



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, February 9, 2026, 6:00 PM**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Temple College was held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Main Building Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 204, located on the Main Campus.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lydia Santibañez-Farrell, Chair; Harry Adams; Dr. Alejandro Arroliga; Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins; John Bailey; Dr. Mark Durham; 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**

Treva Askey; Shannon Bralley; Renfro Carranza; Elizabeth Chivers; Tracey Cooper; Rene Dela Rosa; Lance English; Philip Friedman; Elliot Germany; Cynthia Gonzales; Caleb Hogue; Kristen Hutchins; Laura Hutchens; Gary Kosel, Chief Financial Officer, Panel Specialists, Inc.; Chris Krejci; Jason Locklin; Clarissa Martinez; Isaac Masoner; Dana Riegel; Priscilla Santana; Anne Shields; John Stevens; Dr. John White

1. Call to Order

Lydia Santibañez-Farrell, Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins offered the Invocation.

Dr. Jack Myers 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.

**On a motion by Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, seconded by Dr. Mark Durham, and without negative vote the Board approved the Consent Agenda.**

A. Consideration of Approval of Amended Minutes from the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on October 20, 2025 and the Minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on November 17, 2025

B. Consideration of the Appointment of Full-Time Professional Staff  
The following individual was recommended by the President for appointment as a member of the Full-Time Professional Staff.

\*Roland Gonzales-Industrial Technology Trainer

C. Consideration of Approval of Adjunct Faculty

The following individuals were recommended by the appropriate departmental and divisional supervisors, and by the Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services, for appointment as members of the Adjunct Faculty.

\*Stacy Reeves-Adjunct, BCE

\*Katelin Kelly-Adjunct English

\*Heather Guidotto-Adjunct, Dental Hygiene

D. Consideration of Approval of a Faculty Title Change-Spring 2026

The Board is asked to approve the following faculty members' title change. The faculty has met the criteria for title changes.

**FACULTY TITLE CHANGE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REQUESTED TITLE</u>
Phillip Friedman	Physical Sciences	Associate Professor

5. Consideration of Approval of Disbursements for November 2025 and December 2025  
**On a motion by John Bailey, seconded by Dr. Alejandro Arroliga, and without negative vote, the Board approved the November 2025 and December 2025 Disbursements as presented.**

6. Student, Employee, Community, and Special Spotlights  
Student Spotlight

Anne Shields, a Cameron Yoe High School student participating in the Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI), was recognized for her perseverance in the TBI program. She has a 3.5 GPA as she pursues her Associate of Science in Pre-Nursing degree, is an active member of the Temple College Cheer Squad, and she takes genuine pride in Temple College and is committed to serving and uplifting others.

### Outstanding Employee Spotlight

Clarissa Martinez, Director of the Circle of Support, was recognized for her commitment to ensuring our students always have access to a variety of food. With her leadership, students are provided with resources to continue their education when certain barriers occur. Ms. Martinez has filled the Circle of Support with an abundance of many services. Services offered include the Food Bank in partnership with the Central Texas Food Bank, Mental Health Training, United, Coat Drives, Turkey Give-Aways during the holidays, Sweetheart Give-Away, and many other miscellaneous services.

### Community Spotlight

Panel Specialists, Inc. (PSI), community partner and industry partner, was spotlighted for its leadership, partnership, and unlaboring support of our students in the community. Representatives of PSI Elliot Germany, Chief Executive Officer, Gary Kosel, Chief Financial Officer, and Renfro Carranza, Engineering Manager were introduced. An overview of the Texas BEST Championship Game for robotics which included three days of intense competition was presented.

### Special Spotlights

Officer Rene Dela Rosa, Lesley Keeling-Olson, Dr. John White, retirees, were highlighted for their unending dedication and service to Temple College. They were wished well on their next step in life.

## 7. President's Report

There was no President's Report given.

## 8. Reports

### A. Faculty Council Report

A copy of the report was included in the Board material.

### B. Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services Reports

Dr. Guzmán-Treviño reviewed the Caring Campus initiative and again acknowledged Anne Shields for her perseverance in the TBI program. She thanked the Caring Campus volunteers who worked the welcome tables for first- and second-day classes and thanked Clarissa Martinez for refreshments to everyone during the cold weather; Elizabeth Chivers and Dr. Guzmán-Treviño attended the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), December 6-9-2025. They attended a panel discussion highlighting TC and Dr. Ponce; congratulations were extended to Health Professions for being acknowledged as the top-tier provider of EMS education in Texas and for receiving the 2025 EMS Education of the Year award. Kudos were extended to Eumen Kim, Enrollment Advisor, Taylor; Randell Simpson, Professor, Mathematics; Joe DeLeon was congratulated for receiving the Hutto Chamber of Commerce Above and Beyond award his service to the Hutto community.

### C. Vice President of Resource Development and External Relations

Dr. Lorenzo Reyes gave a presentation and reviewed the following:

#### **Recent Grant Awards**

- Total Awards Secured: \$2,611,856

- Funding Partners: State, Federal, and Philanthropic
- Impact: Workforce development, rural education access, and logistics innovation.

### **The Moody Foundation's Rural M-Pact Fund**

Program Purpose: Planning Grant – Increase Dual Enrollment in Six Rural Districts

- Impact: Expanding College Access for Rural Students
  - Buckholts ISD (rural distant, Milam County)
  - Cameron ISD (rural fringe, Milam County)
  - Coupland ISD (rural distant, East Williamson County)
  - Rogers ISD (rural distant, Bell County)
  - Thorndale ISD (rural distant, Milam County)
  - Thrall ISD (rural distant, East Williamson County)

Only nominated institutions and organizations are eligible to apply.

Strategic Pillars:

- Postsecondary Success
- Focus Areas:
  - Workforce Pathways
  - Wraparound Services

Funding Period: November 2025 – March 2026

Source: The MPact Fund, Moody Foundation

Award: \$18,000

### **Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Grant**

Program Purpose: Funding to expand or redesign career and technical programs that lead to industry-recognized credentials.

- Impact: New Programs for Reskilling and Upskilling in Construction Trades
  - Plumbing,
  - Electrical Technology,
  - Refrigeration, and
  - Construction Management

Funding Period: December 2025 – December 2027

Source: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Award: \$500,000

### **Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIFSE)**

Program Purpose: Funding to implement three certificate programs in high demand.

- Impact: Meeting Critical Workforce Needs in Central Texas.
  - Accelerated Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program,
  - CDL Program with Refrigerated Trucks, and
  - HVAC Installation and Repair of Refrigerated Trucks

Funding Period: April 1, 2026 – March 30, 2030

Source: The U.S. Department of Education

Award: \$2,093,856

### **Looking Ahead...**

- Waiting the results of two grant applications (December and January).
- Upcoming grant opportunities from State, Federal, and Philanthropic.

- Continued focus on funding to support college initiatives.
- Meetings with administrators, program leads, and faculty to identify funding priorities.
- Plan to grow the number and sources of funding and strengthen non-federal revenue streams.

D. Vice President of Workforce Development

There was no report.

9. New Business

A. Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Interpretive Services from MasterWord Services, Inc. for Temple College through the Omnia Region 4 ESC-TX Contract R210608.

The Board was asked to approve a purchase of interpretive services from MasterWord Services Inc. through the Omnia Region 4 ESC-TX Contract# R210608. The Student Accommodations Department provides accommodations to students with disabilities to attend and succeed in their classes. The in-person interpreters that MasterWord would provide, enable students to receive simultaneous translation of their classes and campus events. This would ensure each student is provided with the necessary resources and accommodations to ensure they get equal access to the education provided by Temple College. The quote reflects the current Spring 2026 needs for interpreters with an amount for the estimated need for Summer and Fall Semesters.

**On a motion by Dr. Mark Durham, seconded by John Bailey, and without negative vote, the Purchase of Interpretive Services from MasterWord Services, Inc. Through the Omnia Region ESC-TX Contract R2 10608 was approved as presented.**

B. Consideration and action with respect to “An Order Calling a Bond Election to be held by the Temple College District, Making Provision for the Conduct of the Election, and Resolving Other Matters Related to that Election.”

The Board was asked to Consider Authorization of “An Order Calling a Bond Election to be held by the Temple College District, Making Provision for the Conduct of the Election, and Resolving Other Matters Related to that Election.”

Information was presented to the Board by Dr. Ponce regarding the 10-year Master Plan. Phase I included an update of the current building projects that are set to be complete this summer 2026 with the completion of the new health science center.

Information was provided regarding Phase II of the 10-year Facilities Master Plan.

Bonds would be used to construct and equip school buildings including renovation and construction of classrooms, laboratories, and other instructional spaces to support health care, science, technology, engineering, and continued expansion to workforce training for Temple College. Board was asked to consider an Order for a Bond Election for May 2, 2026 requesting an amount of \$158,000,000. Greg Salinas, Bond Counsel, was in attendance to answer questions. Jennifer Ritter and Cole Gilmore, financial advisors to the college joined virtually and were also available to answer questions.

Trustee, Mr. Harry Adams, Building Committee Chair, discussed the conditions of the remaining facilities, and discussed the continued momentum with addressing the programming and facilities needs with the current building projects.

**On a motion by Harry Adams, seconded by Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, and without negative vote, An Order Calling a Bond Election to be held by the Temple College District, Making Provision for the Conduct of the Election, and Resolving Other Matters Related to that Election was approved unanimously as presented.**

10. Miscellaneous

Chair Santibañez-Farrell called on Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins to give a brief report on the Trustee Endowed Scholarship. Dr. Avots stated that at the 90<sup>th</sup> Temple College celebration the Board committed to Student Success. He announced that the campaign successfully achieved the amount of \$107,000.00. He thanked the Trustees, both current and past, for being a part of achieving above the \$100,000.00 original projection.

11. Executive Session to Consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate  
At 8:07 p.m., Chair Santibañez-Farrell announced that an Executive Session would be called to consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 8:41 p.m., and Chair Santibañez-Farrell announced that there were no deliberations during the Executive Session that required Board action.

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 8:42 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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**Judith Dohnalik, Assistant to the Board of Trustees**

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

Date