

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College
December 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 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, 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. Criquett Chapman, Vice President of Student Services; Mrs. Bettye Hutchins, Dean of Instructional Services; Mrs. Kristin Harris, Dean of Student Services; Ms. Colleen Moore, Director of Enrollment Management/Registrar; Mrs. Jackie Polk, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Jeanne Ballard, Director of Financial Aid; Mrs. Holly Scheller, Coordinator of Marketing and Community Relations; Mrs. Kelly Miller, Student Success Pathway Director; Dr. Donnie Kirk, Director of Quality Enhancement; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness/SACSCOC Liaison; Mrs. Rachel White, Director of PASS Department/Coordinator Students with Disabilities; Mr. Ken Boatman, Police Officer; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Auditors Mr. Jeff Graham, and Mr. Garrett Mayes, with Condley and Company, LLP; Ms. Emily Chong with Crusoe Energy; Mrs. Monica Wilkinson and Mr. Darrell Kennon with City of Vernon; Mr. Bob Souweid with Bora Petroleum Inc; and Mr. Bill Humphrey of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the November 9, 2022 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 November 30, 2022*. Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the Vernon College year to date monthly financial and investment reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to approve the *2021-2022 Vernon College Audit prepared by Condley and Company LLP* and publically presented by auditors Mr. Graham and Mr. Mayes. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the *2023-2027 Strategic Plan* presented by Dr. Beauchamp. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Ms. Chong with *Crusoe Energy* presented the company's plans to construct an energy data center connected to the Electra Windfarm, in three phases. Crusoe Energy is requesting a tax abatement from Vernon College. Mr. Holt made the motion to approve the Crusoe Energy abatement application. There was not a second motion, so the motion failed. Mr. Holt then made the motion to table for further discussion, Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item E

There were no *Tax Resale Deeds* to present.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items – Dr. Johnston shared with the Board that he has received many “thank you” cards from employees for the \$25 United gift cards given to all full time employees. These gift cards are given in lieu of a company Christmas Party.

Hasanour Investments, LLC (Vernon Travel Center) tax abatement request – Mr. Bob Souweid with Bora Petroleum Inc. made his presentation for discussion requesting approval of a tax abatement. He described the plans to build a travel center on the old Gibson's Discount Center site off Hwy 287. He stated his application has been received from the City of Vernon and Wilbarger County.

TASB 44 review – Dr. Johnston stated the website access has changed requiring new passwords. He will inform the Board as soon as the site is available for review.

Review of 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Final Summary – Dr. Beauchamp presented the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Final Summary stating it is a summary of last year's plans. It is listed by priority initiative for each component of the college. It ties in to the budget, time and effort, and used for improvement and planning.

Annual Continuing Education Enrollment Report – Mrs. Drury presented the 2021-2022 Summary for Continuing Education courses funded by the state (funded non-credit) and the CE personal enrichment classes for community service (non-funded, non-credit). She also presented comparison charts by major programs, head count, contact hours, and total enrollment.

Student Success Data Fact – Dr. Donnie Kirk presented a summary of the Fall 2021 Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE) results as the Student Success data fact for this month. The report utilizes a three-year cohort (2019 through 2021) of participating colleges. He stated this survey is administered every other year and is a product and service of the Center for Community College Student Engagement. It helps community colleges discover why some entering students persist and succeed and others do not. There were 174 institutions that participated. Due to COVID, the survey was administered on-line. There were 72 students who reached the end of the survey. The next survey will be administered, in class, in 2023.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) College Closed for the Holidays – Friday, December 16, 2022 12:00 noon
- (2) College Re-opens for Spring Semester – Tuesday, January 3, 2023
- (3) Faculty Return/All Employee Professional Development – Monday, January 9, 2023
- (4) On-site Final Registration: Vernon: January 10, 2023 – Wichita Falls: January 11-12, 2023
- (5) January Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Vernon campus – Wednesday, January 11, 2023
- (6) Spring 2023 Classes begin – Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- (7) Vernon College Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting – Wichita Falls – Thursday, January 19, 2023
- (8) TCCTA Conference –Houston, TX – March 2-4, 2023

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

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

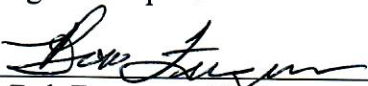
1. Employment
 - a. No December hires
2. Reassignment
 - a. Jose Nieto-Morales from Maintenance to Painter, CCC, effective January 1, 2023
3. Resignation
 - a. Nick Long, EMS Coordinator – CCC, effective December 30, 2022
4. Consider Reappointment
 - a. Robert Blakley, Volleyball Coach for 2023

Closed Session: Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to go into closed session at 1:30 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. Holt, to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

There being no further business Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m.



Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman



Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary