

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2016
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in regular session on the 17th day of May, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

L.H. "Pete" Nash	Chair	
James B. DeWitt	Vice-Chair	
Mac Barrow	Regent	
Jody Droege	Regent	
Cheryl Knape	Regent	
Mike Pyburn	Regent	
'Bel Sanchez	Regent	
Doyle Swindell	Regent	
Christal M. Albrecht	President, Alvin Community College	
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College	
Karl Stager	Alvin Community College	
Cynthia Griffith	Alvin Community College	
Marilyn Dement	Alvin Community College	
Jim Simpson	Alvin Community College	
Karen Edwards	Alvin Community College	
John Bethscheider	Alvin Community College	
Drew Nelson	Alvin Community College	
Linda Austin	Alvin Community College	
Nadia Nazarenko	Alvin Community College	
Debbi Fontenot	Tammy Giffrow	Terry Sawma
Deborah Kraft	Vicki Marvel	David Willis
Holly Williams	Wes Land	Sheila Willis
Ike Hamrick	Barbara Trammell	Carols Orellare
Jeanine Wilburn	Barbara Lewis	Steve Cabrera
Jennifer Hopkins	Bill Lewis	Jay Burton
John Tompkins	Michael Padgett	Freddie Thompson
Kyle Marasckin	Kam Marvel	Gayland Capps
Laurel Joseph	Gennifer Stuksa	Bubba Nash
Sammi Sanders	Tristan Marvel	Tim Reynolds
Brooke Dienst	Roger Stuksa	Jimmie Stewart
Kinsey Vasquez	Jeannette Stuksa	Curtis Crabtree
Cammy Guggisberg	Andy Tacquard	Karen Barnett
Mark Putnam	George Tacquard	Mike Barnett
Patrick Sanger	Delores Tacquard	Patton Ritter
Rhonda Hull	Dick Tyson	Judy Zavalla
Sheila Jones	Julie Pyburn	Amanda Miles
Suzanne Jerabeck	Patty Hertenberger	
Stacy Chambless	Shirley Brothers	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nash at 6:00 p.m.

2. Certification of Posting of Notice

Certification of the posting of the notice as listed in the agenda was acknowledged. Dr. Albrecht certified that a notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The Board immediately went into Executive Session.

- **Executive Session:** *Section 551.072 - For the purpose of deliberating 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. Section 551.074 - 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.*

The Executive Session ended at 6:25 p.m.

3. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called back to order by Chairman Nash at 7:00 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**

Invocation by Mrs. Sanchez.

Consideration and Approval of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of a Bond Election

Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez to approve the order canvassing returns and declaring the results of the Bond election. Seconded by Mr. Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Approval of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results Regent Elections

Motion was made by Mr. Pyburn to approve the order canvassing returns and declaring the results of the Regents election. Seconded by Mr. Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

The Oath of Office Administered to the newly elected officers – Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Mr. Roger Stuksa, and Mr. Andy Tacquard - by Judge Matt Sebesta. The new Regents then signed their Statement of Elected Officer forms and Certificates of Election were issued to each.

Election of Officers

The motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez to elect Mr. Pyburn as Board Chair, Mr. DeWitt as Vice Chair and Mrs. Droege as the Secretary. Seconded by Mrs. Knape. Votes for: Mr. Stuksa, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Knape, Mr. Tacquard, Mr. Pyburn, Mrs. Droege, Dr. Hertenberger and Mr. Swindell. Mr. DeWitt abstained.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Pyburn said that there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 28, 2016, the minutes would stand as presented.

President's Report

Dr. Albrecht shared the following comments:

First off, I want to again publically thank Regents Barrow, Ercums and Nash for their many years of service to Alvin Community College. Being a Regent involves much more than just coming to meetings. It involves hours of preparation before each meeting, attending various college and community functions, and more. And all for no pay. It is a volunteer position. Each of the Regents leaving tonight brought their individual strengths to the office and they will be missed.

As they are leaving, I am pleased to welcome the three newly elected Regents to the college. Dr. Hertenberger and Mr. Tacquard were employed at the college for many years and their contributions can

still be seen today. Mr. Stuksa has served the community for years, most recently on the City Council. I am sure that each of them will also bring their individual strengths to the office and make valuable contributions that will help move the college forward. I look forward to what this new 9 member Board and I collectively can accomplish together.

Many of you have asked how I feel about the bond not passing. Obviously I am very disappointed as is the team of people who worked hard to provide information to the public about the needed improvements to the college. The margin of defeat was painful, especially in light of the fact that the telephone and web survey indicated that the bond should have passed at a 66% (+/- 5% error). But the voters have spoken. I will follow the Board's direction as to whether they want the college to pursue another bond in the future. Some Regents have indicated an interest in going out for a bond again but with some modifications. Together the new Board of Regents and I will develop a plan to address the continuing needs of the college. Obviously the improvements needed on the campus will remain unaddressed without a bond as will the realization of a west side campus. I apologize to the Board that at this time, I cannot move forward to accomplish breakthrough Goal #2 of our new five-year strategic plan. There is plenty of work to do, however, on the other goals that will keep us busy for years to come.

In the meantime we will continue to provide quality educational courses and programs to our students. We will focus on student success and completion. We know the tremendous impact Alvin Community College has on the community and the benefits we all enjoy because the college is here. We will not be defined by this recent loss but will redouble our efforts to do everything in our power to continue to make a difference in the lives of our students and our community.

And speaking of making a difference, over 400 students participated in graduation on Saturday. Here is a short video of some students expressing their gratitude.

Citizen Inquiries

Time will be allotted at each regular meeting of the Board of Regents for citizen inquiries. After registering with the Board Secretary prior to the meeting, a citizen shall have an opportunity to address the Board of Regents for the four specific purposes as designated by State laws governing opening meetings: (1) to discuss an item that appears on the agenda/notice of the meeting, (2) to make a request for specific, factual information, (3) to ask for a recitation of existing policy, (4) to redress grievances. In accordance with State law, no deliberation, discussion, or decision will be made other than to consider a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting, unless the subject is listed on the Board agenda, in which case it may be discussed by the Board of Regents. A written response / acknowledgment will be provided from the Board of Regents. Oral comments are limited to five minutes in length, unless extended by a majority of the Regents by vote, and must not mention any individuals by name or position or contain any personally identifiable reference (State of Texas Opening Meeting Law). In the event there is a charge or grievance to be made against a specific agent, employee, or student, then it shall be conducted in an Executive Session to comply with State law.

Mr. George Tacquard – Mr. Tacquard stated that the citizens in the recent elections were given a lot of information. Statements were made that some of the information was not accurate and he wanted to assure the citizens that all the information that was attributed to him came from the ACC Long Range Planning Committee book or the ACC budget. If the data was inaccurate, these documents need to be corrected. A great deal of time and effort was spent on the Bond activity and now it's time to focus on ACC's primary purpose of educating its students. ACC has a long standing reputation of high quality education and if this can be maintained the student numbers will increase as the population grows. Suggestions were made during the Long Range Planning Committee meetings on ways to attract more students, bring back night classes to

Manvel and Shawdowcreek would be another possibility. Mr. Kyle Price was asked to assist ACC in getting more spaces for clinicals and appropriate ACC personnel should follow up with Mr. Price. ACC needs a Technical Vocational building. He stated with good financial management, past board and administration put four buildings on campus without a bond. This should be a real possibility with new funds being made in available with increasing property values on existing properties, new construction, the sale of the Pearland Center and using the vacated part of the Nolan Ryan Center for the Culinary Arts program. Priorities need to be set for the ACC campus needs with available funds. He wished the Board well with their endeavors to move ACC forward in education and projects to improve and add to the physical properties. He thanked all past, current, and new Board members for all their good work.

Ms. Shirley Brothers – Ms. Brothers stated that she was disappointed that the Bond did not pass. She was a part of the Friends of ACC, a political action committee that was registered with the Texas Ethics Commission and ACC, to support and promote the Bond. They worked hard to promote by telling the truth, and told people what they needed and wanted to know about the Bond. She stated that they were not finished and will still be active and involved to help move the college forward – as per what the Strategic Plan stated. Still have a lot of work to do, but think it can be done with the new Board members working together for the betterment of ACC. She met many people from the west side and hope to engage them in ACC in some way. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and wished the new members well.

Foundation Report

The annual Foundation report was given by Mr. Jim Crumm, President of the ACC foundation. Included in the report was the amount of scholarships given, a list of grants on campus for student success, fundraisers such as the Gala and Alvin Live events, and which departments and areas around campus received some of the proceeds. He recognized and thanked the Foundation Board members for their dedication. This was for information only.

Data Report

This month's report included the Persistence Rate Report and Number and Percentage of Underprepared Students who Return the Following Fall Report. Mrs. Sanchez commented that the Retention Specialist should be beneficial to us in our future success in these areas. Dr. Albrecht stated that Ms. Holly Williams, Retention Specialist, has shared her plan for success and is making good progress. This report was for information only.

American Cancer Society Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative Grant, Hispanic Serving Institution STEM Program Grant, and Skills Development Grant - Ascend Performance Materials

The motion was made by Mrs. Knape to approve the college's submittal of American Cancer Society Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative Grant, Hispanic Serving Institution STEM Program Grant, and Skills Development Grant - Ascend Performance Materials. Seconded by Mrs. Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

Waiver of Penalty and Interest Request

The motion was made to waive the penalty and interest requested by two taxpayers in Brazoria County by Mr. Tacquard. Seconded by Dr. Hertenberger. Votes for: Mr. Stuksa, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Knape, Mr. Tacquard, Mr. Pyburn, Mrs. Droege, Dr. Hertenberger and Mr. DeWitt. Mr. Swindell abstained. Motion passed.

Contract Recommendations 2016-17

The motion was made by Mrs. Droege to approve the contracts for two faculty members for the 2016-17 year. Mrs. Sanchez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Action

The motion was made by Mr. Swindell to approve Randi Faust as the Director of Purchasing. Seconded by Mrs. Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

Theater Sound System Request for Proposals

It was recommended by Mr. Jay Burton that the Theater sound system and backstage communication system be replaced. A motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez that Mr. Stager be authorized to call for proposals to undertake the Theater sound system and backstage communication system renovation/replacement. Seconded by Dr. Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

CEWD Reorganization

The Board of Regents went into Executive Session to discuss the CEWD reorganization at 8:00p.m. and returned with a decision at 8:29 p.m. The motion to approve the reorganization of the Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division was made by Mrs. Droege. Seconded by Mrs. Sanchez. Votes for: Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Knape, Mr. Pyburn, Mr. DeWitt, Mrs. Droege, and Mr. Swindell. Votes against: Mr. Stuksa, Mr. Tacquard and Dr. Hertenberger. Motion passed.

Resale of Trust Property

The following items were brought before the Board for resale approval.

Action Items:

1. Account # 3940-0011-000, Brazoria County suit # 93T5270

Motion by Mr. DeWitt to reject the resale of these trust properties. Seconded by Mr. Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jody Droege, Secretary

Mike Pyburn, Chair