

President's Report

February 2026

Board Items

We have multiple items for the Board's consideration this month:

- **Investment Policy Review**

As required annually, we must review our Investment Policy. We do not recommend any changes at this time; however, board action is needed to formally acknowledge the review.

- **Capitalization Threshold**

Last month, we updated policies to align with recent changes in state law. One of the policies—**CBD (Local)**—addresses capitalization thresholds. Our current threshold is **\$5,000**, and we are recommending an increase to **\$10,000** to follow state best practices. This establishes the dollar amount at which equipment purchases are capitalized and depreciated rather than expensed in the current year.

- **Garner Hall Ventilation**

As part of the Revenue Bond Projects, we included modifications to the ventilation system to address moisture levels within the HVAC system. We have received a BuyBoard contractor quote for the Board's consideration.

- **Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences – Business Administration**

After significant work, we are ready to present our **first bachelor's degree** for Board approval. This program is designed to serve a broad range of students: AAS graduates, AA/AS graduates, incoming freshmen, and transfer students. We anticipate strong demand.

Pending Board approval, we will submit the proposal to the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** and, once approved, to **SACS-COC**. Although the timeline is tight, we are optimistic that the program could launch **Fall 2026**.

Construction

All construction projects are progressing well.

- In Del Rio, after a slow start, the building slab has been poured, and vertical construction should proceed quickly.
- The architect is finalizing the design phase for the *elevators* and the *gym* projects. Once completed, we will issue RFPs for both projects.
- Following those starts, we will begin design work for the **Allied Health Lab** and the **Crystal City Workforce Training Center**

Engagement

We began the semester by meeting with area superintendents. Discussions have focused on dual credit and aligning SWTJC resources with district vision and goals. These meetings have been very productive, and I will continue engaging additional superintendents throughout the semester.

Legislative

TACC has begun developing legislative priorities for the next session. A key focus is preparing data and talking points on legislation targeting revenue generation limitations. I have been appointed to **chair this subcommittee** on behalf of TACC.

Upcoming Dates

2/19	February Board Meeting
2/20	Mardi Gras Celebration – Staff Appreciation
2/25	Middle Rio Grande Quarterly Meeting
3/5	Grilling with the President – Uvalde Campus
3/9-13	Spring Break
3/24	Chat with President – Eagle Pass
3/26	March Board Meeting (change due to Spring Break)
3/31	Chat with President – Del Rio
4/3	Easter Holiday
4/11	SWTX – President’s Gala – (Friends and Alumni Network)
4/16	NC3 – National Signing Day
4/16	April Board Meeting
4/29	TACC Quarterly Meeting
5/1	Dean’s Breakfast
5/8	Commencement 4pm & 8pm
5/9	Commencement 10am, 2pm & 6pm
5/21	May Board Meeting