

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ANGELINA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 6, 2024**

The Angelina College Board of Trustees met in the Administration Board Room of Angelina College. Officers present were Dr. Robert Lindsey, President and Mr. Curt Fenley, Vice-President. Members present were Ms. Lynne Haney, Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker, Mr. Gilbert (Joey) Garza, and Dr. Sid Roberts.

College personnel attending the meeting were Dr. Michael Simon, President; Mr. Chris Sullivan, Vice President of Business Affairs and General Counsel; Ms. Krista Brown, Associate VP of Student Services, Ms. Dana Smithhart, Executive Director of Student Affairs, Ms. Dee Ellis, Special Assistant to the President, Ms. Joy Medford, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Ms. Leigh Ann Pyle, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Glenn Goforth, Dr. Aguilar-Morgan, Ms. Janice Huffman, Ms. Diana Throckmorton, Ms. Jennifer Ragsdale, Ms. Camille Yount Lipscomb, Mr. Calvin Rowland, Dr. Carrie Geisbauer, and Ms. Cindy Neal, Manager of President's Office and recording secretary.

Visitors present were Ms. Monica Peters-Clark.

Dr. Lindsey called the meeting to order at 05:32 p.m.

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Dr. Carrie Geisbauer addressed the board with public comment expressing concerns about the college administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. Lindsey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meetings of the Board. There being no corrections under terms and no other additions, Mr. Fenley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 regular meeting and Dr. Roberts seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 policy review committee meeting and Mr. Fenley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 student affairs and athletics committee meeting and Ms. Haney seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024 special meeting and Mr. Garza seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Administration of Oath of Office for Trustee Position 4

Officer Logan Finch administered the oath of office for Mr. Gilbert (Joey) Garza for Trustee Position 4.

Appointment of Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees to recommend a candidate for Trustee Position 3

Dr. Lindsey appointed Ms. Walker, Mr. Garza, and Mr. Fenley to serve on the subcommittee.

Board Officer Election

A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the election of the following officers:

- Mr. Curt Fenley – President
- Mr. Joey Garza – Vice President
- Dr. Sid Roberts – Secretary

The motion was seconded by Ms. Haney and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Requested Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement with Azalea Springs Solar Park LLC

Mr. Sullivan requested that the board postpone this action item to the next board meeting at Azalea Springs request.

Consideration of Annual Personnel Plan and Recommendations

Dr. Simon presented and requested the Board adopt the Annual Personnel Plan and Recommendations for 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adopt the Annual Personnel Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fenley and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Tuition & Fees (Rates for 2024-2025 Academic Year)

Dr. Simon presented the recommendation for approving the tuition and general services fee rates for 2024-2025 which includes a \$4 per semester hour increase in the General Institution Services fee for in-district and a \$5 increase per semester hour for out-of-district and non-resident.

A motion was made by Mr. Fenley to approve the tuition and general services fee rates for 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberts and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Bid Proposal for Computers

Dr. Simon presented the recommendation for approving the purchase of replacement computers. Four bids were received and reviewed by Ms. Jennifer Ragsdale. Bluum USA, Inc. met all of the required specifications and was within the allowable budget. Mr. Sullivan commented that the practice adopted years ago was to replace each computer at least every 7 years.

A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the purchase of replacement computers from Bluum USA, Inc. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haney and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Bid Proposal for Food Service

Dr. Simon presented the recommendation for approving the sole bid from Great Western Dining Service, Inc for campus food service. The bid was reviewed by the President and Counsel.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the bid with Great Western Dining. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garza and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of College's Position on Construction of Truck Stop on Corner of College Drive and US Hwy 59

Dr. Simon discussed the phone calls he had been receiving expressing concern about the construction of the truck stop. The Board agreed that at this time the college should not have a position on the issue and took no action.

Consideration of New Library Fee

Dr. Simon requested approval of a new library late fee of \$1 per day that will be implemented through the Interlibrary Loan Program.

A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the late fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garza and the motion passed unanimously

Designation of the College President to submit the report certifying the College's compliance with Texas Government Code, Section 51.3525 to the legislature and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for 2024 and all subsequent reporting periods

Dr. Simon explained that recent legislation allows the Board to delegate responsibility for submitting the report certifying the College's compliance to the Legislature and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the current year and subsequent reporting periods.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts approving Dr. Simon's designation to submit the certifying report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haney. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Fenley objecting.

Consideration of Resolution Supporting Institutional Change and College Leadership

Dr. Simon presented a Resolution to Support Institutional Change to the Board. He discussed the mission of Angelina College to provide educational opportunities and services to aid students. He also discussed the Guided Pathways model.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fenley and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of New and Revised Local Policies

The policy committee met on March 19, 2024, reviewed the policies, and moved to recommend that the Board approve the policies as submitted. The policies came to the Board as a seconded motion. All Board members voted in favor, and the new and revised policies were approved as presented.

REVIEW AND CONSENT

Financial Report, Monthly Investment Report, and Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Simon presented the review and consent agenda and indicated Mr. Sullivan was available for any questions.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., Dr. Lindsey 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 6:13 p.m., Dr. Lindsey announced the end of the Executive Closed Session.

No decisions were made.

INFORMATION REPORTS

S&P Global Ratings - General Obligation

Mr. Sullivan explained that an in-depth re-examination of the college's credit worthiness was performed. He stated the college received AA stable rating,

President's Office Annual Report

Dr. Simon commented on the college's strong financial position. He discussed the Adult Education Literacy grant and thanked the Grant's office.

Ms. Joy Medford presented a report to the board from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. She highlighted her team and their accomplishments of the year. She explained her department's mission, vision, and values. Ms. Medford presented the results from a student financial wellness survey conducted in the Fall of 2023.

Ms. Dee Ellis shared with the Board about community outreach through luncheons with the President. She presented a video highlighting the AC mentoring program which supports students by establishing one-on-one relationships. The video included a 24-year-old soccer athlete mentor and his 70-year-old mentee.

FAFSA Update

Mr. Goforth, Senior Director of Financial Aid & Admissions presented a FAFSA update. He stated that 60% of AC students received federal aid. He provided a summary of the US Department of Education's revision of the FAFSA process. He noted that the financial aid process was negatively impacted by problems at the federal level. Mr. Goforth also reported that he and his team worked closely with counselors of public schools to help students address problems and challenges with the current process. He also noted that students can now submit FAFSA without a social security number.

Regulations

Dr. Simon discussed the changes to the recent College Regulations that were reviewed at the March 19, 2024 meeting of the Board policy committee.

REMARKS BY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. Simon suggested that he and the Board wear blue ribbons at commencement in memory of Trustee Malcolm Deason.

Dr. Simon reminded the Board of Commencement on Friday, May 10th at 1:00 and 4:00.

REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no remarks by Board members.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Mr. Curt Fenley
Vice President
Board of Trustees
Angelina College



Dr. Robert Lindsey
President
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