

MINUTES
TAX RATE HEARING
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
ANGELINA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 4, 2026

12:00 p.m.

The Angelina College Board of Trustees met in the Administration Boardroom of Angelina College. Officers present were Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker, Secretary. Members present were Ms. Lynne Haney, Mr. Johnnie Ross, Dr. Robert Lindsey and Mr. Curt Fenley. Mr. Joey Garza, President and Dr. Sidney Roberts, Vice-President were not in attendance.

College personnel attending the meeting were Dr. Michael Simon, President, Mr. Chris Sullivan, VP of Business Affairs and General Counsel, Dr. Tim Ditoro, VP of Academic Affairs, Ms. Krista Brown, VP of Student Services, and Ms. Ashley McElhinney, Manager of the President's Office and recording secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

TIME OF REFLECTION

A moment of silence was observed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker called the college's conflict of interest policy to the attention of the trustees in attendance.

INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

Introduction of Officer Jonathan Winslet, new campus police officer.

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

There were no comments to the board.

ACTION ITEM

Vote on Proposed 2026 Tax Rate

A motion was made by Dr. Robert Lindsey that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.185218, which is effectively a 14.50 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curt Fenley and the motion passed.

Vote on 2026-2027 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Fenley to approve the 2026-2027 Budget. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Lindsey and the motion passed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Simon provided updates on several College projects and initiatives.

Bell Tower and Outdoor Chapel

Dr. Simon shared preliminary plans for a donor-funded bell tower and outdoor chapel to be located on campus. The proposed structure would include a 30-foot bell tower with a simulated bell and speaker system. Renderings are being developed with GLS. The space is envisioned as a gathering and reflection area. Trustees discussed lighting, stained glass, accessibility, maintenance, and potential student use. No naming plans have been determined.

Athletic Apparel

Dr. Simon discussed a potential change in the College's athletic apparel provider, including the financial implications and possible transition from Nike to Adidas. Administration continues to evaluate the potential impact of a change on the College's athletic programs.

Planned Gift

Dr. Simon reported that a donor's estate planning documents have been finalized for a future multi-million-dollar gift to the College. The donor has requested anonymity.

Nonprofit Leadership Program

Dr. Simon reported that the College's Nonprofit Leadership program has partnered with TLL on a capacity-building initiative serving 21 participants, further strengthening the College's relationship with TLL.

Stubblefield Learning Center

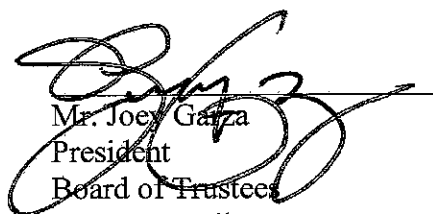
Dr. Simon discussed the financial challenges facing the Stubblefield Learning Center and a potential College-operated charter school model as a means of sustaining and expanding the program. The concept could provide participating students with access to workforce credentials and College programs. The College is working with Dr. Danny King on the concept, and TLL may assist with startup costs. Partner school districts and enrollment considerations were also discussed. Dr. Simon indicated that approximately one year of planning may be required and that additional evaluation is needed before moving forward.

Red Barn Project

Dr. Simon provided an update on the Red Barn project, noting that previously anticipated bond funding cannot be used for the project. Administration is exploring alternative ownership and funding structures and hopes to bring a proposal to the Board at a future meeting. Work also continues on the environmental study associated with the economic development grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker adjourned the meeting at 12:39


Mr. Joey Galza
President
Board of Trustees
Angelina College


Ms. Hilary Haglund-Walker
Secretary
Board of Trustees
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