

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
ANGELINA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 28, 2024

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

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

There were no visitors present.

Mr. Fenley called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Dr. Simon provided the Board with several updates. Supervisor-led training workshops are being organized to enhance leadership skills and team engagement. A new Student Affairs study group has been initiated by Dr. Simon, focusing on shared values and common programs utilized by other Student Affairs departments. Additionally, Dr. Simon has started meeting with faculty advisors during their office hours to strengthen communication. Feedback from the recent Faculty Forum was also shared, highlighting key campus renovation priorities. The primary areas for improvement include the Student Center, due to its visibility, Hudgins Hall, eighteen classrooms, Community Services Room 104, and restrooms.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of the "AC Way" Initiative

Mr. Fenley shared insights from a recent discussion with Dr. Simon on exploring innovative ideas for the college to present to the Board. Following this direction, Dr. Simon introduced two potential initiatives for consideration. The first, the "AC Way" initiative, aims to enhance engagement among faculty, students, and staff at the college. This initiative includes three phases, with an estimated total cost of \$225,000.

Consideration of Grant Opportunity through the U.S. Economic Development Administration to Support Facilities for Emergency Services Training and Truck Driver Training and Testing

Dr. Simon discussed a proposal involving the Red Barn property, which has been on the market for about six months, and an adjacent 30-acre plot owned by the City. The plan envisions a 700,000-square-foot Emergency Services facility that could bring outsourced fire training currently conducted in Longview back to Lufkin. This new facility would also enable AC to establish itself as a third-party testing site for Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) and other certifications currently outsourced to nearby cities.

The Board inquired about the college's ability to pursue both this proposal and the AC Way initiative simultaneously. Dr. Simon expressed confidence in the college's capacity to manage both projects, provided the Board would support community engagement efforts.

A motion was made by Mr. Garza to accept and approve both the AC Way Initiative and proposal for the Emergency Services Center. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hilary Walker. There was no opposition. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:47 p.m., Mr. Fenley 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 1:19 p.m., Mr. Fenley announced the end of the Executive Closed Session.

No decisions were made.

REMARKS BY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

There were no remarks by the College president.

REMARKS BY TRUSTEES

There were no remarks by Trustees.

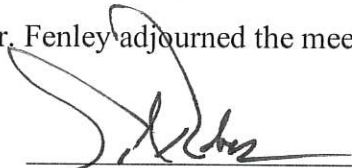
Next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Fenley adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.



Mr. Curt Fenley, III
President
Board of Trustees
Angelina College



Dr. Sidney C. Roberts
Secretary
Board of Trustees
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