



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING with Baytown City Council
RUNDELL HALL CONFERENCE CENTER
JANUARY 16, 2025**

The Board of Regents of the Lee College District met on January 16, 2025, at 4:02 pm at Rundell Hall Conference Center for a special meeting with Baytown City Council. 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 Himsel, Secretary; Mark Hall, Assistant Secretary; Weston Cotten; Gina Guillory; Judy Jirrels; Gilbert Santana; Pam Warford

President Lynda Villanueva

ABSENT: None

Mayor Charles Johnson called Baytown City Council to order, stating that a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Charles Johnson, Mayor; Laura Alvarado, District 1; Sarah Graham, District 2; Ken Griffith, District 3; James Franco, District 4; Jacob Powell, District 5; Mike Lester, District 6

City Manager Jason Reynolds; City Attorney Scott Lemond

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Regent Weston Cotten said the invocation, and led Pledges to United States flag and Texas flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None, for either Lee College or City of Baytown.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Deferred.

ITEM OF ACTION

A. NEW BUSINESS

1.25 Consideration of Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Baytown to Engage in a Feasibility Study

The Administration recommends that the Board authorize an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Baytown and Lee College to enter into a feasibility study.

Regent Santana made a motion, seconded by Regent Cotten, that the Board approve the Administration's recommendation.

For City of Baytown, Mayor Johnson asked for and received a motion and second to Consider an Ordinance Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Lee College to Explore Feasibility in Partnership for the Development of a Multi-Purpose Public Facility.

Brian Moran, City of Baytown Economic Development Manager, presented an overview of the proposed interlocal agreement, which would be effective January 16, 2025, through January 16, 2026, and the ensuing process that would result following approval of the agreement. Options are provided for renewal and amendments, he said.

Questions and answers ensued on topics that included (1) similar agreements between other governing entities, (2) potential benefits to Lee College students, (3) the city's expectations of funding – none – from Lee College at this time, (4) flexibility to determine the extent and nature of partnership that is best for both college and city, (5) funds already received from ExxonMobil as part of an economic and industrial development package to include construction of a multi-event facility.

The Lee College motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Council Member Graham said she is excited about prospects for this venture, thanked Regents for voting in support of the agreement, and looks forward to seeing what comes about as a result of the feasibility study.

The Baytown City Council motion passed with no dissenting votes.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONCERN

Questions and answers included the manner in which consideration, work, and communications will proceed on this initiative, both between the two governing bodies and among/between members of each particular governing body.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fontenot declared the meeting adjourned for Lee College at 4:20 p.m.

Following comments by former Mayor Brandon Capetillo, Mayor Johnson declared the meeting adjourned for Baytown City Council at 4:23 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents