

**ALVIN COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2026
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin College met at a regular session on the 20th day of August at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

'Bel Sanchez	Chairman
Jim Crumm	Vice-Chair
Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Kam Marvel	Regent
Yvette Reyes-Hall	Regent
Mike Pyburn	Regent
Darren Shelton	Regent
Michael Hoover	Regent
Breah Knape	Regent

Alvin College Administration Present

Robert Exley	President, Alvin College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin College
Beth Nelson	Alvin College
John Matula	Alvin College
Kelly Klimpt	Alvin College
Rene De Leon	Alvin College
Wendy Del Bello	Alvin College

Alvin College Employees & Guests Present

Alan Phillips	Leigh Ann Moore	Anita Exley
Bryan Hinshaw	Michael Smith	Kyle Stone
Felicia Jimenez	Patrick Sanger	Misty Abraham
Haley Lovell	Marby McKinney	Billy Allan
Huff Mann	Scott Turnbough	Krista Andersen
Jessica Ranero-Ramirez	Theresa Rios	
John Murray	Lilly Garcia	
John Tompkins	Patty Sanchez	
Kyle Marasckin	Scott Turnbough	
Laurel Joseph	Doug Lauersdorf	
LaVonna Miller		

Call to Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Board Recognitions

Over the past year, Alvin College has worked hard to develop a new program with the Houston Endowment planning grant to optimize HB8 funding and apply for the second phase of the grant. Our Grants Director Lilly Garcia poured countless late nights and weekends into these submissions, making sure every detail was right and every deadline was met. Her dedication went well beyond what was asked of her, and it reflects the genuine care she brings to her work and to Alvin College. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and for the difference her efforts have made in advancing opportunities for the college and our students.

Pledge and Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Secretary Hertenberger.

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Chairman Report/Comments

Regents commented on the well-attended lectures given by Dr. Exley and Darren Shelton, the new setup at Convocation, and wished staff the best with the start of the new year.

Committee Reports

The Facilities and Finance Committees met on August 31, 2026.

Vice Chair Crumm presented the Facilities Committee report. The committee discussed roofing on Buildings S and T, installation of a surge protector for the central plant, the boiler in Building E, brick column repairs across campus, and repairs to the air-handling unit in Building S.

Regent Shelton presented the Finance Committee report. The committee discussed the proposed 2026–2027 budget.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Regent Shelton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes of the July 20, 2026 Board Workshop, the July 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, the August 10, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting, and the August 10, 2026 Board Budget Workshop; the Grants Report; the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) Grant; the Texas Workforce Commission Skills Development Fund (SDF) Grant; and the Personnel Action for the Dean of Career and Technical Programs. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- **New BSN Program:** Alvin College received approval from the Texas Board of Nursing to move forward with developing its online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, with plans to begin in the spring.
- **Fall Convocation:** Faculty and staff participated in Fall Convocation, including campus updates, breakout sessions, and division meetings in preparation for the new semester.
- **Permission to Pause:** Employees enjoyed an opportunity to relax, connect with colleagues, and spend time with puppies following Monday's convocation.
- **Community Leadership:** Dr. Exley presented adaptive leadership to the Pearland Chamber of Commerce at Alvin College West, focusing on resilient teams, navigating challenges, and fostering innovation.
- **Campus Updates & Support:** New artwork was installed in the S Building, and the college hosted a clothing drive benefiting students through the Student Resource Center.
- **State of D.C. Luncheon:** Congressmen Troy Nehls and Randy Weber discussed current federal issues and legislative activity at the August 11 luncheon.
- **Student Activities:** Incoming students participated in orientation sessions to learn about college resources and services, while Lab School students celebrated with a foam party.
- **Alvin ISD Partnership:** College administrators met with new Alvin ISD Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Mason to discuss the existing partnership and future opportunities.
- **Student Resource Center Impact:** According to the Houston Food Bank, the center served 233 students, distributed more than 63,665 meals and 76,399 pounds of food, and generated an economic impact of more than \$90,000 for the community.

This report was for information only.

Consider Approval of the President's Goals for 2026-2027

Regent Knappe moved to approve the President's Goals for 2026-2027 as presented during the August 10, 2026, Board Workshop. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

Secretary Hertenberger moved to approve the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget of \$57,288,219, as presented. Effective September 1, 2026, this budget includes a salary increase for eligible employees of 3%. Eligible employees are full-time faculty, full-time staff, and part-time staff hired on or before March 1, 2026. Faculty will receive a one-step increase and an additional pay increase that together will equal 3%. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Votes not in favor were cast by Regents Shelton, Marvel, Knappe, and Pyburn. Motion passed 5-4.

Consider Approval of the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Vice Chair Crumm moved that the Board take a record vote to propose a hearing to be held on September 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Nolan Ryan Center immediately followed by a Board meeting to consider the proposal of adopting a tax rate of \$0.162500, which is above the No New Revenue Tax Rate but not above the Voter Approval Tax Rate for FY 2026-2027. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Votes not in favor were cast by Regents Shelton, Marvel, Knappe, and Pyburn. Motion passed 5-4.

Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Cooperative Purchasing Programs

Regent Marvel moved to approve the utilization of purchasing cooperatives and interlocal agreements on an as-needed basis for authorized expenditures utilizing fiscal year 2026-2027 funds. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Annual Purchasing Requests for Fiscal Year 2027

Secretary Hertenberger moved to approve the Annual Purchasing Requests for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which includes annual contract renewals and anticipated expenditures in excess of \$100,000.00. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Votes not in favor were cast by Regents Shelton, Marvel, and Pyburn. Motion passed 6-3.

Consider Approval of FXRizzo Consulting as Staff Augmentation Project Manager During the Maintenance Tax Note

Secretary Hertenberger moved to authorize the President to negotiate and enter into a contract with FXRizzo Consulting to serve as the Staff Augmentation Project Manager for the Maintenance Tax Note for 3 years, with options to renew for up to 3 additional years. Seconded by Regent Shelton. Motion passed 9-0.

Consider Approval of the Investment Strategy

Regent Shelton moved to adopt the Investment Strategy with noted amendments for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Seconded by Regent Hoover. Regent Shelton abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed 8-0, with one abstaining.

Financial Report Ending July 31, 2026

Regent Marvel moved to approve the Financial Report for July 31, 2026. Seconded by Secretary Hertenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

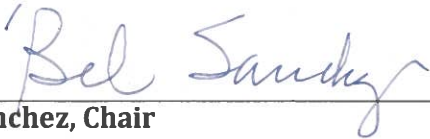
For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney when seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this Chapter, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071; or to 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; or to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

The meeting was called back into session by Chair Sanchez at 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.


Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary


Bel Sanchez, Chair