

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 20th day of February 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
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	Laurel Joseph	Lorin Evans
Kyle Marasckin	Anita Exley	Jennifer Harris
John Tompkins	Kyle Stone	Darrell Taylor
LaVonna Miller	Crystal Robinson	Martha Houle
Scott Turnbough	Teri Rios	Michael Smith
Linet George	Julie Hernandez	James Longley
Harold Griffin	Josiah Glass	Kevin Schreiber
Estevan Vasquez	Ben Cohen	George Tacquard
Leigh Ann Moore	Raqyda Felton	Chase Tillman
Patrick Sanger	Ralph Evans	Lauren James
Chief Ronnie Phillips	Gavin Shook	Madison Sanchez
Bryan Hinshaw	Elmi Perez	Yazlin Robles
Lilly Garcia	Tea Sosa	Ayden Mayes
Patty Sanchez	Trevian Davis	
John Murray, Jr.	Emly Evans	
Lindsey Hindman	Callie Mayes	

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

Every year, ACC Music students audition for the Texas Music Educators All-State Band and All-State Choir. This year, ten Choir students and five band students received the distinction for their performances. The students just returned this week from the Texas Music Educators Association annual clinic and convention in San Antonio to perform.

Please help me recognize the All-State Choir members: Skylare Ayala, Carissa Campos, Brooklyn Chlamon, Lillian Cocek, Jareth Doerr, Nia Jones, Silas Kent, Christiaan Kunneke, and Imani Mueti.

Now please recognize the All-State Band members: Erika Bourg, Vincent Adessa, and Joseph Myers.

This past month Brazoria County Sheriff's Deputy Jesus Jesse Vargas lost his life in the line of duty. Two of our officers braved the inclement weather and volunteered to direct traffic for the funeral procession. Officer Chase Dillman stayed on campus in order to allow the others to participate in the funeral services.

Please help me recognize Sgt. Jessica Alvarado, Officer Jesus Loera, and Officer Chase Dillman.

Also assisting in the funeral directing traffic were the director of our Law Enforcement program and 12 of our cadets. Bear in mind the cold weather they worked through, and the cadets were only one week into the academy. Please recognize the Academy director Crystal Robinson and cadets Lauren James, Trevian Davis, Tea Sosa, Yazlin Robles, Josiah Glass, Julie Hernandez, Emily Evans, Madison Sandoz, Elmi Benitez-Perez, Chanse Tillman, Nicole Felton, and Ayden Mays.

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 7:01 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**
Invocation by Regent Darren Shelton

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Comments

Chair Bel Sanchez recognized the final payment for the 2005 bond for the Health Building. Secretary Patty Hertenberger mentioned the success of the Culinary Arts secondary 12 students to the U.S Open.

Regent Michael Hoover highlighted his trip to Washington DC with John Tompkins and Dr. Exley.

Regent Yvette Reyes-Hall congratulated the Culinary Arts Chef Laura Trigo for doing a fantastic job. She also mentioned that tomorrow the Alvin Lions Club was holding their Vegas Night at the ACC gym.

Vice Chair Jody Droege thanked the College for attending Community College Day.

Regent Jim Crumm was excited to attend the Turtle Race – ACC mascot Blue won one of the races, Community College Day, Pearland Chamber of Commerce Gala, and Northern Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce Gala.

Committee Reports

The committees met on February 17th. Regent Crumm provided the facilities report, which included updates on the various campus projects, including FY2025 Capital Projects.

Regent Shelton presented the budget and finance report. The committee discussed the reserves policy, tax maintenance note options, and budgeting priorities following up on conversation during the Board Retreat.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chair Sanchez said that she would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2025, and Minutes of the Board Retreat of January 18, 2025, and the approval of the Grants report.

A move to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Regent Crumm. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

ACC students, staff, and regents met with lawmakers during Community College Day at the Capitol on February 3rd. The event is held every legislative session in Austin to give students an opportunity to discuss issues facing community colleges. We had three students in Austin for the event who did an excellent job speaking to our legislators and representing ACC.

ACC alumnus Randy Weber was recently named a national Outstanding Alumni by the American Association of Community Colleges. The Award Honors community college graduates who have made outstanding contributions in their chosen field at the national or international level. He will be recognized at the AACC National Convention in April.

Speaking of Congress, Regent Hoover, John Tompkins, and myself attended the American Association of Community College Legislative Summit in Washington, DC this past week. We had an opportunity to speak with Congressman Weber and his staff and also heard from Senator John Cornyn. We also took advantage of an impromptu meeting with our Congressman Troy Nehls.

The College will host the 9th annual Across the Curriculum Virtual Conference on February 28. The theme this year is Back to Basics: Empowering Educators to Navigate and Embrace Change. Presenters will discuss their best practices for innovative classrooms, instructional technology, augmented reality, podcasting, and much more.

The Black History Month juried art show is now on display and will close out with a reception and a chance to meet the artists on February 27 in the Art Gallery.

The Baseball and Softball teams have kicked off their spring seasons. The softball team so far is 7-11 and has not yet started conference play. The baseball squad is currently 9-3 and are in the midst of a nine-game winning streak.

The college recently created a new partnership with the Dale Carnegie Training of Austin, Houston, and San Antonio to provide corporate workforce training and professional development opportunities. The partnership will provide grant funding opportunities through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The collaboration aims to empower Texas employers to upskill and reskill their workforce, addressing current and future business needs.

The ACC Mu Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was recently named the national organization's REACH Rewards Program due to its excellence in membership development. The purpose of the program is to drive up membership in the honors society, leading to greater opportunities for scholarships and higher completion rates on campus.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board released a statement with revisions to the supplemental appropriations for the 2025 fiscal year. Under the recommendations, the college will receive an additional \$756,395. The recommendation must be approved by the legislature, which is currently in session.

This report was for information only.

Enrollment Report

Patrick Sanger presented the enrollment report. This report was for information only.

Strategic Plan Report – Goal 2

Dr. Kelley Peatross and Mr. Kelly Klimpt presented the Strategic Plan Goal 2 Report. Goal 2 is to cultivate a culture of inclusion, flexibility, innovation, and resiliency. This report was for information only.

Annual Audit Results Report

Ben Cohen with Crowe LLP stated that ACC was given an unmodified opinion, which is representative of the highest rating possible. This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of Revising Policy FFDA (LOCAL)

Regent Shelton moved to adopt the revisions for policy FFDA (Local). Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of AI-Enhanced Smart Speaker

Secretary Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to delegate the issuance of a Purchase Order for seven (7) SimVox AI speakers from Team PCS, NA, LLC in the amount of \$99,716.75. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution of Support for Continued Investment in the Dynamic Community College Funding Model

Vice Chair Droege moved to adopt the Resolution of Support for Continued Investment in Dynamic Community College Funding Model. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Electronic Textbook Provider

Regent Shelton moved to authorize the President to enter into a contract with Redshelf. Seconded by Regent Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of 38 Hour per Week Employees Converting to 40 Hours per Week.

Regent Pyburn moved to approve the 38 Hour per Week Employees Converting to 40 Hours per Week. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Motion passed unanimously. An amendment was entered to render the date effective March 1, 2025, by Regent Crumm. Regent Reyes-Hall moved to approve the amended motion. Seconded by Regent Hoover. The amended motion passes unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resilient Infrastructure Implementation

Regent Shelton moved to authorize the President to enter into contracts with Calian Corporation for infrastructure and firewalls and Fibertown Data Centers for hosting the internet services. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Offering an Associate of Applied Science in Integrated Technologies

Regent Hertenberger moved to approve to offer an AAS in Integrated Technologies at Alvin Community College. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Offering an Associate of Applied Science in Marketing, Advertising, and Sales

Regent Knappe moved to approve to offer an AAS in Marketing, Advertising, and Sales at Alvin Community College. Seconded by Regent Crumm. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Offering Advanced Technical Certificates

Regent Reyes-Hall moved to offer Advanced Technical Certificates in Pipe Systems Design, Civil/Structural Design, and Mechanical Design at Alvin Community College. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Purchasing a Virtual Reality Law Enforcement Training System from V-Armed, Inc.

Regent Knappe moved to approve the purchase of V-Armed Virtual Reality Law Enforcement Training System for the Law Enforcement Academy in the amount of \$250,000. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Votes in favor were cast by Regents Droege, Sanchez, Hoover, Reyes-Hall, Crumm, Pyburn, Knappe, and Hertenberger. Votes not in favor were cast by Regent Shelton. Motion passed 8-1.

Consider Approval of Revised Policy DEC (LOCAL)

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

Consider Approval of Adopting a Local Policy Regarding “Institutional Reserves” and “Capital Reserves”

Regent Shelton moved to adopt policy CAK (Local). Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

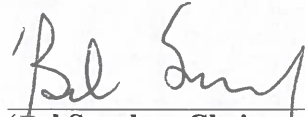
Financial Report Ending January 31, 2025

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary


Bel Sanchez, Chair