

**Ranger College Board of Regents
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026 | Golemon Library**

Members Present

Jackie Stephens, Chairman
Shawn Wells, Vice-Chairman
Vanna Dains, Secretary
Della Carey
Doug Crawley
Sandi Herod
Jim Cockburn
Robin Russell

Members Absent

Gay Ann Wolford

CEO/Staff Present

Dr. Derrick Worrels, President
Dr. Lindy Matthews
Robert Culverhouse
Luis Ramirez
Dr. Babette Cuadrado
Stan Feaster
Ahmy Arca
Shayla Honeycutt
Dr. Sandra Lee
Don Hilton
DT Green
Chuck Lemaster
Gaylyn Mendoza
Amy Spindle
Stephanie Worrels
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Scott Norwood
Dr. Wendy Rodgers

Guest

No guests were present.

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

Regent Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2- Invocation

Dr. Worrels voiced the invocation.

Agenda Item #3- Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item #4- Public Comment for Individuals not on the Agenda

No comments were made.

Agenda Item #5- President's Report***Graduation & Commencement***

- All three commencement ceremonies were successfully completed.
- Appreciation was extended to Shayla Honeycutt, the Registrar's Office staff, IT Department, Security, faculty, staff, and administration for their contributions to the success of the ceremonies.
- Special emphasis was placed on creating a memorable "first" commencement experience for graduates and their families.
- Approximately 90 dual credit students participated in commencement ceremonies, with a total of 110 students qualifying for graduation.

New Program – Construction Management

- Ranger College announced the launch of the new Construction Management program at the Erath Campus.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for May 28 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the program and facility.
- The Construction Management program replaces the former Child Care program and represents an expansion of workforce-focused educational opportunities at the Erath Campus.

Trustees Conference

- Information was shared regarding the upcoming CCATT Conference scheduled for September 17–19 in Big Town.
- Discussion included travel and attendance logistics for trustees and administrators planning to attend the conference.
- Dr. Worrels offered to provide transportation for attendees traveling to the conference.

Track & Field Updates

- **Team Success**

- The Ranger College Track & Field teams competed at the NJCAA National Championships held May 12–14 in Hobbs, NM. Athletes qualified for the national meet by achieving required qualifying times and standards throughout the season.
- The program earned significant national recognition, with 17 student-athletes receiving All-American honors and multiple athletes earning double and triple medal finishes.
- The men's team finished 10th nationally, narrowly missing 9th place by one point, while the women's team placed 15th nationally, only a few points away from higher team standings.
- Amantle Modingwane was recognized as a National Champion in the 1500-meter dash.

- **Program Development & Student Advancement**

- Coaching staff reiterated the program philosophy of “Start here, go anywhere,” emphasizing the college's commitment to helping student-athletes transfer to four-year institutions.
- Several sophomore student-athletes have secured opportunities to continue competing at four-year colleges and universities, including:

It was noted that the Ranger College Track & Field program was reinstated only two years ago and has already produced a national champion and multiple nationally ranked athletes.

Agenda Item # 6- Canvass Election and Officially Declare Results (Mendoza)

Ms. Mendoza announced the Board member election results.

A total of 870 votes were cast among the four Board of Regents candidates on the Texas General Election Day, Saturday, May 2, 2026.

General Election results for May 2, 2026 are as follows:

- (a) Place 2, unexpired term. Candidates were Samuel Grant with 87 votes and Gay Ann Wolford with 135 votes. Gay Ann Wolford is the winning candidate for Place 2, unexpired term.
- (b) Place 4. Candidates were Doug Crawley with 139 votes and Carrie Pilant with 85 votes. Doug Crawley is the winning candidate for Place 4.
- (c) Place 5. Candidates were Jim Cockburn with 126 votes and John Boyett with 96 votes. Jim Cockburn is the winning candidate for Place 5.
- (d) Place 6. Candidates were Robin Russell with 116 votes and Michelle Butler-Ritter (write in candidate) with 86 votes. Robin Russell is the winning candidate for Place 6.

Texas Election Code Chapter 67 and Ranger College Board of Regents BBBB (Legal) policy requires the governing board of the College to canvass the results of the General Elections which was held on May 2, 2026, and to declare the results of these elections.

Agenda Item #7- Oath of Office for New Board Members (Mendoza)

Newly elected and returning Regents participating in the oath process were Jim Cockburn, Doug Crawley, and Robin Russell. Gay Ann Wolford was absent and will complete the process at the next regular Board meeting.

The Regents first read and affirmed the required Statement of Officer.

The official Oath of Office for the Board of Trustees of the Community College District was administered by Ms. Amy Spindle. Trustees were asked to raise their right hand and repeat the oath as part of the formal swearing-in process.

Following the administration of the oath, trustees completed and signed the required official documents. The notary for the documents was Ms. Amy Spindle.

- ***Welcome to New & Returning Trustees***
 - Appreciation was expressed to returning board members for their continued service, leadership, and institutional knowledge.
 - The Board also welcomed newly elected trustees and expressed enthusiasm for the new perspectives, ideas, and contributions they will bring in support of Ranger College and its students.

Agenda Item #8- Election of Board of Regents' Officers

Board Chairman Stephens discussed that policy BCA (Legal) states that the Board will elect officers at the first regular meeting following the election of members of the Board. Board Officers are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Policy BCA (Legal) states that the Board will have a President and Secretary, and other officers as the Board deems necessary or advisable. Past practice at Ranger College has been to use the titles Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.

According to the College's BCA (Legal) policy, officers of the Board shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the Board following the regular election of members of the Board in even-numbered years, or at any time thereafter in order to fill a vacancy.

- ***Chairman***
 - Regent Crawley nominated Regent Stephens for the position of Chairman. Regent Dains made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to elect Regent Stephens as the Chairman of the Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

- ***Vice-Chairman***

- Regent Stephens nominated Regent Wells for the position of Vice-Chairman. Regent Crawley made and Regent Carey seconded a motion to elect Regent Wells as Vice-Chairman. The motion was carried unanimously.

- ***Secretary***

- Regent Stephens nominated Regent Dains for the position of Secretary. Regent Crawley made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to elect Regent Dains as Board Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9- March 31, 2026 Financial Statements (Mendoza)

- ***Statement of Net Position***

- Ms. Mendoza reviewed the Statement of Net Assets and reported the following balances:
 - Current Assets: approximately \$9.8 million
 - Non-Current Assets: approximately \$69.79 million
 - Total Assets: approximately \$79.6 million
 - Deferred Outflows of Resources related to pension and OPEB obligations: approximately \$2.4 million
 - Current liabilities, including accounts payable, unearned revenue, and the current portion of debt obligations, totaled approximately \$2.5 million.
 - Non-current liabilities, consisting primarily of long-term obligations due beyond 12 months, totaled approximately \$21.3 million.
 - Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB obligations totaled approximately \$3.2 million.
 - Total net position was reported at \$55,066,877.

- ***Statement of Revenues (Through March)***

- State funding revenues remained stable, with the second state payment received in February and no significant change in basic aid funding levels.
- Increased expenditures and reimbursements related to True and JET Grants were noted during the reporting period.
- Tuition and fee revenues increased compared to the prior year, primarily due to spring semester enrollment activity.
- Restricted fundraising revenue remained consistent with the previous year. Much of the fundraising activity was generated through athletic programs, including volunteer participation at collegiate and professional sporting events such as Texas Christian University athletic events, Dallas Cowboys events, and NASCAR-related activities.
- Ms. Mendoza emphasized that all fundraising proceeds are restricted to their designated programs and are subject to institutional financial controls, including

purchase order requirements and approval processes involving the athletic director, purchasing coordinator, and Business Office.

- Auxiliary enterprise revenues were lower than the prior year due to a decrease in the number of traditional residential students at the Ranger campus.
- Total revenues through March were reported at \$22,580,793.
- ***Statement of Expenses (Through March)***
 - The first month of adjunct faculty payments for the spring semester was processed during March, with additional payments scheduled for April and May.
 - Employee benefits are now allocated within departmental budgets rather than reported as a separate line item, making year-over-year comparisons somewhat more difficult, though overall figures remain comparable.
 - Increased grant-related revenues resulted in corresponding increases in expenditures during the reporting period.
 - Total expenditures through March were reported at \$18,056,234.
 - The change in net position through March reflected an increase of approximately \$4.5 million.
- ***Upcoming Expenses & Cash Flow***
 - Ms. Mendoza discussed anticipated summer facility repair projects, including residence hall maintenance and assessments following student move-out.
 - A major technology purchase is expected to be presented for approval at the next Board meeting involving replacement of aging Wi-Fi hubs across all three campuses. The expense has already been included in the budget.
 - Cash and investment balances for March reflected a typical seasonal decrease associated with state funding cycles and tuition collection timelines occurring throughout January, February, April, and June.
- ***Checks Over \$500***
 - Ms. Mendoza reviewed selected expenditures exceeding \$500, including purchases from Elevate Healthcare for medical training mannequins and simulation “sticky wound kits” designed to replicate trauma injuries for stop-the-bleed and emergency response instruction.
 - It was also reported that the geriatrics simulation program continues to perform well and is providing students with valuable hands-on learning experiences.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to approve the March 31, 2026 financial statements. The motion was carried with 6 votes. Regent Russell and Regent Cockburn abstained. Regent Wolford was absent.

Agenda Item #10- Core Curriculum (Prochaska)

- ***Background & Annual Review Process***

- Dr. Prochaska provided an overview of the institution's core curriculum requirements, noting that the curriculum consists of 42 credit hours of foundational coursework in areas such as mathematics, history, communication, and English. The curriculum is designed to support transferability to four-year institutions while also preparing students for workforce success.
- It was explained that the core curriculum undergoes an annual review process conducted by the curriculum committee and the administrative council. Due to requirements established under Senate Bill 37 of the 89th Texas Legislature, final approval of the core curriculum now also requires Board action.
- Oversight and guidance for curriculum standards are provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which establishes required course descriptions and learning outcomes. College administrators clarified that the state outlines what content must be taught, while instructional methods remain the responsibility of faculty and the institution.
- Academic deans review curriculum content, provide standardized course "shells," and monitor course delivery through the Canvas learning management system. While in-person observation of every course is not feasible due to the volume of classes offered, additional oversight is maintained for adjunct faculty in specialized areas such as art and music.

- ***Proposed Core Curriculum Addition***

- Dr. Prochaska presented a proposal to add English 2311: Technical and Business Writing to the core curriculum component area.
- The addition was requested in response to needs identified by the college's partnership with Granbury Independent School District, specifically within the component area option of the core.
- It was clarified that the addition of English 2311 would supplement the existing curriculum and would not replace English Composition I or II, both of which remain required for university transfer pathways in the communications area.
- Discussion also noted that, for dual credit eligibility purposes, courses must either be included in the state-approved core curriculum or designated within an approved field of study.

Regent Cockburn made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the updated core curriculum, including the addition of English 2311: Technical and Business Writing. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11- Assigning Realtor for the Sale of Olden Property and Other Potential Properties (Mendoza)

- ***Olden Property (24 Acres)***
 - Regent Stephens discussed the proposed sale of approximately 24 acres located in the Olden area. Interest has reportedly been expressed by multiple prospective buyers with business development capabilities.
 - Discussion included the option of marketing the property directly rather than utilizing a realtor in order to avoid commission fees and maximize return to the college.
 - The proposed plan would solicit sealed bids with a minimum bid requirement of \$10,000 per acre, based on the appraised value of the property, for a minimum total bid amount of \$240,000.
 - Board members noted that the College would retain the right to reject any and all bids if deemed not in the best interest of the institution.
- ***City of Ranger & Cisco Properties***
 - The Board reviewed the status of previously approved property sales involving various lots located in Ranger and Cisco, including the Olden property.
 - Several previously submitted bids were not awarded due to offers falling below acceptable values, while other transactions stalled because purchasers failed to complete required paperwork.
 - Certain properties are currently being considered for donation purposes.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to rebid the Walker Estate lots located in Ranger and Cisco. As well as, separately advertise the 24-acre Olden property with a minimum bid requirement of \$10,000 per acre. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12- Personnel Issues (Spindle)

- ***Additions***
 - Ashton Arnold: Head Men's Basketball Coach
 - Jacob Hayslip: Head Men's JV Basketball Coach/Assistant Coach
 - Kevin Standifer: Construction Management Instructor
 - Conner Stark: Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
- ***Separations***
 - Megan Hespen- Dual Credit embedded Adjunct
 - Lance Koch- Assistant Baseball Coach
 - Jeremiah Mobley- E-Sports Head Coach
 - Christopher Parker- Adjunct Instructor
 - Bridgett Smith- Financial Aid Advisor

- Jolie Whitney- Generalist

Regent Cockburn made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve personnel issues as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13- Contractual Mediation Settlement Agreement in the Ranger College V. John Kimmel, Cause No. 26-06-DCCV-47757

Regent Crawley made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Real Property and Lawsuit, Cause No. 26-06-DCCV-47757. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered closed session at 7:02 PM.

The Board re-entered the open session at 7:26 PM.

Regent Carey made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to accept the mediation settlement agreement in the Ranger College V. John Kimmel, Cause No. 26-06-DCCV-47757. The motion was carried with 6 votes. Regent Russell and Regent Cockburn abstained. Regent Welford was absent.

Agenda Item #14- April 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Regent Wells made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve the April 27, 2026 Board meeting minutes. The motion was carried with 6 votes. Regent Russell and Regent Cockburn abstained. Regent Welford was absent.

Agenda Item #15- Announcements

- Dr. Worrels acknowledged with sadness the passing of Holly Smith, a nursing student at Ranger College. Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Prohaska, Dr. Lee, the Brownwood campus staff, and counseling personnel for the support and assistance provided to students and employees during this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers were requested for the student's family, friends, classmates, and the campus community.
- Dr. Worrels also noted the passing of Sharon Campion. Funeral arrangements were shared, including a viewing scheduled for Friday and funeral services on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. It was noted that the family has requested memorial donations be made to Ranger College in lieu of flowers.

a. Upcoming Events

- b. The Date of the Next Board Meeting is June 29, 2026**

Agenda Item #16- Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

Chairman, Jackie Stephens

Secretary, Vanna Dains