

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College  
January 13, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Dr. Todd Smith – Chairman; Mr. Bob Ferguson – Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Ann Wilson – Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Vicki Pennington, and Mr. James Brock.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, Vice President of Administration; Mr. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police; Mrs. Melissa Elliott, Director of Financial Aid; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Mr. David Parkman of *Edgin, Parkman, Fleming, and Fleming, PC* and Mr. Daniel Walker, from *The Vernon Daily Record*.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

### Action Item A

Mrs. Mindi Flynn presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of December 31, 2020*. Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennington, to approve the Vernon College year to date and monthly financial and investment reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item B

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the *2019-2020 Audit Prepared by Edgin, Parkman, Fleming, and Fleming, PC* of Wichita Falls, Texas presented by David Parkman, CPA. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item C

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the *SACSCOC Substantive Change Regarding Deactivation of the Surgical Technology Certificate of Completion* as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item D

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the updated Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Legal Policy Updates and Consideration of *TASB UPDATE 40 Local Policies* as recommended by TASB Policy Service and presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item E

Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to *Accept the Resignation of a Vernon College Board of Trustee Anne Spears*. She has relocated outside of the College's taxing district and this is in alignment with TASB Policy of BBC. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item F

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to elect to appoint a replacement for the vacant Board of Trustee position at the February 10, 2021 regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Action Item G

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the three *Tax Resale Deeds* as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items – No items to discuss.

2021-2022 Tuition/Fee increase discussion – Dr. Johnston discussed the 2021-2022 Tuition and Fee increase proposal stating that there would be no tuition or fee increases for Wilbarger County residences. For all other locations, the suggestion of a \$10 increase in the institutional service fees but no increase in tuition. This will be a February agenda item.

2020 IT Management Review – Dr. Johnston presented the IT Management Annual Review. He reminded the Board that this report is presented every January and the College continues to be pleased with what Run Business Solutions does for our infrastructure, our needs, and day-to-day operations. The review shows a comprehensive summary of all that they do.

Student Success Data Fact – Mrs. Harkey presented the Student Success Data Fact for this month on the History of Vernon College Focus on Student Success. This started back in 2009-10 when it was called the Student Success Initiative at a Glance. It is a good collection of information about the College and a useful document. Each fall, components of the College have the opportunity to add information as they are completing their annual action plans for the previous year. It is also referred to as a resume for the college. It also was a very important piece of evidence for the 10-year report to SACSCOC.

Athletic Scholarship report – Dr. Johnston presented the athletic scholarship report. Most of the athletic budgets show that they are just below half of what they have expended. The Volleyball, Softball and Baseball teams have started showing up on campus this week. Rodeo will be next week. At this point, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) have not called off any spring sports.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) On-site Registration: Vernon: January 12, 2021 – Wichita Falls: January 13-14, 2021
- (2) Spring 2021 Classes begin – Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- (3) Vernon College Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting – CCC/WF – 10:00 am Thursday, January 21, 2021
- (4) TCCTA Conference – Virtual – February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021
- (5) February Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Vernon campus – Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- (6) Vernon College Foundation On-line Auction – March 9-11, 2021

Dr. Johnston presented the Philanthropic Report/Outside Grants Report.

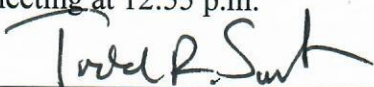
There were no personnel changes this month.

Closed Session: Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to go into closed session at 12:24 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074, to discuss personnel or other items under this section of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to reconvene at 12:53 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

There being no further business Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennington, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Ann Wilson, Secretary