

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College  
January 10, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Mr. Bob Ferguson – Chairman; Mrs. Ann Wilson – Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Betsy Smith – Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Jamie Chapman, Mrs. Meg Heatly and Mr. James Brock.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, Vice President of Administration; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness/SACSCOC Liaison; Mr. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guest present was Mr. Bill Humphrey of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

Chairman Ferguson 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 13, 2023 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. Flynn presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of December 31, 2023*. Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to approve the Vernon College year to date and monthly financial and investment reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item B

Dr. Johnston presented the *TASB Legal Policy Updates* for review and for consideration of *TASB UPDATE 44 Local Policies*. Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt, approving to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual 46. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item C

There were no *Tax Resale Deeds* received for approval this month.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items – Dr. Johnston stated registration for the Spring session has been going on since November and on-site registration was held this Monday and Tuesday at Vernon and Century City campuses. The count came in at just under 1900. The numbers will change and the actual count won't be until after the 12<sup>th</sup> class day. He will share the academic enrollment number with the Board at that time.

2024-2025 Tuition/Fee increase Discussion – Dr. Johnston discussed the 2024-2025 Tuition and Fee increase stating, this will be the third year in a row that the Administrative Team will not recommend an increase in tuition and fees. He stated the main reason is we don't want to put up any additional barriers to enrollment.

Student Success Data Fact – Dr. Beauchamp presented the CB 116-Individual Graduate Follow-up Results for 2021- 2022, as the Student Success Data Fact for this month. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) sends out the CB 116 report. This gives colleges the opportunity to find students' success after graduation that the Coordinating Board was not able to find. A follow-up report is sent back to THECB that improves our student success rate above 80%. He stated we did good this year to improve the percentage 90% and above.

Athletic Scholarship report – Dr. Johnston presented the Athletic Scholarship Report for the fall 2023 semester. The report shows the amount of money invested in scholarships, and where the programs stand as far as availability of funds. The students spend this money only at Vernon College, which helps with enrollment and state funding!

2023 IT Management review – Dr. Johnston reported on the annual review. He highlighted on the achievements, challenges and future plans of the IT department at Vernon College for the year 2023.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) On-site Final Registration: Vernon: January 8, 2024 – Wichita Falls: January 9, 2024
- (2) Spring 2024 Classes begin – Wednesday, January 17, 2024
- (3) Vernon College Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting – Vernon – Thursday, January 18, 2024
- (4) February Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Vernon campus – Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- (5) TCCTA Conference – Frisco, TX – February 29 – March 2, 2024
- (6) Vernon College Foundation On-line Auction – March 5-7, 2024

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

Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the personnel changes as recommended by Dr. Johnston and detailed on item 6 B Personnel Information Sheet. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Employment

1. Keely Kieschnick, Classified III, Administrative Assistant – Business Office – Vernon Campus, effective January 8, 2024
2. Andrea Mirasol, Coordinator of Community and Recreational Services – Century City Center, effective January 9, 2024

B. Internal Transfer

3. Kari Redlich, to Full-time Vocational Nursing Instructor – Century City Center, from Part-time Vocational Nursing Instructor, effective January 2, 2024


Closed Session: Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to go into closed session at 12:15 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 Mrs. Smith, to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

There being no further business Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brock, to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

  
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Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman

  
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Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary