share ideas on ways to enhance campus life. For the Spring 2025 semester, SGA is working on a community service project. They are attending the Leadership Conference at the College of the Mainland followed by the State Conference in April that will be held at Galveston College.

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

Mr. Pat Sanger presented the annual college data report for 2023-2024 which included the following: ACC enrollment continues to exceed the semester prior, credit hours continue to rise, Student Data Facts, the geographic location of where students reside, trends in age and gender, the financial assistance breakdown, and full-time faculty and staff facts. This report was for information only.

#### **Annual Report on Board Member Training**

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

#### **President's Report**

Spring registration is now open. Classes are set to begin on January 13. The holiday mini-semester registration is also open. Classes for the three weeks semester begin on December 16.

Just this week, SACSCOC conducted a site visit with our TDCJ program and issued a glowing report. The group had no recommendations for the program and a final vote on the report will be issued in June.

Over the past two months, we have had more than 50 graduates recognized at our TDCJ units. On November 9 we had our largest ceremony at the Stringfellow Unit with more than 30 graduates receiving their degrees. All of the graduates qualified for induction into the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

The faculty in the arts and sciences held a divisional retreat here on October 18. The retreat gave faculty members an opportunity to reconnect, learn, and collaborate on creating a positive path forward as

educators. Instructors participated in several sessions and activities including painting, photography, and a counselor-led session on Finding Calm, which focused on mind-body exercises.

Our Dual Enrollment staffers attended the recent Texas Dual Credit Alliance Summit. Our staffers worked with other educators to discuss topics such as dual enrollment research, workforce development, advancing CTE pathways, and possible legislation.

The Nursing and Respiratory Care students held their interprofessional exercise in Building S. The exercise gives students an opportunity to learn more about the care and procedures provided by the different departments.

Drama Department Chair Chris Tennison was recently invited to attend the Tony-Award-winning Musical *The Outsiders* on Broadway this past month. Chris received the invitation due to his advocacy work with the No Book Bans organization. While in New York City, he met with other theatre professionals and performers to talk about future opportunities for our Drama graduates.

The Foundation hosted the Fins Up Gala on November 8 in honor of musical legend Jimmy Buffett. The evening featured music from the Buffett tribute band Lost Shaker of Salt. Donations were raised through the Grant-A-Rita bar, surprise pull along with the silent and live auctions. All of the proceeds from the event will benefit student scholarships and college programs.

ACC hosted the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at the Memorial Wall. Navy Chief Petty Officer Mark Bilyeu was the guest speaker for the event. The ceremony recognized local veterans for their service to their country. A wreath was also presented at the Memorial Wall to honor our fallen soldiers in foreign wars.

This past Monday we had our second Spring Registration Blitz at the S Building Lobby. The event provides students with a chance to meet with an advisor and get registered for the Spring semester.

Our Athletic Director Dr. Esteban Vasquez was named an ex-officio member of the NJCAA Division 1 Softball committee this past week. Dr. Vasquez will now participate in the committee and take part in the discussions that will shape the future of Softball including new rules, weekly polls, and other changes to sports governance.

On Tuesday we hosted the Community Advisory Committee breakfast. We spoke with community leaders about what's going on ACC. We also took the opportunity to talk committee members about our Strengths and Opportunities for the upcoming future. We will use their input as we develop our strategic plan.

This week marked the opening of the Fall Student Art Show in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Student Center. Works include paintings, drawings, mixed-media and pottery. The event included a Student Art Sale on Tuesday and an opening reception on Wednesday. The works will be on display until December 10.

Also, on Tuesday we had our latest speaker with the Library Speaker Series. Hannah Hussein, an ACC alum, spoke about her journey to become a competitive body builder. We have several speakers coming up through the Spring semester.

Be on the lookout for the latest edition of Right Now magazine which is hitting mailboxes as we speak. This issue includes stories on a Biotech graduate, the CDL program, the LVN bridge program, updates on ACC West as well as a stunning yet enlightening column by yours truly.

THIS HAPPENED JUST TODAY: From Culinary Arts Director, Chef Laura Trigo, “I am so excited to announce the start of the acceptances for the 2025 Master's Golf Tournament interns for Culinary. So far, the 3 first-ever ACC interns from last year were automatically welcomed back without application! As of now, 3 more have been accepted, these are new students who applied and got accepted.”

She promises that there is more to come.

### **Faculty Senate Report**

Charley Bevill presented the Faculty Senate report that included the turnover in Officers. The Faculty Senate identified a shortfall in funds raised during the Fall Festival. This year to engage the community, snacks were distributed, and a suggestion box was made available. Suggestions for improvement included hosting more community events, adding a pumpkin patch or haunted house, and more computer labs. To boost fundraising efforts, the Faculty Senate has decided to raise money by selling t-shirts and is organizing a raffle for a designated parking space for a semester. The Faculty Senate expressed its hope that the J Building will be named in honor of Dennis La Valley.

### **Consider Approval of Rescheduling the February Board Meeting from February 27, 2025 to February 20, 2025**

Regent Pyburn moved to reschedule the February Board Meeting to February 20, 2025. Seconded by Regent Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Datavox, Inc. – Spending Approval Request**

Regent Knape moved to authorize the President to increase spending with DataVox of \$44,665.24 to cover additional expenses related to ACC West. Seconded by Regent Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Human Patient Simulators**

Regent Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to issue a Purchase Order to Gaumard for the purchase of the Human Patient Simulators. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Building K Renovation/Maintenance Upgrade**

Regent Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to enter into contracts with the aforementioned providers and with IT providers identified in the future and a recommended 10 percent contingency for an amount not to exceed \$527,987. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Purchasing a Training Ambulance for the EMS Program**

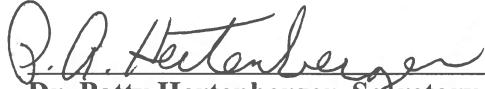
Regent Droege moved to authorize the President to Issue a Purchase Order to Southwest Ambulance Sales for a Medix RP90 Type III ambulance, including ACC lettering, in the amount of \$167,504.48. Seconded by Regent Knape. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Financial Report Ending October 31, 2024**

Regent Pyburn moved to approve the Financial Report for October 2024. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

  
Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary

  
Bel Sanchez, Chair