

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ANGELINA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 6, 2021

The Angelina College Board of Trustees met in Hudgins Hall of Angelina College. Officers present were Ms. Hilary Haglund Walker, President, Ms. Lynne Haney, Vice-President, and Dr. Robert M. Lindsey, Secretary. Members present were Mr. Malcolm Deason, Mr. Gilbert (Joey) Garza and Mr. Curt Fenley.

College personnel attending the meeting were Dr. Michael Simon, President; Dr. Cynthia Casparis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Chris Sullivan, Vice President of Business Affairs; Dr. Stacy Pfluger, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs; Steve Capps, Senior Director of Physical Plant Operations; Amy Smith, Assistant Controller; Rhacanne Madden and Ms. Leigh Ann Pyle, recording secretary.

Invited visitors present were: James Guest with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP; Syen Rizvi, Jared Hibshman, and Caitlin Jancuska all with edp renewables; Ben Miller and Tamesha Root with Goodwil-Lasiter-Strong.

Ms. Walker called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Syen Rizvi spoke to Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Walker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting of the Board on September 20, 2021. There being one correction under terms and no other additions, Dr. Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Fenley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., Ms. Walker announced the beginning of the Executive Closed Session, provided by Section 551.074 of the Government Code in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

At 6:15 p.m., Ms. Walker announced the end of the Executive Closed Session.

No decisions were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Annual Audit

Mr. Chris Sullivan thanked the Business Office team for their efforts in preparing the financial data and reports for this year's audit.

There was a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Controller, Melissa Goins.

Mr. Sullivan discussed the financial data from the audit booklet. Cash and Investments increased by \$9,067,762 (34%) in FY21. The increase was due to “institutional” support received through HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) I, II and III in FY21. The “institutional” support for loss of revenue due to COVID-19 totaled \$2.9 million in FY21. Other increases were due to the timing of AP payments and disbursement from federal funds.

Ms. Molly Abele, of Axley & Rode, stated that the audit team has issued an unmodified opinion of the College’s reports, which is the highest opinion they can offer. They believe that the data was presented fairly, in all material respects.

The Finance Committee of the Board met Friday, December 3, 2021, reviewed the audit and moved to recommend that the Board approve the audit. The audit came to the Board as a seconded motion. All Board members voted in favor, and the audit was approved as presented.

Bid Proposal for Soccer Field

Timberline Constructors was the low bid for construction of the new soccer field. Ms. Walker questioned the difference in bid amounts between contractors. Mr. Steve Capps and Mr. Chris Sullivan answered, in detail, how this can occur. Mr. Ben Miller informed the Board that GLS (Goodwin Lasiter Strong) wrote the specs very tight and they had no reservation about Timberline’s bid.

Motion was made by Dr. Lindsey and seconded by Mr. Garza, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bid Proposal for Gym Renovation

Langston Construction was the low bid for the auxiliary gym/conference center renovation. The College will use HEERF/CARES funds to pay for the renovations.

Motion was made by Mr. Fenley and seconded by Dr. Lindsey, and the motion passed unanimously.

Access Control Quote

Dr. Simon explained that AC can use HEERF/CARS funds to purchase the access control system. Dr. Simon also discussed how much safer the college will be with these new controls. The police station will have control to lock the school down if there should ever be an active shooter or any other endangerment to the students/faculty/administration. There will also be data to let the administration know who is going in and out of the buildings on campus and at what times.

Dr. Lindsey had a question on longevity of the system. Mr. Capps answered how the system would last for many years.

Motion was made by Mr. Deason and seconded by Mr. Garza, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Board Action to Approve Bids on Properties Held in Trust by Linebarger Grogan Clair & Sampson, LLP

Dr. Simon presented bids from Linebarger Grogan Blair & Sampson on properties currently being held in trust. The bids on this property were not equal to the opening bid amount at foreclosure auction and needs approval from all taxing entities within Angelina County. Motion was made by Dr. Lindsey and seconded by Ms. Haney, and the motion passed unanimously.

James Guest with Linebarger presented the Tax Resolution and Delinquent Tax Collection Report. Mr. Guest also introduced Janet and Ashley to the Board members.

Consideration of Board Meeting Dates for 2022

Dr. Simon introduced the proposed Board Meeting dates for 2022 and with no objections or changes a motion was made by Mr. Garza and seconded by Dr. Lindsey, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Contract

Dr. Simon's contract with Angelina College was extended for 3 years. A motion was made by Mr. Fenley and seconded by Mr. Deason, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Board action, if any, to authorize the Tax Abatement Agreement between Azalea Springs Solar Park, LLC and Angelina College pursuant to Texas Tax Code Chapter 312.

There were three representatives from Azalea Springs to answer any questions.

The abatement was amended by the board to change the percentage from 90% to 50% over a 10 year period.

A motion was made by Mr. Fenley and seconded by Mr. Deason, and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSENT
Financial Report

Mr. Chris Sullivan presented the financials for the college as of October 31, 2021 the fiscal year end reports. Mr. Sullivan reported the college did better than last year in total revenue. The college is also reporting to be right on target on budgeted expenses.

Monthly Investment Report

Mr. Chris Sullivan presented the Monthly Investment Report to the Board for approval. Chris stated we are in line with our goal.

Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel recommendations were made to the Board for approval:

Hires:

- Jared Weisinger - IT Tech - Hired 11/29/21
- Rhiannon Munoz - Admissions Generalist - Hired 11/1/21
- Lora Haney - Facilities and Safety Clerk - Hired 11/1/21
- Suleena Richardson-Alfar - PT Health Careers Admin Assistant - Hired 11/1/21
- Lisa Rivera - Health and Safety Specialist - Hired 11/1/21
- Fanny Luna - Coordinator of Workforce and Continuing Education - Hired 10/25/21
- Matthew Howell - PT Physical Education Admin Assistant - Hired 10/21/21
- Sydney Stobart - Coordinator of Student Accounts - Hired 10/12/21
- Carrie Geisbauer - Biology Instructor - Hired 10/1/21

Terms:

- Armando Palomino McClure - Assistant Director of Academic Affairs - Termed 9/2/21

FULL-TIME INSTRUCTORS/EMPLOYEES

After some discussion and a review of the reports, a motion was made by Mr. Garza and seconded by Ms. Haney to accept the Financial Report, Monthly Investment Report, and Personnel Recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Business Affairs

Chris Sullivan gave an insightful report on the Business Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

REMARKS BY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. Simon spoke on the Long Range Planning meeting set for January 13, 2022.

Proposal – City of Lufkin zoning change

REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no remarks by Board members.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the February 21, 2022 Board Meeting.



Dr. Robert Lindsey
Secretary
Board of Trustees
Angelina College



Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker
President
Board of Trustees
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