



**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 19, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Temple College was held Monday, May 19, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Louise L. Cox Board Room, Room 916, located in the Marc Nigliazzo Administration Building on the Main Campus.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Christy Ponce, President; Judy Dohnalik, Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees; Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño, Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services; Dr. Robbin Ray, Associate Vice President and Chief of Operations, East Williamson County Centers; Dr. Gisela Figueroa, Associate Vice President-Finance

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Sara Baker; Zechariah Baker, Owner, The Belton Theater; Dusty Brinley, Business Manager, Symmetry Sports Construction; P. J. Carmichael, Guest; Rhein Carmichael; Tracey Cooper; Jeff Fritz; Caleb Hogue; Laura Hutchens; Dr. Chris Krejci; Monica Lefner; Jason Locklin; Craig McMurtry; Derek Mudd; Dana Riegel; James Skinner; John Stevens; Grayson White, Temple College Legacy Early College High School; Amanda, Will, and Jack White, Guests and parents and sibling of Grayson White; Dr. John White

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Harry Adams offered the Invocation.

Dr. Jack Myers recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board

- A. Chairman 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

Chairman 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 John Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jack Myers, and without negative vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2025

B. Consideration of the Appointment of Full-Time Professional Staff

The following individuals were recommended by the appropriate departmental and divisional supervisors, and by the President for appointment as members of the Full-Time Professional Staff.

- ★ **Reyes, Lorenzo** – Vice President, Finance – Resource Development and External Relations
- ★ **Zapata, Carol** – Director of Admissions and Records, Registrar
- ★ **Wenske, Audrey** – Cashier
- ★ **Dubuisson, Alyssabeth** – Evening Testing Coordinator

C. Consideration of the Appointment of Adjunct Faculty

The following individual was recommended by the appropriate departmental and divisional supervisors, and by the Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services, for appointment as a member of the Adjunct Faculty.

- **Stewart, Eldred** – Adjunct Professor, EMS (Embedded), Health Professions Division

D. Consideration of Approval of an Amendment to the President's Contract

The Board conducted the President's Annual Evaluation on May 13, 2025. The proposed amendment extends the President's contract by one year to August 31, 2026 and provides the same percentage increase received by all employees for FY2026.

E. Consideration of Approval of the Monthly Investment Report-Public Funds Investment Disclosure Report-March 2025

F. Consideration of Approval of Budget Summary Report-March 2025-Current Fiscal Year vs Prior Fiscal Year

G. Consideration of Approval of the 2025-2026 Student Handbook

5. Consideration of Approval of Disbursements for April 2025

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

6. Student, Faculty, and Employee Spotlights

Student Spotlight:

The following Film Festival students were acknowledged:

- Cody Polasek, Legacy Early College High School
- Anthony Rodriguez, Temple
- Mikayla Salazar, Lake Belton High School
- Grayson White, Legacy Early College High School

Outstanding Faculty Spotlights:

Dr. Sara Harris Baker was recognized for her leadership and many accomplishments in the Fine Arts Division and for Temple College.

Community Spotlight:

Zechariah Baker, community member and owner of the Beltonian Theater, was spotlighted for his tremendous support to our Fine Arts Division and Temple College.

7. President's Report

Dr. Ponce noted that May was a month of celebrations.

- An open house was held on the Main Campus on April 24 in the evening. The event was well attended in spite of the sudden downpour during the day. Advising and registration also took place.
- The Kentucky Derby fund raiser was successfully held May 3, 2025 at the Mayborn Center.
- May graduation included over 930 graduates.
- As part of the "SkillsUSA" program, a tour for Kennedy-Powell Elementary School students was held on May 1, 2025, at Temple College's Visual Arts and Workforce building. The tour and competition included students in the Kennedy-Powell Elementary School Robotics Club.
- An athletic update included 16 athletes appointed to the All-Academic Team.
- Dr. Ponce toured the Time Manufacturing Center and mentioned its significance in manufacturing in the workforce.

8. Reports

A. Faculty Council Report

Faculty accomplishments reviewed included:

- Faculty Council held the final Zoom Catch-Up Meeting of the Spring semester April 25.
- Faculty Book Club: Faculty Council partnered with the Center for Teaching and Learning to co-sponsor a Faculty Book Club centered on *Small Teaching*, by James M. Lang, facilitated by Dr. Reid Echols (English). The book club met three times throughout the Spring semester. A total of 20 faculty members participated in the book club.
- Committee Updates
 - Elections Committee (Erica Perrine, Chair): Elections for the 2025-2026 academic year close May 13, 2025.

- Barnhart Award Selection Committee (Erica Perrine, Chair)
The Barnhart Award Selection Committee has solicited nominations for the 2025-2026 award. Nominees have been notified and have until Aug. 15, to accept the nomination and submit supporting documents.
- Faculty Service and Achievements
Faculty have closed out the Spring 2025 semester and are getting ready for Summer 2025 classes.
- Brice Olivier accepted the Claudia and W.T. Barnhart Outstanding Faculty award, which includes a plaque and check for \$2,500, during the annual Spring graduation ceremony.

The detailed report was included in the Board materials.

B. Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services Reports
Film Festival students highlighted were:

- Cody Polasek, Legacy Early College High School
- Anthony Rodriguez, Temple
- Mikayla Salazar, Lake Belton High School
- Grayson White, Legacy Early College High School

Outstanding Faculty Spotlights

Dr. Sara Harris Baker was recognized for her leadership and many accomplishments in the Fine Arts Division and for Temple College. She has accepted a new position at another college.

Community Spotlight:

Zechariah Baker, owner of The Beltonian Theater, has provided tremendous support to our Fine Arts Division and Temple College.

- A report on Health Professions Outcomes was presented by Jeff Fritz and Tracey Cooper. Statistics on Pass Rates, Retention Rates, and Job Placement Rates were reviewed.

The detailed Provost-Academic Affairs and Student Services Report was included in the Board materials.

9. New Business

A. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Issued to Howard Technology Solutions for Classroom Technology through the TIPS Cooperative

The Board was asked to approve a purchase issued to Howard Technology Solutions for Classroom Technology through the TIPS Cooperative. As part of the new building projects, the Information Technology Services Department is tasked with installing all classroom and office technologies. This purchase helps to provide the Owner-Furnished, Owner-Installed (OFOI) technologies for the Temple Main building project.

This purchase includes:

- Classroom Interactive Displays
- Digital Signage Displays
- Cameras for HyFlex Learning
- Document Cameras for displaying printed work

Howard Technology Solutions was chosen because of its previous experience with the college and its vendor partnerships to provide the best prices and services. The Board of Trustees was asked to approve purchases to Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$94,352.00. The contract is offered through the TIPS Cooperative, contract 230105. This cooperative meets the College's requirements for competitive solicitations found in Texas Education Code 44. The Board of Trustees is also asked to give authority to the Director of Purchasing to approve the contract and to approve any change orders up to the amount allowed by the Texas Education Code 44.0411.

On a motion by Dr. Jack Myers, seconded by John Bailey, and without negative vote, the Board approved a Purchase Issued to Howard Technology Solutions for Classroom Technology through the TIPS Cooperative

- B. Consider Approving a Purchase to Symmetry Sports Construction Through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401
- The Board was asked to approve a purchase from Symmetry Construction through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401. Each of the playing fields has major drainage issues that don't allow playing on the fields at times, which leads to the rescheduling of games and missed opportunities to showcase the College's athletic programs by being able to host conference tournaments, camps, and other recruiting-type events. Temple College staff members reviewed several options to address ongoing issues with our baseball and softball playing fields. Since the inception of the baseball and softball fields in 1999, other than routine maintenance, the college has not invested in field improvements. Since the inception of the baseball and softball fields in 1999, other than routine maintenance, the college has not invested in field improvements. To consider some options to remedy the playing surface issues, our staff members received quotes for turnkey field renovation services, including installing artificial turf fields. The College's Board Building Committee met in May to discuss some of the playing surface issues and was presented with the field renovation option from Symmetry Sports Construction to consider. Purchases made from Symmetry Sports Construction through the TIPS Cooperative satisfy the required bidding laws found within Texas Education Code 44.031. Funding for the baseball and softball field turf projects is available in Fund 62. Based on the information provided, the Board of Trustees was asked to approve the purchase for our field turfing projects from Symmetry Sports Construction in the amount of \$2,684,735 with a \$315,265 contingency through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401. The Board of Trustees was also asked to authorize the Vice President of Administration or designee to approve any change orders up to the amount allowed by the Texas Education Code 44.0411.

On a motion by Harry Adams, seconded by John Bailey, and without negative vote, the Board approved a Purchase to Symmetry Sports Construction Through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401.

10. Miscellaneous

Chairman Santibañez-Farrell announced there were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

11. Executive Session to Consider Personnel, Legal Matters, and Real Estate

Chairman Santibañez-Farrell announced that an Executive Session would not be called as there were no items for discussion.

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 Larry Wilkerson at 7:07 p.m.

NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

A Regular Meeting of the Temple College Board of Trustees will be held Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:00p.m., in the Louise L. Cox Board Room, located in Room 916 in the Marc Nigliazzo Administration Building on the Main Campus.

Minutes recorded, transcribed & submitted by:

Judith Dohnalik

Judith Dohnalik, Assistant to the Board of Trustees

Minutes Approved as Submitted: _____
Date