MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD ANGELINA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 11, 2025

5:45 p.m.

The Angelina College Board of Trustees met in the Administration Building boardroom of Angelina College. Officers present were Mr. Curt Fenley, President; Mr. Joey Garza, Vice President; and Dr. Sid Roberts, Secretary. Members present were Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker, Ms. Lynne Haney, Dr. Robert Lindsey, and Mr. Johnnie Ross.

College personnel attending the meeting was Dr. Michael Simon, President.

Members of the public attending the meeting were Monica Peters-Clark and Will Langina.

Mr. Fenley called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

TIME OF REFLECTION

Mr. Fenley asked for a moment of silence.

CONFLICT OF INTERERST

Mr. Fenley called the college's conflict of interest policy to the attention of the trustees in attendance.

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

There were no comments to the board.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Construction Bid – Student Center, Community Services, Liberal Arts & SBS Classrooms, and Conference Center Roof.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the bid from Construction Managers of Southeast Texas (CMOST). Dr. Lindsey seconded the motion. Simon explained that the board had voted during its regular February meeting to award the proposed project to Langston Construction, but that during the contract development stage, Langston Construction realized they had not included the cost of the theater seating for Community Services room 104. Consequently, Langston Construction withdrew its bid. Simon stated that the next best-value bid was submitted by CMOST, that the administration had conducted due diligence review of the firm's qualifications and capacity including consultation with other public entities in East Texas for whom CMOST had completed projects, and the administration found the firm to be qualified to manage the proposed project. Simon recommended the board accept the bid from CMOST.

Dr. Roberts asked if the College was required to accept the lowest bid. Simon answered that the administration considered the best value when determining which bid to recommend to the board. Mr. Ross asked if a standing committee from within the college considers or reviews the bids. Simon answered that the administration forms ad hoc committees based on content expertise visà-vis the substance and funding of each project for review. As examples, Simon explained that if

the funding for a project included grant funds, the Grants and Sponsored Programs Office was involved, and if the project included instructional equipment the lead instructor(s) for the program(s) that would use the equipment were involved. Finally, Simon stated that for the current project the ad hoc committee comprised Mr. Steve Capps, Senior Director of Physical Plant Operation, who has extensive experience in the construction management field; Mr. Chris Sullivan, Vice President for Business Affairs and General Counsel; and Dr. Simon with support from Goodwin, Lassiter, and Strong. Simon noted that the Faculty Forum, Student Government Association, and Executive Council all reviewed the proposed projects including the cost, and that all three groups approved the projects. Ms. Walker asked if Langston Construction indicated whether their bid would increase by the full cost of the Community Services chairs if the college rebid the project. Simon answered that they had asked to be allowed to bid if the college rebid the project, but whether their bid would increase was not mentioned to Simon's knowledge. Mr. Ross asked if future bids for construction could require bidders to indicate what percentage of the workforce for the project would comprise local people. Simon answered that the idea was a good one and that he would look into it going forward. Dr. Lindsey stated that it might be in the college's interest to have multiple firms with which the college had experience going forward, and Simon agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Fenley adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mr. Curt Fenley, III

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Dr. Sidney C. Roberts

Secretary

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