

RANGER COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING AGENDA
August 28, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Goleman Library Board Room

Members Present

Jackie Stephens, Chairman
Jo Anne Greenwood, Vice-Chairman
Sandi Herod, Secretary
Ron Butler
Della Carey
Vanna Dains
Shawn Wells
Doug Crawley
Bobby Murry

CEO/Staff Present

Derrick Worrels, President
Lindy Matthews
Stan Feaster
Robert Culverhouse
Patti Woolam
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Gaylyn Mendoza
Stephanie Worrels
Luis Ramirez
Roxanne Jester
Dixon Bailey
Dr. Sandra Lee

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Scott Norwood

Debbie Karl

Gabe Lewis

Ahmy Arca

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

Regent Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Addendum #1- Board Annual Cyber Security Training as Required by TACC 202 & TX Govt Code 2054.519

The Board of Regents received the annual cyber security training.

Agenda Item #2- Invocation

President Worrels voiced the invocation.

Agenda Item #3- National Anthem (*Choir: Isaiah Haywood, Dylan Ingram, Ja’Cory Hickman, and Weston Henry*)

The Ranger College Choir sang the National Anthem led by Choir Director Roxanne Jester.

Students:

Dylan Ingram

Ja’Cory Hickman

Isaiah Haywood

Weston Henry

Agenda Item #4- Pledge of Allegiance

Regent Stephens led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Agenda Item #5- Public Comment for Individuals Not on the Agenda

No comments were made.

Agenda Item #6- President's Report (*Worrels*)

a. Fall Enrollment Update

Fall 2023 Current Numbers

as of today 8/28/2023

Total = 2,541

Ranger = 366

Erath = 295 (*21 Cos)

Brown = 132 (*62 RN,*24 VN,*20 Cos)

Dual = 1,551

other = 197

Fall 2022 Final after Roster Certs

9/21/2022

Total= 2,303

Ranger= 325

Erath= 255 (*23 Cos)

Brown= 116 (*71 RN, *12 VN, 19 Cos)

Dual= 1,417

other= 190

President Worrels discussed the Fall enrollment numbers. Luis Ramirez took over dual credit recently and all of the students have been entered in the computer system. Gabe was here late on campus moving beds and other things to get ready for our Fall 2023 students.

Today we have a record enrollment at Ranger College., which is a reflection of the hard work that we have all been doing this semester.

HB8 was signed on August 22, 2023, and expected to go into effect on September 1, 2023.

President Worrels discussed the progress on the proposed faculty wage structure. If you have any feedback please let us know what you think.

He is proposing that we push the summer hours to the first week of August so that we can provide service to our students.

President Worrels also discussed that Ranger was selected to be a Caring Campus. We can already see it having an effect on campus. We can see it in the students, we can see it in the faculty and staff. We have had some outstanding efforts.

Agenda Item #7- Conduct a Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Proposed College Annual Budget

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The college conducted a public hearing. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed college annual budget. There were no members of the public present.

Agenda Item #8- Resume Regular College Board Meeting

The regular college Board meeting resumed at 6:13 p.m.

Agenda Item #9- Consider and Approve FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget (Mendoza)

Ms. Mendoza discussed that we did a lot this year and had some pretty big wins.

1. Reaccredited
2. Purchase property for a new rodeo arena
3. HSI Grant
4. HB8
5. The Board passed for us to update our Student Information System
6. New website
7. WIGs to address and add into our new strategic plan

We have taken big steps to improve overall. We have record enrollment this year. The budget is relatively the same as last year but she did bump up tuition a little bit. Again, with our property taxes being so low it does present a struggle for revenue; however, with HB8 they are awarding base funding that will help with the lack of property tax. Our tuition and fees account for about a third of the revenue. The budget was crafted to support our new strategic plan.

The FY 2024 column is the proposed budget that was presented. She outlined the increased funding which is revisited annually. Miscellaneous revenue addresses the continuing education grant which was extended to December this year. She decreased our auxiliary because we have had less students in dorms and cafeteria; however, we may have more this year. Regent Crawley asked about the Newell fund. Ms. Mendoza stated that the Newell fund is still located in the Foundation. Mr. Murray asked about the rental income line item. Ms. Mendoza stated that it is from the donut shop and the BBQ shop at the Erath location. Mr. Murry asked about the grant salaries. Ms. Mendoza explained that the TRIO grants and HSI have personnel that are assigned specifically to the grant.

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The salaries for those employees are all reimbursed by the specific grants. For grants we have to pay 100% of grant employee benefits. Mr. Murry asked about the salary increases. Mr. Murry also asked about resident hall projects. "Can any of that be capitalized?" Ms. Mendoza discussed that this is set aside for unexpected maintenance. It could be capitalized depending on the project. Regent Murry made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 annual budget. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10- Conduct a Public Hearing for the 2023 Proposed Property Tax Rate

The Board conducted a public hearing for the 2023 proposed property tax rate. The Board invited the public to participate.

Agenda Item #11- Resume Regular College Board Meeting

The Board resumed the regular college Board meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda Item #12- Consider and Approve 2023 Property Tax Rate (*Mendoza*)

Ms. Mendoza discussed that the Board approved the proposed property tax rate and then posted it online and in the newspaper. Now we are here today to adopt the proposed property tax rate. Regent Carey made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve the 2023 property tax rate. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13- Consider and Approve June 2023 Financial Statements (*Mendoza*)

Ms. Mendoza discussed the June 2023 financial statements. Statement of Financial Position: Total assets were at \$32,899,466, total liabilities were at \$29,872,968. Mrs. Mendoza pointed out that student tuition and fees in summer A & C were more than they were last year. The fees are still not up to budget which is due to that increase in dual credit students. Cosmetology seems to be doing a lot better. Continuing Education had a large increase largely in part due to TWC training grants. The Auxiliary was based on students in the dorms. Expenditures: not much has changed. Our current operations slowed down in June.

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Cash and Investment detail: 5.5 million (not much change from the previous month). Checks over \$500: Regent Stephens asked about the 360 Tour. Ms. Matthews discussed the 360 Tour and the value of having a good quality virtual tour for prospective students. Mr. Murry asked about the expenditures to Luis Ramirez. Ms. Mendoza discussed that the Upward Bound Grant does allow some funds for students to travel to campus. Mr. Murry asked about the \$6,216 check to Ranger College. Ms. Mendoza discussed that the check was from the Upward Bound Program staying in the dorms. The college does get paid from the grant for the housing costs. Mr. Stephens asked about the check to Willie T's in Brownwood. Ms. Mendoza explained that we recently had window wrap installed to keep some of the heat from the sunshine out.

Regent Murry made, and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the June 2023 financial statements. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #14- Consider and Approve Property Insurance for 2023-2024 (Mendoza)

Ms. Mendoza discussed property insurance for the 2023-2024 year. We had a 3 year commitment with PCAT. Our insurance agent compared PCAT and a few other agencies. PCAT was still the best option for our needs. Several buildings' value or replacement costs went up compared to last year. Some of the increases we saw were \$300,000-\$700,000 because we have some large buildings and the coverage increases based on the increase in replacement costs. We added two new vehicles: a small car and automotive trailer. Educators' legal liability decreased. Worker's compensation increased because salaries increased. However, most of the increase in premiums is in property coverage.

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve property insurance for 2023-2024. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #15- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the July 31, 2023 Board Meeting

Regent Dains made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023 Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Agenda Item #16- Consider and Approve for the College President to Negotiate and Execute a Contract to Purchase 601 Cooper Street.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real property. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Regent Dains made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to approve for the College President to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase 601 Cooper Street. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #17- Consider and Approve Personnel Issues

Regent Crawley made and Regent Murry seconded a motion to approve personnel issues. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #18- Consider and Approve the President's Contract Renewal

Regent Dains made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to approve the renewal of the President's contract. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #19- Announcements:

a. Upcoming Events

President Worrels will be sending out a weekly calendar of home events.

On September 17, 2023, the Majestic Theater is showing a documentary about Robert Culverhouse's Uncle that was killed in World War II.

b. The date of the Next Board Meeting is September 25, 2023

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Agenda Item #20- Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman, Jackie Stephens

Secretary, Sandi Herod

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