

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College
March 11, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Mrs. Ann Wilson – Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Betsy Smith – Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. James Brock, Mrs. Meg Heatly and Mr. Daryl Wolf. Absent were: Mr. Bob Ferguson – Chairman, and Mrs. Jamie Chapman.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Shana Drury, Vice President of Instructional Services; Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President of Student Services; 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. Guests present were Mr. Rick Sims of *BYSParchitect*; Mr. Ed King of *Government Capital*; Mr. Wendell Olson and Mr. Ray Cochran of *Coryell Roofing*; Mr. Randy Young of *Duro-Last*; and Mr. Mike Chacanaca of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

Vice Chairman Ann Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the February 11, 2026 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

Dr. Johnston presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of February 28, 2026*. Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the Vernon College year to date and monthly financial and investment reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolf, to consider the approval to *Issue a Request for Proposal for an Electrical Upgrade to the Large Residence Hall*. Mr. Rick Sims of BYSP presented the request for proposal for an electrical upgrade to the large residence hall. He provided a list of the upgrades and the cost estimate and time frame. Dr. Johnston added the notice will be sent out and we will open bids on site and they will be brought to the April meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Wolf made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to consider approval of *Revenue Bonds to Finance the Roof Project at Century City Center* as presented. Mr. Ed King of Government Capital explained the revenue bond process to approve the \$3,058,000 order authorizing the issuance of Wilbarger County Junior College district consolidated fund revenue bonds, series 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Mr. Wolf made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the *Contract with Coryell Roofing to Provide New Roofing for the Century City Center Building* as presented. Mr. Wendell Olson of Coryell Roofing provided information on the proposed process and cost to replace the roof at the cost of \$3,027,999.81 at Century City Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item E

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolf, to approve the *Purchase of a New Vehicle for Vernon College Transportation* – a 2026 Suburban from Vernon Auto Group at the cost of \$63,917.71. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item F

Mr. Wolf made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to consider approval to *Purchase ZogoTech Software* and contract for five years as presented. It is designed to address one of the most critical needs in student success and institutional funding as presented by Dr. Johnston and Vice President Dr. Criquett Chapman. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item G

Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly, for the consideration of the *Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Homeland Security Grant*. The proposed grant is to fund replacement of building security doors on the external doors of the Vernon Campus buildings. In order to apply, the Resolution must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police, is designated as the grantee's authorized official. Mindi Flynn, Vice President of Administrative Services, is designated as the grantee's financial officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item H

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly, to consider approval of the resale of the following tax foreclosure property held in trust by the City of Vernon. The motion carried unanimously.

- Parcel R5057, bidder, Frog and Toad Properties, LLC for the amount of \$2,000.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items

King Farm update –

Dr. Johnston gave an update on the King Farm stating, years ago Dr. King donated some farmland in the far Western panhandle which we leased to one person for many years, who then retired. We now lease to two tenants. It is not the top farmland. It has not rained in a while so they have not done well. We hope they continue to lease for another year.

Faculty Senate update – The Faculty Senate is formed. There are four units – Behavior sciences, Social sciences, Math and Science, Humanities Communication and all CTE. Each have three representatives, they elect two, Dr. Johnston appoints one from names they recommended. So, there are 12 faculty members. Dr. Johnston also appoints a President, Vice President and a Secretary where he also asked for a recommendation. They will have a first meeting after Spring Break. They will revamp the constitution according to SB37.

Student Success Data Fact –

Spring 2026 Enrollment Snapshot – Dr. Beauchamp presented the Spring 1, 6-week 2026 Enrollment Snapshot. He went over the snapshot which gives information on student enrollment percentages, demographics, locations and trends.

History of VC Focus on Student Success – Dr. Beauchamp also presented the History of VC Focus.

Departments document their efforts towards Student Success each year. It is used for reports, internal processes and SACS.

Dr. Johnston presented the Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- (1) Vernon College Theater production – *The Butleress* – March 26-28 @ 7:00 pm – Vernon College Auditorium
- (2) Easter Eggstravaganza – photos with Easter Bunny and Chappie – Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – 4:00 pm-5:30 pm – Vernon Campus
- (3) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 11:30 am Vernon Campus
- (4) Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 10:00 am – Century City Center
- (5) Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 6:30 pm – MEPC – Wichita Falls
- (6) Sports Banquet – Monday, May 4, 2026 – 6:00 pm – Wilbarger Auditorium
- (7) Commencement – Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm – Kay Yeager Coliseum, Wichita Falls
 - 4:30 pm Graduate Check-in - all students
 - 5:30 pm Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
 - 6:00 pm Graduation – All students
- (8) ADN Pinning – Friday, May 8, 2026 – 10:30 am – Wilbarger Auditorium

Dr. Johnston presented the Philanthropic Report/Outside Grants Report
There were no minutes from Faculty/Staff/Student Organizations.

Personnel

Motion # 1 – Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the personnel changes as recommended by Dr. Johnston and detailed on item 6 Personnel Information Sheet. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Changes

1. Resignation:

a. Bruce “BJ” Smith, Maintenance Specialist, Century City Center, effective March 13, 2026

Motion # 2 – Mr. Wolf made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Reappointments, Pending Probation, and Non-Reappointments of Faculty for 2026-2027. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2026-2027

1. Faculty Reappointments
2. Faculty (pending completion of probation)
3. Faculty Non-Reappointments

There being no further business Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolf, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.



Mrs. Ann Wilson, Vice Chairman



Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary