



**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Monday, February 16, 2026, 6:00 PM**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Temple College was held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Sharon Wilson Board Room, Temple College 4th Floor, located in the Temple College Main Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lydia Santibañez-Farrell, Chair; Larry Wilkerson, Vice-Chair; Harry Adams, Secretary; John Bailey; Dr. Hope Koch; Dr. Jack Myers

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Shannon Bralley; Elizabeth Chivers, Tracey Cooper; Jeff Fritz; Cynthia Gonzales; Ariana Hoelscher; Laura Hutchens; Casey Know; Chris Krejci; Cynthia Martinez; Cienna McMurry; Lindsey Niehof; Erin Plaster; Rebecca Sader; Priscilla Santana; John Stevens; John White

**1. Call to Order**

Lydia Santibañez-Farrell, Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Harry Adams offered the Invocation.  
Larry Wilkerson recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Chair Santibañez-Farrell asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak before the Board. There were no citizens to address the Board.
- 4. Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda  
Chair Santibañez-Farrell asked if there were any items that the members wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. She stated that if there were no objections, these items would be considered. After pausing for any objections, she stated that since there were no objections, these items were ready for consideration.
  - A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Special Board of Trustees Meeting on February 9, 2026, the Special Board of Trustees Meeting on February 11, 2026, and the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on February 16, 2026  
Chair Santibañez-Farrell announced that the minutes for these meetings will be included in the March 23, 2026 Board agenda.

**On a motion by John Bailey, seconded by Harry Adams, and without negative vote the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.**

- 5. Consideration of Approval of Disbursements for August 2025  
**On a motion by John Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jack Myers, and without negative vote, the Board approved the Disbursements as presented.**
- 6. Student and Employee Spotlight
  - Student Spotlight  
Sergio Resendiz-Arzola  
Dr. Guzmán-Treviño announced that Sergio was unable to attend because of a family emergency and will be spotlighted at another time.
  - Outstanding Employee Spotlight  
Employees working in the Glenda Barron Student Success Center were highlighted for their dedicated assistance to students.  
Ariana Hoelscher, Writing Consultant  
Erin Plaster, Math Consultant  
Cassidy Knox, STEM Tutor  
Lindsey Wurtz, STEM Tutor
  - Faculty Spotlight Rebecca Sader, Assistant Professor, English, Liberal Arts, gave a presentation entitled “Cowabunga, Thesis Statements are Easy.” Her presentation included steps for students with writing anxiety.

7. President’s Report

Dr. Hope Koch and Larry Wilkerson attended the 2026 Community College

National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. and attended sessions with United States Representatives Carter and Sessions along with their respective educational staff. Workforce Pell Grant dollars have been awarded and will help with the certification of Workforce programs. Dr. Koch commended Temple College for identifying Pell ghost students who received Pell, never show up for class, and receive a refund.

Dr. Ponce stated that the mission of the college is to serve the community and provide educational opportunities for our entire service area. When these specific facilities were designed, there were a lot of intentional spaces that were designed specifically to host a lot of events including internal student orientations, All College Day, Faculty, and celebrations.

- Outside construction is completed. The outside fountain, outside quad spaces for studying, photo opportunities for proud moments such as photos in caps and gowns.
- TC hosted the ribbon cutting for the new Main Building, hosted the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, hosted the annual science challenge.
- The team has done an excellent job with taking Temple College out to the community by participating in back-to-school programs, taking the Mobile Learning Center out in the community, hosted Scholars Symposium.
- Belton ISD recognized Temple College as a community partner of the year.
- Taylor also recognized Temple College as a community partner of the year Impact Award for the top non-profit and impact champion.
- The Administration Suite has been named the Larry Wilkerson Administrative Suite In recognition for his 36 years of service to the community and the college. A formal celebration to dedicate the suite formally will be held at a later date.

## 8. Reports

### A. Faculty Council Report

The Faculty Council Report included news and updates.

\*TCCTA has not published the Faculty Salary Report. Waiting on preliminary reports to be sent out. A report will be included in the March report.

### B. Vice President of Workforce Development Report

Fortune 500 companies in Texas have grown to 52 and continue to grow. After a century of service and a generational investment made in 2021, we are positioned now to really power the workforce and economic growth in our specific area with some of these programs that have been funded. Over the last five years \$100 billion has been invested in Texas and Central Texas in both domestic and international trade so we are positioning ourselves to be able to support that.

### C. Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services Reports

An oral report was not given.

## 9. New Business

### A. Consideration for the approval of a contract for Microsoft licensing

from SHI Government Solutions through the Texas DIR Cooperative. The Board was asked to approve a contract for Microsoft licensing from SHI Government Solutions through the Texas DIR cooperative, DIR-CPO-5357 in the amount of \$104,227.36, renewable annually for three years. Licensing is set to expire February 28, 2026 and must be renewed within a 30-day period. SHI is the vendor of choice because they have the contract with a pre-negotiated rate for all state agencies for Microsoft services.

**On a motion by Dr. Hope Koch, seconded by John Bailey, and without negative vote, the Board approved a contract for Microsoft licensing from SHI Government Solutions through the Texas DIR Cooperative, DIR-CPO-5357 as presented.**

- B. Consideration for the approval of a purchase of server infrastructure from Howard Technology Solutions through the TIPS Cooperative Agreement.  
This item was tabled until a later date.
  
- C. Consideration of approval of adoption of tuition waiver.  
The Board was asked to consider waiving in-district tuition of \$55.00 per credit hour for in-district students which would include our taxing district of the city limits of Temple and where we have our Branch Maintenance Tax. With the new program that helps make dual credit more accessible and affordable across the State of Texas. The legislature passed the community college finance bill, House Bill 8, in the last session. This gave all colleges the opportunity to offer dual credit at a rate of \$55.00 per credit hour giving them the ability to waive tuition and fees to provide a waiver for any student who is on fee/reduced rate lunch.  
Questions asked were “What is the anticipated uptake on this? Do we expect to gain students?” Also, “How is this supporting growth when waiving tuition?” The questions were addressed and answered satisfactorily by the administration.

**On a motion by Larry Wilkerson, seconded by Harry Adams, and without negative vote, the Board approved the adoption of the tuition waiver as presented.**

- 10. Miscellaneous  
There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.
  
- 11. Executive Session to Consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate  
Chair Santibañez-Farrell announced that an Executive Session will not be held at this time.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned on a motion by John Bailey, and seconded by Dr. Jack Myers, at 7:03 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:**

A Regular Meeting of the Temple College Board of Trustees will be held Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:00p.m., in the Sharon Wilson Board Room, located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor on the Main Campus.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:

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**Minutes Approved as Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_**

Date