

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in regular session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Mike Pyburn	Chair
James B. DeWitt	Vice-Chair
Jody Droege	Secretary
Patty Hertenberger	Regent
Cheryl Knape	Regent
'Bel Sanchez	Regent
Roger Stuksa	Regent
Doyle Swindell	Regent
Andy Tacquard	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
Karen Edwards	Alvin Community College
Jim Simpson	Alvin Community College
John Bethscheider	Alvin Community College
Jerry Fliger	Alvin Community College
Linda Austin	Alvin Community College
Nadia Nazarenko	Alvin Community College

Akilah Martin	Jeannette Stuksa	Randi Faust
Amy Roudbari	Jennifer Hopkins	Rhonda Hull
Charles Orellana	John Tompkins	Sammi Sanders
Debbie Kraft	Karen Salgado	Sarah Langlois
Dick Tyson	Kelly Klimpt	Shirley Brothers
Dora Devery	Kristina Vinson	Tammy Giffrow
George Tacquard	Kyle Marasckin	Terry Sawma
Holly Williams	Laurel Joseph	Tori Bitner
Ike Hamrick	Lloyd Cox	Victor Kalsey

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyburn at 6:04 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*.

**Executive Session:**

- *Obtain legal advice about pending litigation in accordance with Section 551.071; Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of ACC employees, including, but not limited to, College President's goals as related to President's evaluation, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074*

The Executive Session ended at 7:04 p.m.

### 3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyburn at 7:10 p.m.

- Pledge
- Invocation

Invocation by Regent Sanchez.

### 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. Dick Tyson, Alvin resident – Mr. Tyson spoke on three topics - 1) Executive Board sessions, 2) Bond and 3) Court Reporting Program.

Mr. Tyson said the following: The abuse of Executive Board sessions and cost to the college that happens when the public doesn't know what is happening, the bond issue, and request to consider for agenda and discussion to consider making whole again, court reporting. To cancel the program has destroyed the reputation of this college. The bond was an embarrassment to this school, it was the only bond that failed, but set an example of being the worst board, due to doing the same thing you did before. Doesn't speak well for this administration. Everyone that voted for this should not run again. I watched the Chairman say 15 times or at least 10, I kept hearing, that if all are not in agreement we will not put up for election. I sat and watched one man get beat up because he made a decision and stood by it. I supported that decision from day one and your plan and vote was totally wrong. I never said the bond issue was going to fail because you put the other campus on here. I said the public needed to know what the money was going for. You do not do design build. It's like the sewer system, it is a total joke. Who is running this place? If you want more security at least fix the light bulbs so you can see. When you walk out of the building that you want to tear down you can't see. You are not doing your job if you don't come up here once a week and look around. You are not doing your job, you don't observe what you are voting on and that is absolutely a joke. You have embarrassed the community, you have embarrassed yourself and when are you going to sit down and do what you said you were going to do? At least have a restructure and a discussion as to why it failed. You said you would do it last time and you brought back the same people and used their consideration and you need to have discussion.

Mr. Pyburn stated that he disagreed with everything that Mr. Tyson said.

Ms. Amy Roudbari – Manvel resident – She stated that she also disagreed with everything that Mr. Tyson said. She went on to say the following: I have three daughters that went through the Dual Credit programs and appreciate their education and the savings. I was an active part of the Friends of ACC who supported the Bond. As a citizen I am embarrassed that the bond did not pass to directly support the students and staff of ACC. She stated that she would always support ACC and knows that there were audience members present that worked against the bond and find it incredibly sad. Her question is how can we upgrade the safety needs, fix the infrastructure, and make the college programs competitive in today's market? The answer is that we can't. As we move forward from this election, she promised Dr. Albrecht to work as long and as hard as she can to get the word out that ACC is worth keeping, that her students deserve facilities that will propel them into a future workforce, and that she is worth my time and my money and that her future is bright. And I am not alone in this. Thank you.

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

Chair Pyburn recognized the following:

- Mrs. Akilah Martin, Director of Career Pathways – recognized for delivering a presentation to the National Council for Workforce Education about ACC's successful partnership with Pearland ISD's Turner College and Career High School at the organization's conference in Salt Lake City.
- Dr. Stacy Ebert, Director of Allied Health Programs – recognized for her selection to participate in the National Council for Workforce Education's New Workforce Professional Academy to advance knowledge and skill development for workforce education professionals.
- Wendy Del Bello, John Tompkins and Lorrent Smith – recognized for their contributions and efforts in the ACC Bond Information campaign.

Regent comments included: Mr. Roger Stuksa stated we have so many things to be grateful for and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Bel Sancehz said that she is glad to serve this college and community. She also attended and enjoyed the Athletic Banquet and supporting the student athletes. She wanted Dr. Albrecht and the staff to know that she is behind them and will support them to make them better and better. Mr. Bart DeWitt informed the group that there is a Bake Sale sponsored by retired employees of Alvin to raise money for scholarships. Dr. Patty Hertenberger wished everyone a happy holiday. Mr. Doyle Swindell said that he hated to see the Bond issue fail because we really needed the repairs. He went on to say that that some way or the other we will repair but it will cost the citizens more money than it would have because we will have to go for revenue bonds. It was disappointing and thought that everyone had thought it through, and hopes that when the next bond comes around those that did not vote for the bond this time will vote for it next time. He thanked everyone who supported the college and voted for the bond. He also announced that he will not be running for the Board in May. Mrs. Jody Droege apologized for letting the school down for the failure of the bond, said there were no words to describe the disappointment that was felt in our community last Tuesday. She said ACC is strong and has a strong leadership and that she is very proud to serve on this Board. She voted for the bond and will vote for it again because this is something that the community needs to get behind. She said that she didn't know if we didn't do a good job in making the community understand or if there is a lack of wanting to understand, maybe they hear what they want to hear and don't hear the facts or hear the truth which is very sad. Know that we are strong and will succeed and will continue to be an asset to this community and students and to provide all the services to the community that people are not aware of that we do and provide at no charge. She asked that anyone please consider a donation to the foundation in someone's honor if looking for a gift to give. She hoped that everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and safe and happy holiday. Mrs. Knape – wished everyone a blessed and happy holiday and went on to say: I believe in this college and the community. My motto is "if the past gives us experiences and memories, the present gives us challenges and opportunities

and the future gives us vision and hope”. She then thanked the people who had a original hand in bringing the vision of ACC to fruition. She cited the plaque located on the Science building - “A Vision of tomorrow is a statement of today” and said that she was not sure when the vision of a great tomorrow got bogged down in the statement of today and why would this be as far as ACC would need go and when did sacrificing the safety and education of our community become acceptable for personal gratification. However, after looking in the faces of students, I realize that there is hope for the future of ACC. She thanked the staff and faculty and told them to keep up the hard work.

Chairman Pyburn said that while he is disappointed he is not discouraged. When he looks across the table he sees the best and strongest staff he’s ever seen. He stated that we may have gotten knocked down but we will get back up and do the best with what we have and has no doubt that it will end up being good, if not great. We will move on and solve problems and don’t be discouraged. We may have lost the battle but we won’t lose the war.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Pyburn said that if there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 19 2017, he would entertain a motion to approve. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Knap. Seconded by Dr. Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Student Report**

Victoria (Tori) Bitner, SGA president and Karen Salgado, SGA Vice President reported the following activities:

Student Government Association members volunteered in raising funds for the club at the Fall Festival for the spring philanthropy project of collecting Children’s books for a school in Cambodia.

University Day brought 30 representatives from universities to campus speaking to ACC transfer students.

The Great American Smoke-out on November 16 gave awareness of the benefits of not smoking and the effects of using tobacco. The respiratory program provided breathalyzer tests and a set of real cow lungs. Students received snacks, t-shirts, and quit kits.

Cafeteria Feedback Forum on November 28<sup>th</sup> will give students the opportunity to voice opinions on the new Dolphin Diner. Diner management will be present to answer any questions regarding the quality of food, meal offerings, and other concerns regarding diner services.

Finals Freebies on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - Students will receive a cup filled with scantrons, a granola bar, mints, a hot chocolate package, a tea packet, and a pencil. Finals are the following week.

The Graduation Reception will be held November 29 for the December graduates.

ACC & AISD Food & Toy Drive on November 30<sup>th</sup> - SGA will help with food sorting in the gym.

### **President’s Report**

Dr. Albrecht shared the following comments:

Spring registration started on Wednesday. The spring semesters will begin on January 16.

The Foundation will host the 18th Annual Gala, Paint the Town Red tomorrow at the Pearland Hilton Garden Inn. Proceeds from the event go to student scholarships. The gala starts at 6 p.m. and will include a dinner, live and silent auctions and music from the Royal Dukes Band.

Students visited with several college and university recruiters on University Day on Tuesday. The annual event helps students learn about their options for continuing their education once they finish at ACC.

Academic Advisor Alpha Trevino was recently interviewed on Radio Amistad. The one hour interview conducted in Spanish was aired on 17 stations. She spoke about the Dual Credit program, continuing education, the differences between college and universities and more. It is currently on Radio Amistad's Facebook page.

The DCVS program recently held its annual symposium in the S Building. There were several guest lectures about advancements in the sonography field along with vendors displaying the latest technological used in the industry.

This past Friday, ACC hosted the annual Veterans Day ceremony. After recognition of the veterans in attendance a ceremonial wreath was placed along the memorial wall. It also featured performances by the ACC Community Band and Choir.

The college hosted the 42nd Annual Fall Festival on October 28 on the campus grounds. The event featured games, rides, food and the annual costume contest.

The ACC Athletics Program had its annual Dinner Fundraiser in conjunction with the Foundation on November 4. All proceeds go to facilities, equipment and scholarships.

I suppose it goes without saying but we are disappointed to say the least with the recent failure of the bond proposal. The staff and many volunteers worked hard to inform our voters about the bond and encourage them to turn out. We felt that we mounted an effective information campaign with accurate data and materials. However, only 5% of registered voters turned out to vote and of those, only 47% agreed that the bond was important to the college. What is most disappointing to me is that this is the first time I have ever worked at a college where the community does not support its community college. Every other community I've worked in, the citizens understood that having a quality, up-to-date college was essential to the growth and well-being of the community. Bond elections passed 90% to 10%. Out-of-district communities even voted themselves into the district.

While this bond has failed, our needs have not changed. We still must find a way to improve our infrastructure, increase safety and upgrade campus facilities while also maintaining our standard of excellence in the classroom. Ultimately our focus is and has always been the success of our students both in their education and careers. No matter the result of this election, the staff and I will continue to do our best to keep this college as a source of pride for our students and our community.

### **Personnel Action**

Mrs. Sanchez made the motion to approve all personnel action agenda items. Seconded by Mrs. Droege. Motion passed unanimously. The following personnel actions approved included the following:

- 1) Barbara Eckenfels as Director of Learning Commons – replacement position.
- 2) Diana Zapata as Academic Advisor – replacement position.
- 3) Andrea Celestine as Assistant Registrar – new position.
- 4) Summer Sanderson as English instructor – new position.
- 5) Tracy Stripling as Academic Advisor – new position.
- 6) Nancy Fitzgerald as Biology Instructor – new position.

**Interlocal Agreement with San Jacinto College – HPOC Grant Services**

SJCCD sought to partner with ACC to pay educational and certification costs for ACC healthcare students that meet eligibility requirements. Eligible applicants will then be selected by lottery to participate in training opportunities funded by SJCCD's grant award. ACC will not be a subrecipient of the grant; ACC will be a vendor to SJCCD that provides courses to selected students. SJCCD will pay ACC course-related costs for each selected grant participant through the end of the grant award period. ACC's role will be to receive and process participant information, enroll selected participants in eligible courses, and collect and share data. The motion to approve an interlocal agreement with San Jacinto Community College District to provide training services in relation to the Health Profession Opportunity Grant program was made by Dr. Hertenberger. Seconded by Mr. Tacquard. Motion passed unanimously.

**HVAC Services and Equipment Expenditures**

The motion to approve the expenditure of funds for HVAC services and equipment as needed from T & R Mechanical was made by Mrs. Knape. Seconded by Dr. Hertenberger. Vote for: Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Knape, Mr. Tacquard, Chairman Pyburn, Mr. DeWitt, Dr. Hertenberger, Mrs. Droege, and Mr. Swindell. Vote against: Mr. Stuksa.

**Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election**

The motion to approve the order canvassing returns and declaring the results of the Bond election was made by Mrs. Sanchez. Seconded by Mr. Stuksa. Motion passed unanimously. The declared results stated that the votes for the bond were 46.13% and the votes against bond were 53.87%.

**Brazoria County Appraisal District – Resolution to Cast Votes**

The Board of Regents nominated Mr. Tommy King as a candidate for the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors during the September 28, 2017 Board meeting and by written resolution Alvin Community College Board of Regents must cast their votes. The motion was made by Mr. Swindell to cast all 122 votes for Mr. Tommy King. Seconded by Mrs. Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Academic Affairs Informational Report**

Dr. Nadia Nazarenko presented an update on various projects from area of Academic Affairs. She talked about the areas of Instruction, Learning Commons, HSI STEM grant, Wagner Peyser grant and the support given from these areas toward the developmental education program's changes and improvement over the past year. She also thanked the Deans and various Department Chairs that supported and helped to positively impact the program. This report was for information only.

**Board Trainings as Required by Board Policy BBD (Legal)**

Each year the Board of Regents must disclose if all members of the Board have completed required training as per Education Code 61.084. Chairman Pyburn, Regents Knape and Sanchez signed affidavits indicating they had completed the training in the past. Regents DeWitt and Swindell are grandfathered from the training as they were elected prior to the law going into effect. Online training was completed by Regents Droege, Hertenberger, Stuksa and Tacquard. Therefore, all Regents have completed the required training. This report was for information only.

**Tuition and Fees Recommendations for 2018-19**

Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez to approve the recommended tuition and fees for 2018-19 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ratification of Emergency Purchases for Hurricane Harvey**

Hurricane Harvey struck the Alvin area in late August and the campus sustained water damage. Physical Plant staff worked to mitigate damages and repair many areas while the College was closed. Dr. Albrecht utilized her delegated authority and Facilities Sources was called in to begin immediate remediation and subsequent repair services to campus buildings. The motion to ratify emergency remediation services and subsequent repairs from Facilities Sources related to Hurricane Harvey damages in accordance with Texas Education Code §44.031(h) was made by Mr. Tacquard. Seconded by Mr. Stuksa. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report Ending October 2017**

Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez to approve the financial report for October 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Droege. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

The Regents went into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

- **Executive Session:** *Obtain legal advice about pending litigation in accordance with Section 551.071; Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of ACC employees, including, but not limited to, College President's goals as related to President's evaluation, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074*

Executive session ended at 9:40 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 9:42 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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**Jody Droege, Secretary**

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**Mike Pyburn, Chair**