



**Temple College Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lydia Santibañz-Farrell, Chair; Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins; Harry Adams, Secretary; John Bailey; Dr. Jack Myers; Dr. Hope Koch; Dr. Mark, Durham; Dr. Alejandro Arroliga; Larry Wilkerson, Vice Chair

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Christy Ponce, President; Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño, Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services; Dr. Lorenzo Reyes, Vice President of Resource Development and External Relations; Glenn Graham, Chief Financial Officer/Vice President, Administrative Services; DeDe Griffith, Vice President, Workforce Development

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Chris Krejci, Dan Brown, Dr. Derek Mudd, Monica LeFrier, Amy Hodges, Jeff Troy, Dr. Robbin Ray, Jeff Fritz, John Stevens, Melissa Green, Stephen Norris, Laura Hutchins, Colby Whorton, David Miller, Arturo Reyes, Priscilla Santana, Dana Riegal, Elizabeth Chivers, Melody Sanders, Jon Burrows, Lance English, Laura English, Kenneth English, Craig McMurtry, Tracey Cooper, Mike Woods, Erin Tilton, Esther Crawford, Caleb Hogue, Jennifer Douglass, Susie Douglass, Davis Douglass, Jeremy Graham, Molly Peterson, Patrick Finnegan, Cindy Finnegan, Treva Askey, DeDe Griffith, Isaac Masoner, Cienna McMurry, Dr. Juanita Lockett

1. **Call to Order**

The Temple College Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

John Bailey offered the invocation.

Dr. Mark Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board**

Citizens who desire to address the Board on any matter listed on the agenda may sign up to do so prior to this meeting.

No discussion or final action will be taken by the Board. Are there any citizens signed up to address the Board regarding a topic on tonight's agenda?

Mr. Jon Burrows stated he supported the Temple College Bond. He presented the benefits of the new Bond, the strengths of the Board, the needs of the community, and shared the Temple College programs currently offered, and will be able to provide for the community.

#### **4. Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Next Item is the Consideration of Topics for Discussion and/or Action.

Are there any items that the members want to remove from the Consent Agenda? If there are no objections, these items will be considered. (After pausing for any objections)

Motion to approve was made by Dr. Myers, and seconded by Mr. Harry Adams. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

#### **5. Consideration of Approval of Disbursements for March 2026**

The Approval of Disbursements was recommended by the Temple College Board. John Bailey provided disbursements for March 2026.

Mr. Bailey found the disbursements for March 2026 to be in order.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. John Bailey, and seconded by Mr. Larry Wilkerson. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

#### **6. Student and Faculty Spotlights**

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño was called on to present Student and Faculty Spotlights.

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño called on Dr. Sandra Melendez, who introduced SkillsUSA students for their recent accomplishments.

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño called on Dr. Kris Krejci, who introduced Faculty spotlight, Melissa Green, Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre.

Item 9.A. was taken out of order. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño was called for Consideration of Approval of Faculty Recommended for Tenure, effective Fall 2026: Dr. Derck Mudd; Dr. Melissa Parker; Priscilla Santana; Daniel Brown; Dr. Audra Xenakis; Lance English; Jennifer Douglas; Jeremy Graham; Dr. Molly Peterson.

Motion approved by Dr. Myers, seconded by Dr. Arroliga. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

#### **7. President's Report**

Dr. Ponce provided the Board and the community with an update on the Temple College Health Sciences Building, the last of the 2021 Bond projects that is nearly complete. Date of occupancy is May 15, 2026, and completely moved in by July for our August start date.

Dr. Ponce thanked team members for everything they do throughout the year, and for being engaged with the communities that Temple College serves. This includes Chamber events, fundraisers, and school district events. Dr. Ponce shared that team members went with local Superintendents to Rural Pathways in Pennsylvania to work on designing pathways for students in rural communities. Temple College Team Members continue to meet with Superintendents on monthly calls, check-ins, webinars, and stay engaged to implement their creative ideas into a proposal, which has been submitted to the Moody Foundation. Dr.

Ponce acknowledged the work of Dr. Reyes, Dr. Guzmán-Treviño, and Rosa Berreles-Acosta.

Dr. Ponce thanked Dr. Robin Ray and the outreach team for the Hutto Open House, congratulated the Fine Arts Team for their successful Jazz Festival, and invited everyone to the Visual Arts Gallery showing.

Dr. Ponce shared that the Temple College Graduation is on May 16, at 10 a.m.

After Dr. Ponce's report, Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell congratulated and recognized Dr. Ponce for receiving the National Student Success Award, and the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction.

## **8. Reports**

8. A. Dr. Christopher Krejci provided the Faculty Council Report. Dr. Krejci shared that the faculty have concluded their GIFTs presentations, which included a survey to solicit information about faculty research. Faculty are busy wrapping up the semester, planning for graduation, and planning for summer classes.

8. B. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño provided the Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services Report, which included a Caring Campus update, Temple College Kudos, and Texas Core Curriculum, which provided information for Agenda Item 9.C.

8. C. Ms. DeDe Griffith was called on to provide the Vice President of Workforce Development Report. There was no report for this meeting.

8. D. Mr. Glenn Graham provided the Vice President & CFO, Administrative Services Report. Mr. Graham provided a brief overview of Bond funds and Budgeted Funds.

## **9. New Business**

9. A. provided earlier.

9. B. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño was called for Consideration of Approval of the Faculty Development Leave Grant for 2026-2027. Dr. Krejci announced Dr. Troy was selected for this grant.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. John Bailey, and seconded by Mr. Harry Adams. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

9. C. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño was called for Consideration of Approval of Temple College Core Curriculum Updates for 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Motion to approve was made by Dr. Jack Myers, seconded by Dr. Mark Durham. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried. All in favor say "I."

9. D. Mr. Glenn Graham was called for Consideration and Approval of

Purchase of Facility of Conditions Assessment, which is over \$50,000, for older buildings.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Harry Adams, and seconded by Mr. Larry Wilkerson. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

**10. Miscellaneous**

Item 10. There were no miscellaneous items.

**11. Executive Session to Consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate**

Item 11. There was not a need for an Executive Session.

**12. Adjournment**

ITEM 12. The time was 8:05 p.m. Motion to approve adjournment was made by Dr. Jack Myers, and seconded by Dr. Alejandro Arroliga. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.