

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF McLENNAN COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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The Board of Trustees of McLennan Community College met for a Regular Meeting at the Northwood House on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Those present were: Mr. Alex Balaban, Student Liaison to the Board; Mr. Ilyass Belaribia, Student Guest; Dr. Stephen Benson, Vice President, Finance and Administration; Mr. Larry Benton, Professor, Chemistry; Mr. Cody Berry, Head Coach, Softball; Ms. Kristen Cook, Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Jonathan Bonilla, Student Guest; Ms. Lisa Elliott, Director, Marketing and Communication; Dr. Elaine Fagner, Vice President, Faculty Council; Ms. Julia Herzinger, Student Guest; Dr. Fred Hills, Vice President, Instruction & Student Engagement; Mr. Carl Hoover, Waco Trib; Mr. Kaden Huff, Student Liaison to the Board; Mr. Patrick Koon, Vice-Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Judith Marcos, Student Guest; Mr. Phil McCleery, College Attorney; Ms. Pam Niles, Vice-Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Melree Paris, Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Kim Patterson, Executive Director, MCC Foundation; Ms. Erin Plunkett, Student Guest; Mr. Bennie Prnka, Technology Specialist; Mr. Tom Proctor, Director, Program Review, Planning & Assessment; Mr. Edward Rodriguez, Student Guest; Ms. Paulina Sidwell, Associate Professor, Engineering; Mr. Solomon Stern, Student Guest; Ms. Shawn Trochim, Director, Athletics; Dr. Laura Wichman, Chief Research & Effectiveness Officer; Mr. Clayton Williams, Chief of Police, Campus Police; Ms. Caitlyn Wong, Student Guest; and members of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Ms. Pauline Chavez  
Mr. K. Paul Holt, Chairman  
Mr. Doug McDurham, Secretary  
Dr. Elizabeth Palacios  
Mr. Earl Stinnett, Sr., Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ricky Turman  
Ms. Geneva Watley

Mr. K. Paul Holt, Chairman of the Board, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Stephen Benson introduced the guests present at the Regular Meeting.

There was no one present to address the Board during the Public Comment time.

Mr. Holt introduced Shawn Trochim, who introduced the McLennan Softball Team, led by Coach Chris Berry. The Board recognized the softball team's achievement at the NJCAA National Tournament in Yuma, Arizona, where they placed second in the country.

Dr. Hills introduced Larry Benton and Paulina Sidwell, along with five students and the Board recognized them for their work as Team ATLAS, in the Underclass Division of the NASA Minority University Research and Education Project, in which they won three awards.

Dr. Benson and Dr. Laura Wichman presented on Strategic Enrollment and the Community Survey. (D.F. V—575)

Dr. Benson presented a COVID Funds Update to the Board. (D.F. V—576)

Dr. Benson presented the following Consent Agenda Items for Board approval (D.F. V—577):

- 1) Consideration of and Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting
- 2) Consideration of and Approval of Auditing Services
- 3) Consideration of and Approval of Contract for Campus Network Services with Palo Alto
- 4) Consideration of and Approval of Revisions to the Purchasing Ethics Policy (Policy D-X-a)
- 5) Consideration of and Approval of Athletic Transportation
- 6) Appointment of Personnel
  - Assistant Professor, English (Tenure Eligible) \*Three Positions
  - Division Chair, Math & Sciences
  - Collections and Resource Management Librarian
  - Success Coach
  - Transition Specialist, TRIO Education Opportunity Center
  - Foundation Records Management Specialist
  - Business Consultant, Small Business Development Center

Mr. Turman moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Dr. Palacios seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Benson presented the financial report for April 2022. (D.F. V—578)

Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the financial report for April 2022 as presented. Mr. McDurham seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Benson and Ms. Kim Patterson presented information on a plan to revitalize the Cameron Home. (D.F. V—579)

Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the plan to revitalize the Cameron Home as presented. Dr. Palacios seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Benson presented information on the Construction Manager at Risk for the Cameron Home project. (D.F. V—580)

Mr. Turman moved to approve Mazanec Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Cameron Home project. Mr. McDurham seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holt led the discussion of the President's Evaluation and presented the proposed instrument to be used for the President's Evaluation. (D.F. V—581)

Dr. Palacios moved to approve the instrument for the President's evaluation as presented. Ms. Watley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. McKown introduced the four various groups represented at the Board Meeting, and each leader gave a quick update on their area.

Under the President's Report, Dr. Benson reported:

- Dr. Benson reminded the Board to look at the General Info section of the newsletter.
- On June 7, 2022, the Law Enforcement Academy will hold its graduation at the MCC Conference Center.
- The Annual CCATT (Community College Association of Texas Trustees) meeting will be in Houston, Texas on June 16-18, 2022.
- The College will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022, in celebration of the June-Teenth holiday.
- The College will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in celebration of Independence Day.
- Dr. McKown will attend the TACC (Texas Association of Community Colleges) Summer Meeting on July 21 and 22.
- The EMS Summer Graduation will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the MCC Conference Center.
- The Respiratory Care program will hold its pinning ceremony on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at the MCC Conference Center.
- Dr. McKown will be on vacation August 12-15, 2022.
- Summer Commencement will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. We have been successful in changing the venue back to the Waco Convention Center. Dr William Serrata will be our speaker for the evening.
- Fall classes begin Monday, August 22, 2022
- The Board will hold a Board-To-Board Meeting with various ISD School Boards on Monday, August 22, 2022.
- Dr. Benson provided pictures of the progress of the baseball and softball fields.

Under Other Business, the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00 p.m., at the Northwood.

The Board took a break at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Holt called the Closed Session to order at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Holt adjourned the Closed Session at 8:21 p.m., stating that no action had taken place.

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Lindsey Vanek  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees