

**RANGER COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2025- 6:00 p.m.
Goleman Library Board Room**

Members Present

Doug Crawley
Bobby Murry
Shawn Wells
Jackie Stephens
Sandi Herod
Della Carey
Jo Anne Greenwood
Gay Anne Wolford

CEO/Staff Present

Derrick Worrels, President
Dr. Lindy Matthews
Robert Culverhouse
Patti Woolam
Don Hilton
Luis Ramirez
Amy Spindle
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Stephanie Worrels
Gaylyn Mendoza
Scott Norwood
Debbie Karl
Dr. Babette Cuadrado
Shayla Honeycutt
Gabe Lewis
Dr. Sandra Lee
Evelyn Guillen
Ahmy Arca

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

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

Agenda Item #2- Invocation

President 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

- a. Rodeo Grounds Case Update
 - i. The Chamber of Commerce filed a claim on the rodeo grounds, asserting ownership due to Wild Horses not fully paying the purchase price.
 - ii. The college's attorney is working to schedule a call with the Chamber's lawyers this week to discuss a strategy involving simultaneous motions for summary judgment. The college will seek damages for equipment and property.
- b. Property Updates
 - i. The college received an ordinance declaring the property at 113 North Marston Street, Ranger, Texas a dangerous building. This occurred after the college assumed ownership.
 - ii. Further discussion regarding the 113 North Marston Street property is needed, ideally with Mr. Warford, the college attorney, in attendance.
- c. Meeting with Congressman Roger Williams
 - i. Congressman Roger Williams requested a meeting, scheduled for April 17th at 2:30 PM in the boardroom. The Regents and cabinet members will attend.
- d. President Worrels discussed holding the next meeting at the Lumberyard on April 21st, 2025 at 4:00 PM. This would allow for a post-meeting banquet and recognition of student athletes.

Agenda Item #6- Swearing in for New Board Member

GayAnne Wolford was sworn in as a Ranger College Board of Regent to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Ron Butler's term.

Agenda Item #7- Consider and Approve the Academic Calendar for 2025-26 (Dr. Prochaska)

Regent Herod made and Regent Wolford seconded a motion to approve the Academic Calendar for 2025-26. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8- Consider and Approve the DBA (LOCAL) Employment Residency Policy Update (Dr. Matthews)

Proposed changes to DBA (LOCAL) were discussed, stemming from a change in state law regarding out-of-state employees and increased reporting requirements. The college will limit out-of-state hires except in justifiable circumstances.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to approve and adopt the proposed changes to DBA (LOCAL). The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9- Consider and Approve the Local Policy Update 48 (Dr. Matthews)

Dr. Matthews discussed TASB Update 48. Multiple local policy updates (CAK, CDE, DHB, FAA) were reviewed, aligning with state law changes. The updates primarily address legal compliance. Regent Murry made and Regent Carey seconded a motion to approve and adopt TASB Local Policy Update 48. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10- Consider and Approve January 2025 Financial Statements (Mendoza)

Agenda Item #10 was addressed in conjunction with Agenda Item #11.

Agenda Item #11- Consider and Approve February 2025 Financial Statements (Mendoza)

Mrs. Mendoza discussed the financial statements for January and February 2025. Specific items discussed include:

- Significant increase in miscellaneous revenue due to an insurance claim and interest income.
- Increase in expenses related to technology, new employees, and insurance.
- Large payments to Great Western Dining and BSN Sports (baseball supplies) were clarified.
- Audit costs totaling \$71,375.
- \$10 million in local savings and future recommendations for its use.
- JumpCloud expenditure explained as a three-year contract for IT directory services.

Regent Murry made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to approve the financial statements of January and February 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12- Consider and Approve Recommendations of the Tuition and Fee Committee (Mendoza)

The Board of Regents establishes the tuition and fee rates for college programs in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 54. The College proposes for the 2025-2026 Academic Year to maintain the current Tuition rates as the 2024-2025 academic year. This is consistent with Governor Greg Abbott's letter dated November 13, 2024 regarding a tuition freeze for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years. The College is proposing three changes to fees. The College proposes to increase ADN Testing fees from \$755 per semester to \$995 per semester due to increases from our third-party provider. The college proposes to change VN Testing fees from \$600 per semester to \$1,640 during the first semester. This will decrease VN students testing fees by \$160 over the three semesters required for VN students. The College proposes to increase the EMT Course fee from \$410 per academic year to \$420 per academic year to cover the increase in curriculum text online access.

Regent Herod made and Regent Carey seconded a motion to approve the proposed Tuition and Fee schedule effective for Fall 2025 as recommended by the Tuition and Fees Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13- Consider and Approve Personnel Issues (Spindle)

Five additions and four separations of personnel were presented. The temporary hiring of Trey McNeil for golf-related work due to a prior employee's departure was discussed.

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

Agenda Item #14- Consider and Approve Contract Renewals and Non-renewals (Spindle)

Regent Crawley made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve contract renewals and non-renewals. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #15- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2025 Board Meeting

Agenda Item #15 was addressed in conjunction with Agenda Item #16.

Agenda Item #16- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting

Regent Wells made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025 and February 24, 2025 Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #17- Announcements:

- a. Upcoming Events
 - i. The upcoming meetings with Congressman Williams and the athletic banquet at the Lumberyard were reiterated. The importance of providing questions for Congressman Williams in advance was emphasized. The Texas Open Meetings Act compliance for the upcoming meetings was also mentioned. A final thank you was extended to the regents for their work.
- b. The date of the Next Board Meeting is April, TBD
 - i. The next Board meeting will be at 4:00 PM Apr 21, 2025 at the Lumberyard. The Athletic Banquet will follow.

Agenda Item #18- Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Wolford seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:55 pm.