



TEMPLE COLLEGE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Larry Wilkerson, Chair; Dr. Alejandro Arroliga, Vice Chairman; Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, Secretary (Virtual); Mr. Harry Adams; Mr. John Bailey; Dr. Hope Koch; Dr. John (Jack) Myers; Dr. Mark Durham; Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell, Immediate Past Chair (Virtual)
ADMINISTRATION	Dr. Christy Ponce, President; Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs and Student Services; Dr. Lorenzo Reyes, Vice President, Resource Development and External Relations; Mr. Glenn Graham, Vice President and CFO, Administrative Services
OTHERS PRESENT	Caleb Hogue; John White; Tracey Cooper; Chris Krejci; Shannon Bralley; Cynthia Gonzales; Laura Hutchens; Juanita Lockett; Nancy Eaton; Mr. Eaton; Martha Richey; Guru Rajkumar; Drs. Rajkumar; Dr. Eva Munguia; Denise Oliver; Leah Mikulastik; Jeff Fritz

Item 1. Call to Order

Mr. Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Harry Adams offered the invocation, and Dr. John (Jack) Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board

Mr. Wilkerson read the following public comment notice:

"Citizens who desire to address the Board on any matter listed on the agenda may sign up to do so prior to this meeting. Public Comments will be received during this portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to three minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the Board."

No citizens addressed the Board.

Item 10. Executive Session to Consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate (Taken Out of Order)

Mr. Wilkerson took Item 10 out of order, and the Board entered a brief executive session to consider personnel, legal matters, or real estate. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:21 p.m. No decisions were made during the executive session.

Item 4. Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Wilkerson presented the consent agenda. Dr. Hope Koch requested that the July 20, 2026 minutes be revised to state that Item 7.F. had been tabled so the Investment Policy could be included in the Board packet for Board review.

Motion: Dr. John (Jack) Myers moved to approve the consent agenda as amended; Dr. Mark Durham seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Student, Faculty, and Staff Member Spotlights

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño and Ms. Martha Richey presented the Student, Faculty, and Staff Member Spotlights.

A. Student Spotlight

Guru Rajkumar was recognized for presenting his mathematics research at the Geometry Labs United Conference in June 2026.

B. Faculty Spotlight

Ms. Nancy Eaton was recognized upon her retirement after 18 years of service to Temple College.

C. Employee Spotlight

Dr. Eva Munguia was recognized for her leadership as project director for the STEM grant activities.

Item 6. President's Report

Dr. Christy Ponce presented the President's Report and shared the following updates:

- The fall semester began with continued enrollment growth, including more than 2,700 dual-credit students.
- All College Day featured guest speaker Jeff McManus and activities celebrating Temple College's centennial year.
- Caring Campus initiatives and Elevate EDU professional development opportunities continued for faculty and staff.
- Summer programming included Temple College camps, white coat ceremonies, and Dual Credit and TBI SPOTS Camp activities.
- Preparations continued for the Centennial Gala on September 22, 2026.
- Dr. Ponce reviewed House Bill 8 state appropriations and Temple College's increased performance metrics.
- Construction updates included the opening of the Health Science Building and the start of planning for new facilities.
- Temple College received a Meta Community Action Grant supporting the AI Innovation Lab and related professional development.

Item 7. Reports

A. Faculty Council Report

Dr. Chris Krejci reported on the first Faculty Senate meeting and its new configuration of standing, special, and college committees. He also discussed efforts to strengthen faculty voice, monthly town hall meetings, three Barnhart awards, and the Faculty Concerns Committee.

B. Academic Affairs and Student Services Report

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño reported on Caring Campus Culture Champions; mental health and wellness services; the Mental Health Center; a visit from a Texas Pathways coach; summer camps; the Embedded and Dual Flex Academy; and Biology Boot Camp.

C. Financial Report

Mr. Glenn Graham presented the Financial Report for July 2026.

D. Development and External Relations Report

Ms. Dana Riegel reported on the 2026 Foundation scholarship awards, the Centennial Gala, and the 2026 golf tournament.

Item 8. New Business

A. Faculty Title Changes for Fall 2026

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño requested consideration and approval of faculty title changes for Fall 2026.

Motion: Mr. John Bailey moved to approve; Dr. Alejandro Arroliga seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

B. Purchase of Six GE Healthcare LOGIQ Totus R5 Ultrasound Consoles

Mr. Graham requested consideration and approval of the purchase of six new GE Healthcare LOGIQ Totus R5 ultrasound consoles for the new Health Science sonography laboratory.

Motion: Dr. Hope Koch moved to approve; Dr. John (Jack) Myers seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate

Mr. Graham requested consideration and approval to conduct a public hearing on the FY 2027 Temple College budget and the 2026 tax rate.

Motion: Dr. John (Jack) Myers moved to approve; Dr. Mark Durham seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

D. Final Budget Amendment for FY 2026

Mr. Graham presented the final budget amendment for FY 2026. No action was taken.

E. FY 2026-2027 Budget

Mr. Graham requested consideration and approval of the FY 2026-2027 budget.

Motion: Dr. Hope Koch moved to approve; Mr. John Bailey seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution Setting the Temple College 2026 Tax Rate

Mr. Graham requested consideration and approval of a resolution setting the Temple College 2026 tax rate.

Motion: Mr. Harry Adams moved to approve; Dr. John (Jack) Myers seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Miscellaneous

Mr. Wilkerson explained that the Board Chair recommends Board committee assignments for the coming year. The committee assignments and the 2026-2027 Board meeting calendar were distributed.

The Board congratulated Dr. Shannon Bralley on earning her doctoral degree.

Item 11. Adjournment

Motion: At 7:38 p.m., Dr. Hope Koch moved to adjourn; Dr. John (Jack) Myers seconded.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.