

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College  
March 12, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 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. James Brock, Mrs. Jamie Chapman, Mrs. Meg Heatly and Mr. Daryl Wolf.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Shana Drury, Vice President of Instructional Services; Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President of Student Services; 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. Guests present were Mr. Rick Sims of *BYSParchitects* and Mr. Mike Chacanaca of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

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

### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the February 12, 2025 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

Vice President Flynn presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of February 28, 2025*. Mr. Brock 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

Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to consider the *Proposals for the Residence Hall Renovation*. The selection committee recommended the proposal from Anthony Inman Construction to complete the renovation of the campus residence halls at a cost of \$2,137,000 plus an additional \$23,000 to specifically use Trinity HVAC as a subcontractor. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item C

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the *Deactivation of Cosmetology Instructor Program* as presented by Vice President Drury. The motion carried unanimously.

### President's Report/Board Discussion Items –

Dr. Johnston announced that the Community College Association of Texas Trustees, (CCATT) reached out asking if our board chair or a board member was interested in serving the vacated position of a past board member until the end of term in September. Mr. Brock accepted and if interested may then run to serve a two-year term on the CCATT Board.

The President also reminded the board to complete the 2025 Board Self-Reflection Survey if they have not done so already.

### King Farm update –

Vice President Flynn gave an update on the King Farm stating the lease has two tenants in Baily county at Muleshoe, Texas. One tenant operates a conservation reserve program which is protected grass land. That program is in contract with the federal government until 2028, so that portion is doing very well. The other tenant reported that there has been very little rainfall and the ground is very salty. She's had trouble getting anything to grow or keep cattle on it. Her contract is up next summer and hopefully they get rain soon.



## Student Success Data Fact –

*Spring 2025 Enrollment Snapshot* – Dr. Beauchamp presented the Spring 1, 6-week 2025 Enrollment Snapshot. He went over the snapshot which gives information on student enrollment percentages, demographics, locations and trends.

Dr. Johnston presented the Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- (1) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – 11:30 a.m. Vernon Campus
- (2) Easter Eggstravaganza – photos with Easter Bunny and Chappie – April 15 – 4:00 pm-5:30 pm - Vernon Campus
- (3) Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – Vernon campus
- (4) Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 6:30 pm – King Gym – Vernon Campus
- (5) Sports Banquet – Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Calvary Baptist Church
- (6) Vernon College Theater production – *Macbeth* – May 1-3, 2025 – Vernon College Auditorium, 7pm
- (7) Commencement – Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 6:00 pm – Kay Yeager Coliseum, Wichita Falls
  - 4:30 p.m. Graduate Check-in – All students
  - 5:30 p.m. Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
  - 6:00 p.m. Graduation – All students
- (8) ADN Pinning – Friday, May 9, 2025 – 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** – Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolf 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. Jessie Mejia, Maintenance Specialist, Vernon Campus, effective February 22, 2025
- b. Mark Cisneros, Student Success Specialist - Century City Center, effective March 14, 2025

#### 2. Retirement:

- a. Ray Carr, Maintenance Supervisor, Vernon Campus, Effective March 31, 2025

**Motion # 2** – Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly to approve the Reappointment of Faculty for 2025-2026. The motion carried unanimously.

### B. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2025-2026

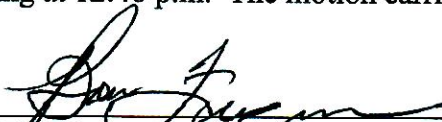
- a. Faculty Reappointments
- b. Faculty (pending completion of probation)


Closed Session: Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to go into closed session at 12:10 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. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to reconvene at 12:45 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

## No Action

There being no further business Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman

  
Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary