

**ALVIN COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Regents of Alvin College met in regular session on the 23rd day of September, 2026, at the Nolan Ryan Center, 2925 South Bypass 35, Alvin, Texas, immediately following the Hearing on the Proposed Tax Increase, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members, administrative personnel, and guests present:

Regents Present

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

Regents Absent

Patty Hertenberger	Secretary
Mike Pyburn	Regent

Alvin College Administration Present

Robert Exley	President, Alvin College
Stacy Ebert	Alvin College
Kelley Peatross	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

Bryan Hinshaw	LaVonna Miller	Kyle Stone
Chief Doug Lauersdorf	Leigh Ann Moore	Frank Rizzo
Estevan Vasquez	Lindsey Hindman	Melinda Laurence
Felicia Jimenez	Linet George	Genie Cox
Huff Mann	Marby McKinney	Crysta Andersen
Jessica Ranero-Ramirez	Michael Smith	Andy Tacquard
John Murray	Patrick Sanger	
John Tompkins	Scott Turnbough	
Kyle Marasckin	Theresa Rios	
Laurel Joseph		

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.

Board Recognitions

Facilities Operations Manager Melinda Laurence was recognized for her dedication and persistence in working with FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the College's insurance providers to recover expenses related to storm damage repairs. Her efforts also helped position Alvin College for a faster financial recovery following future storm events.

Executive Session

Chair Sanchez convened the Board into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

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, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072; Deliberate the evaluation of Alvin College employees, including, but not limited to, the College President's goals as related to the President's evaluation, in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

The meeting was called back into open session by Chair Sanchez at 7:12 p.m.

Pledge and Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Vice Chair Crumm.

Citizen Inquiries

There were no citizen inquiries.

Board Chairman Report/Comments

Vice Chair Crumm reported attending the state trustee conference and found it very informative. He highlighted the closing remarks, which emphasized that Alvin College is more than a community college: its mission is life-changing and its work is transformational. Regent Reyes-Hall shared a key takeaway from the conference: "We are all in this together." Regent Sheldon thanked Andy Tacquard for writing an article in the local newspaper recognizing the College. Chair Sanchez reported on serving on the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) Board and said it was an honor to represent Alvin College. Chair Sanchez especially enjoyed hearing from students at Lee College, San Jacinto College, and Alvin College, including one student who was formerly incarcerated and is now teaching.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting on August 31, 2026

Vice Chair Crumm reported on behalf of the Facilities Committee. The committee met on August 31st and received an update on the S building roof and completed projects, which include ceiling and surge protectors in T building, boiler work in E building, and AHU in S will be completed this week. Projects in progress are NRC air and the chiller in the S building, which is being rebuilt. A predictive maintenance schedule is being created for parking lots and roofs. This report was for information only.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Crumm moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes of the August 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and the September 8, 2026, Special Called Board Meeting; the Grants Report; and the Approval to Sunset the Health Information Management Program. Seconded by Regent Marvel. Motion passed unanimously / 7-0.

President's Report

- **STRIVE program:** On Sept. 8, students prepared the beds and gathered supplies for planting in the college garden outside the Science Building.
- **Dual Enrollment Career Connections:** The annual event on Sept. 12 helped students learn about their career fields and how to pursue them. Kim Stroud, mother of Houston Texans quarterback CJ Stroud, was one of the guest speakers.
- **CCATT annual conference:** Regents and college staff attended. Pediatric echocardiography student David Philo gave a speech about his experiences at Alvin College.
- **Library Speaker Series:** More than 100 people came to the first event on Sept. 10 to hear Chef Trinidad Gonzalez. He teaches in our Culinary Arts program of study and was recently on FOX's *Next Level Chef*.
- **Hell's Kitchen watch party:** The campus will host a watch party for Culinary Arts student Miguel Solis, who was selected for the latest season of *Hell's Kitchen* with Gordon Ramsay. It's on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
- **State of the College address:** Dr. Exley spoke at the North Brazoria County Chamber luncheon on Sept. 9. He covered enrollment growth, the job market, possible new programs, and the strategic plan.
- **American College of Education agreement:** An articulation agreement was signed at a ceremony on Sept. 1. It gives students a pathway to finish a bachelor's degree and begin a master's.
- **Drama Department:** Performances of *And Then There Were None* begin Oct. 10. Tickets are sold online and at the box office.
- **Upward Bound:** Manvel Mayor Dan Davis spoke with Upward Bound students about his role on Sept. 19.
- **Empty Bowls:** The annual event is Tuesday, Oct. 6, and proceeds go to Alvin Meals on Wheels.
- **Foundation Gala, Destination Opportunity:** The gala is Friday, Nov. 13. Questions about tickets or sponsorships go to Wendy Del Bello.

This report was for information only.

Fall Enrollment Report

Patrick Sanger presented the Fall Enrollment Report. This report was for information only.

Alvin College West Report

Dr. Ebert presented the Alvin College West Report. This report was for information only.

Title IX Report

John Matula presented the Title IX Report. This report was for information only.

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

Regent Marvel moved "that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.156543, which is effectively a 0.00 percent increase in the tax rate." Seconded by Regent Shelton. A record vote was taken as follows:

Regent	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chair 'Bel Sanchez	X	☐	☐	☐
Vice Chair Dr. Jim Crumm	X	☐	☐	☐
Secretary Dr. Patty Hertenberger	☐	☐	☐	X
Regent Yvette Reyes-Hall	X	☐	☐	☐
Regent Mike Pyburn	☐	☐	☐	X
Regent Darren Shelton	X	☐	☐	☐
Regent Michael Hoover	X	☐	☐	☐
Regent Breah Knape	X	☐	☐	☐
Regent Kam Marvel	X	☐	☐	☐
Total	7	0	0	2

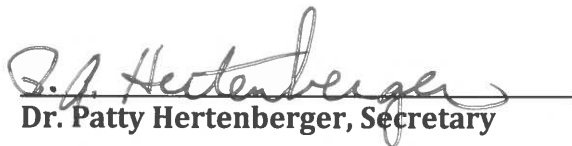
Motion passed 7-0, with at least 60 percent of the governing body (six of nine Regents) voting in favor of the adoption of the tax rate.

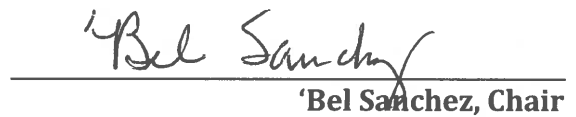
Financial Report Ending August 31, 2026

Regent Shelton moved to approve the Financial Report for August 31, 2026. Seconded by Regent Knape. Motion passed unanimously / 7-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.


Dr. Patty Hertenberger, Secretary


'Bel Sanchez, Chair