

**ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2025
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin Community College met in a regular session on the 24th day of April at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

'Bel Sanchez	Chairman
Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Jim Crumm	Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Mike Pyburn	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent
Michael Hoover	Regent

Regents Absent

Breah Knappe	Regent
Jody Droege	Vice-Chair

ACC Administration Present

Robert Exley	President, Alvin Community College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin Community College
Beth Nelson	Alvin Community College
John Matula	Alvin Community College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin Community College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin Community College
Kelley Peatross	Alvin Community College

ACC Employees & Guests Present

Felicia Jimenez	Debra Fontenot	
Kyle Marasckin	Jessica Ranero-Ramirez	Kyle Stone
John Tompkins	Bryan Hinshaw	Bob Wooton
LaVonna Miller	Lilly Garcia	Alyssa Bullock
Scott Turnbough	Patty Sanchez	Cherilyn Brooks
Linnet George	John Murray, Jr.	Tonya Thompson
Harold Griffin	Jessica Eddy	Todd Anderson
Estevan Vasquez		Jason Paysse
Leigh Ann Moore		Dan Feimster
Patrick Sanger		John Jasso
Chief Ronnie Phillips		Dick Tyson

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Certification of Posting of Notice

Certification of the posting of the notice as listed in the agenda was acknowledged. Dr. Exley certified that a notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Executive Session

For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney when seeking the advice of its attorney, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071; Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072.

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 7:04 p.m.

- **Pledge**
- **Invocation**

Invocation by Regent Jim Crumm

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Comments

Chair Bel Sanchez discussed the starting conversation of the Facilities Committee and how ACC West came to be. She is so proud of the hard work put into West.

Regent Mike Pyburn praised the outcome of West and the hard work put into it. The Grand Opening was the best exposure for the College and there were a lot of elected officials that attended. The VR training arena is amazing. Congratulations to Wendy Del Bello and Team for a successful Designer Bag Bingo.

Regent Jim Crumm was amazed by the Art Reception and Designer Bag Bingo.

Regent Darren Shelton recognized the staff and Facilities Committee for their hard work with the West campus.

Secretary Patty Hertenberger applauded ACC Volleyball team for a job well done. Also, a special thanks to Dr. Vasques and Lisa Rios for revamping the fitness center. They are offering summer classes in Human Performance.

Regent Mike Hoover is thankful for everyone's hard work on West.

Regent Yvette Reyes-Hall shared a poem that she wrote about West.

Committee Reports

The committees met on April 17th. Regent Crumm provided the facilities report, which included West and Building K on target. Projects to be completed this fiscal year; Building G roof, parking lots A and B, and metal stairs.

Regent Shelton presented the budget and finance report. The committee did not meet this month but had ongoing communication with Administrators.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chair Sanchez said that she would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025, and the Grants report.

A move to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Regent Hertenberger. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Exley gave a summary that included the following:

This month is Community College month which recognizes the great things that community colleges do for students throughout the country, and we have A LOT of great things happening here!

Registration for the Fall semester opened today and today we had a Registration Blitz!!

Speaking of enrollment, here is the latest enrollment for Spring and summer Terms.

- Spring Term: 5,711 students and 46,093 credit hours (with more to come in Mini 3)
- Summer Term: 1,702 students currently enrolled for a total of 11,662 credit hours (with more to come)

On Tuesday we hosted our Grand Opening of ACC West! Several community members, local officials, and business leaders were on hand to celebrate the new location for ACC.

This project is the cumulation of months of planning and hard work coming to fruition. Special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Ebert for the leadership she provided on this project, also to all the ELT Members for their support and encouragement.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Bryan Hinshaw and the entire physical plant team for their hard work to get us to the finish line. Also, a big thank you to Trish Groth for being our feet on-the-ground leader made sure everything was in order—the setup, the decorating, and the logistics were handled with excellence.

The grand opening event was absolutely amazing so many community partners attending the event! I will say it one more time - it was amazing to see all the excitement.

This event would not have been possible without the help of so many of our staff members.

On April 16th, ACC Alum Congressman Randy Weber received the Outstanding Alumni award from the American Association of Community Colleges at its annual conference. Chair Bel Sanchez, Vice President Wendy Del Bello, and I were there to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.

Our Finz E-sports team had another strong season advancing to the team national quarterfinals this month. We still have individual players participating in the national tournament via competitions in Super Smash Brothers and Tekken.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board issued the college a \$999,500 grant from the Nursing Innovation Grant Program. These funds provide for additional support for our ACC Nursing education programs.

We are proud to announce ACC as the recipient of the 2025 RODEO Award (Recognition of Dedication to Educational Outcomes) by the Texas Success Center during the recent Pathways conference.

Approximately 600 local high school students from Alvin ISO and Pearland ISO were on campus for Discovery Day on March 28th. The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the programs and degrees available at ACC while also participating in various fun activities and enjoying the free food.

Earlier this month ACC Culinary Arts students - sponsored by Alvin Sunrise Rotary- competed in the barbecue cook-off at the Alvin Music Festival.

Process Technology students experienced a lesson in job searching during Project Interview on April 15. Volunteers from local industry conducted mock interviews and provided students feedback on how to prepare better for the "real deal" after graduation.

The Foundation hosted its third annual Designer Bag Bingo on April 10th• The event raised A LOT of money for student scholarships and program support.

We had our annual Student Art Sale this past Tuesday. Art students displayed their original work in the courtyard. The Spring Student Art Show is now on exhibit in the Student Art Gallery.

We have several upcoming performances by our Fine Arts Department. First, the Spring Jazz concert is tomorrow, April 25th in the Theatre. The Choir will have its spring concert on May 2nd and there will be a Band concert on May 4th•

Plans are in place to initiate repairs on campus which include needed work on the Building G roof, re-sealing and striping selected parking lots, and repairing metal stairwells. The cost of these repairs is funded from the remaining balance in the current budget's General Institutional Contingency fund.

This report was for information only.

Strategic Plan Report – Goal 4

Dr. Stacy Ebert, Wendy Del Bello, Beth Nelson, Kelly Klimpt, and Mr. John Matula presented the Strategic Plan Goal 4 Report. This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of Online Tutoring Services

Regent Shelton moved to authorize the President to enter a contract with Brainfuse for a period not to exceed 2 years at a rate of \$24 per hour. College staff anticipates usage of 1,400 hours per year at \$33,600.00 per year. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Facility Usage Payment

Regent Crumm moved to authorize the President to spend funds for the use of TJL's equipment and facility not to exceed \$70, 000.00 for fiscal year 2025. Seconded by Regent Pyburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Fee Changes

Regent Shelton moved to approve the change in course fees related to a curriculum change. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Authorization to Offer a BSN in Nursing

Regent Crumm moved to authorize the President to proceed with the development and submission of all required documentation for the establishment of the BSN degree program at ACC. Seconded by Regent Reyes-Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Award

Secretary Hertenberger moved for the board to formally affirm that the College is in receipt of the Final Notice of Award (THECB Award No.: 01750 in the amount of \$999,500.00) and confirms its authorization of the President to delegate the issuance of a Purchase Order for seven (7) SimVox AI Speakers from Team PCS, LLC as approved in February 20, 2025, Alvin Community College Board of Regents Meeting. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.


Financial Report Ending March 31, 2025

Regent Pyburn moved to approve the Financial Report for March 31, 2025. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary


Bel Sanchez, Chair