

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES Vernon College May 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 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. Daryl Wolf, Mrs. Jamie Chapman, Mr. James Brock and Mrs. Meg Heatly.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Shana Drury, Vice President of Instructional Services; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, Vice President of Administration; Dr. Roxie Hill, Vice President of Information Systems and Technology/Chief Information Security Officer; Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness/SACSCOC Liaison; Mr. Steven Underhill, Business Management Instructor/Faculty Senate President; Mrs. Betty Hutchins, Dean of Continuing Education; Ms. Colleen Moore, Director of Enrollment Management/Registrar; Mrs. Jeanne Ballard, Director of Financial Aid; Mrs. Kelly Miller, Director of Student Success; Mrs. Delilah Fowler, Student Success Specialist; Mr. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President.

Mr. Ferguson, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present for public comment.

Item A

Qualify Newly Elected Board Members -

Newly elected board members James Brock, Place #1 and Betsy Smith, Place #2 completed the Statement of Officer form. Sworn in by President, Dr. Dusty Johnston, they took the Oath of Office, and were issued a Certificate of Election. Both members were elected during the May 2, 2026 Vernon College Trustee Election. Mr. Brock was unopposed and Mrs. Smith was challenged by another opponent.

Action Item B

Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolf to approve the Recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the slate of board officers to serve 2026 to 2028 as presented by Mr. Wolf. The nominating committee appointed the same officers as is. Bob Ferguson - Chairman, Ann Wilson – Vice Chairman, and Betsy Smith - Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mrs. Flynn presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of April 30, 2026*. Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the *2026 Continuing Education and Summer Kids College Schedule* as presented by Mrs. Bettye Hutchins, Dean of Instructional Services, including proposed tuition and fees, and to authorize the Dean of Instructional Services to set tuition and fees for any additional classes that may develop during the summer term. Mrs. Heatly abstained from voting, due to her son being one of the instructors. The motion carried.

Action Item E

Mr. Wolf made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve making a purchase proposal to Wichita County for the Sprague Building in the amount of \$300,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item F

There were no Tax Resale Deeds held in Trust by the City of Vernon to approve.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items – Chairman Ferguson requested to add a discussion matter concerning adding more security to Vernon College with all the new data center people coming in to Vernon. Dr. Johnston stated it would be added to next month's meeting as a discussion item.

Dr. Johnston reminded the Board of the 2026 Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) Annual Conference in Houston on September 17-19, 2026. If anyone would like to join he and James Brock, please let him know.

Vernon College Foundation meeting update – Dr. Johnston presented the highlights of the Foundation Quarterly Meeting held on April 16, 2026 in the Joe Chat Sumner Conference Room at Century City Center in Wichita Falls. The Directors approved an increased grant of \$30,000 for the 2026-2027 New Beginnings Program; and an increased grant of \$36,000 for the 2026-2027 First Gen – VC Program. Dr. Johnston gave his updated report; Mrs. Stephanie Mescher provided a student spotlight on Cassandra Vasquez. Mrs. Mindi Flynn presented the Foundation's Financial Statements for the period September 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026. Ms. Michelle A. Alexander presented the Philanthropic Report for the period September 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

Budget Update – Dr. Johnston presented Draft 2 of the 2026-2027 Budget. The budget is \$636,153 from being balanced. Work has started on draft 3 by making cuts and going through the revenues. Most of the increase consists of salaries and technology. Draft 3 will tell us a little more.

2025-2026 Athletic Scholarship Award report – Dr. Johnston presented this report stating it is provided annually to the Board to see what is budgeted.

Dr. Beauchamp presented the 2026-2027 Annual Planning Calendar as the Student Success Data Fact for this month. He pointed out that the annual planning calendar is laid out in columns, first column - activities completed for 2025-26; second column - activities in progress; third column - reviews, approvals and adoptions; and fourth column - strategic plan and long-term objectives – both the third and fourth columns are laid out for the next five years.

Student Highlight – Delilah Fowler, Student Success Specialist, presented Jace Collins as the Student Highlight of the month. Jace graduated from Wichita Falls High School. He is a dance instructor at Dance Etc. where he teaches Hip Hop and just got certified in acrobatic arts. He started out on Academic Probation and wasn't sure what he wanted to do. He improved every semester and was at 3.026 GPA, now sitting at 3.224. Jace will graduate Vernon College in August 2026 pursuing a BA in Psychology.

TASB 51 updates will be sent out to the Board to be reviewed and brought to the June board meeting for approval.

Dr. Johnston reminded the Board of the July Board Retreat/Monthly meeting agenda set for July 8, 2026 on the Vernon Campus from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon including lunch from 12 to 1:00 followed by a regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. for any action items.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. – Vernon Campus
- (2) CE Completion Ceremony – Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – MPEC – Wichita Falls
- (3) Law Enforcement Academy Badging Ceremony – Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – MPEC – Wichita Falls

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

Faculty Senate Minutes – The president presented the minutes from the April 10, 2026 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Personnel – Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the following personnel changes as detailed on Item 6 Personnel information sheet and recommended by the President. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

A. Reassignment

1. Carlton “Kent” Drury, from part time CDL Truck Driving Instructor to full time CDL Truck Driving Instructor, Vernon Campus, effective May 1, 2026

B. Resignation

1. Carlee Potter, Assistant Rodeo Coach, Vernon Campus, effective April 30, 2026
2. Amanda Luevano, Classified III-Testing, Century City Center, effective May 15, 2026
3. Samantha Samano, General Ledger Accountant, Vernon Campus, effective May 30, 2026

C. Retirement

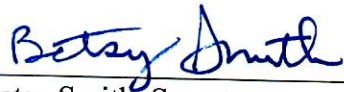
1. Betty Hutchins, Dean of Instructional Services, Century City Center, effective October 31, 2026

D. Consider Reappointment

1. Coaches/Assistant Coaches for 2026-2027

There being no further business Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.


Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman


Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary