



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 21, 2025**

The Board of Regents of the Lee College District met on April 21, 2025, at 6:34 p.m. at Tucker Hall. Chairman Fontenot called the meeting to order stating that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Daryl Fontenot, Chairman; Susan Moore-Fontenot, Vice Chair; Mark Himself, Secretary; Mark Hall, Assistant Secretary; Weston Cotten, Judy Jirrels, Gilbert Santana

Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President

ABSENT: Gina Guillory, Pam Warford

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Deferred.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Regents closed the Open Session at 6:35 p.m. and convened into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding:

1. Consult with Board Attorney regarding Non-Renewal of Faculty Member Contract [TX Gov't Code § 551.071]
2. Consult with Board Attorney regarding Level IV Faculty Grievance Hearing [TX Gov't Code § 551.071]
3. Consult with Board Attorney regarding legal advice on any item on the agenda [TX Gov't Code § 551.071]
4. Discussion of Lee College President's duties and responsibilities [TX Gov't Code § 551.071]

No action is taken while the Board is recessed into Executive Session.

The Board ended its Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:19 p.m.

(Note: Regent Moore-Fontenot was present as the meeting convened in Open Session, but she left the Executive Session moments after it convened, and she did not re-enter.)

ITEMS OF ACTION

A. NEW BUSINESS

43.25 Consideration of Non-Renewal of Faculty Member Contract for FY 2025-2026

Regent Cotten made a motion that the Lee College Board of Regents adopt the recommendation from the College President and nonrenew the employment of Charles Finnell. He further moved that the Board direct the College President to provide the employee notice of the Board's decision consistent with policy and law. Regent Santana seconded.

The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Regent Moore-Fontenot abstained. Regents Guillory and Warford were absent.

44.25 Consideration of Level IV Faculty Grievance

Regent Hall made a motion that the Lee College Board of Regents adopt the findings from its independent investigator and uphold the findings issued in Amanda Summers' investigation of Dr. Jeffrey Clayton's complaint conducted pursuant to Board Policy DIAB. He further moved that the Board adopt the findings of the independent investigator concerning Dr. Clayton's additional complaint concerning the College President dismissing complaints as untimely and denying all further requested relief. Regent Cotten seconded.

The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Regent Moore-Fontenot abstained. Regents Guillory and Warford were absent.

MATTERS OF CONCERN FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Producing a case of Oreos from beneath the Board table, Regent Himsel said in anticipation of a lengthy meeting this evening he brought cookies for Regent Guillory.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fontenot declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Chairman, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents