

RANGER COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2024– 6:00 p.m.
Goleman Library Board Room

Members Present

Jackie Stephens, Chairman
Shawn Wells, Vice Chairman
Vanna Dains, Secretary
Doug Crawley
Bobby Murry
Sandi Herod
Della Carey
Jo Anne Greenwood

Staff/CEO Present

Derrick Worrels, President
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Stan Feaster
Dr. Lindy Matthews
Debbie Karl
Stephanie Worrels
Luis Ramirez
Ahmy Arca
Dr. Sandra Lee
Patti Woolam
Scott Norwood
Gaylyn Mendoza
Amy Spindle
DT Green
Coach Majenge
Don Hilton
Claire Pendrazetti
Dr. Babette Cuadrado
Dixon Bailey
Robert Culverhouse
Gabe Lewis

Guest

Lonn Reisman

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Student Guest

Vita Vasquez
Macie Morales
Julia Perez

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

Regent Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2- Invocation

President Worrels voiced the invocation.

Agenda Item #3- Pledge of Allegiance

Regent Stephens led the Board in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item #4- Public Comment for Individuals Not on the Agenda

No comments were made.

Agenda Item #5- President's Report

- a) We are no longer in the dark with the Jenzabar transition.
- b) We are still in negotiations for the Comanche project.
- c) We have requested a summary judgment for the Rodeo grounds.
- d) Dr. Prochaska presented data that we received at the recent pathways conference. This initiative is what has helped us develop our pathways center and other initiatives or changes that have shaped who we are and helped make us successful. This time we focused on persistence rates. The last page shows you the total overall. We are second in the state. Second to Blinn College and when you look at the resources that we have compared to Blinn College. What we do at Ranger College matters.

President Worrels mentioned that we did a study about four years ago and we thought our issue was retention rates from fall to fall but it was our persistence rate from fall to spring.

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We have improved by more than 20%. That has nothing to do with a certain program that we have put on campus. That is because we are a Caring Campus.

Agenda Item #6- Receive Updates About the Erath County Center (Mr. Lonn Reisman and Erath County Representatives)

President Worrels mentioned that we have been working with Coach Reisman in the Stephenville area. We are privileged to have been working with him. Mr. Reisman introduced himself. He was at Tarleton for 36 years in the role of Men's Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, and VP of Athletics. When he got to Stephenville they were a little non-scholarship school. He took the college from non-scholarship to Division I. As he has been working with President Worrels, he feels very confident that we can get Ranger to grow. Mr. Reisman gave a report about the traction that Ranger College has made in Stephenville.

1. He formed an Advisory Board. He got 10 very powerful people in the community. As they are out in the community at events they are out saying positive things about Ranger College. We are out there working every day bringing visibility to the college.
2. He introduced President Worrels and his Cabinet to key members of the community. He has taken them to several key businesses in the community. We are putting Ranger apparel in the Stephenville Wal-Mart. We have been to several banks to establish Ranger in our community. We have been everywhere in Stephenville and we are not done yet. President Worrels has gone to the Optimist Club as a speaker. We have visited with several key people at Tarleton that can help make Ranger successful in the Stephenville area. He was out at the career day and was talking to potential students for Ranger. We are doing good things in Stephenville such as working on discounts within the businesses. We have Ranger Wednesday and Lonn was on the radio last week talking about the different things that Ranger is doing. We have been on the message boards. He is excited about the things that we have done to get the visibility that it deserves in the community. He is an advocate on the City Council for Ranger College.

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Agenda Item #7- Receive an Update about Track and Cross Country teams (*Green, Majenge, and Athletic Students*)

Scott Norwood introduced Coach Green and Coach Majenge. DT was hired to be our cross country and track coach. Coach Green hired Mejenje because Mejenje was better at the cross country side of the job. Majenge thanked Coach DT and Scott Norwood for getting him here. He was not expecting much. Neither the girls or the boys were ranked. The guys finished 15th and the girls finished 11th. The guys also ran in the half marathon to participate in the half marathon you have to receive an invitation. They finished 10th place. This is just the beginning. He introduced Vita, Macie, and Julia who are student athletes that competed in the national meet.

Agenda Item #8- Ratify that each Board of Regents Member of Ranger College has Completed the Training Required to be Complete by the Member Under Education Code 61.1084 as of November 18, 2024. (*Mendoza*)

Each Board member has completed the required training to be completed by the member under Education Code 61.1084 as of November 18, 2024.

Agenda Item #9- Consider and Approve to place the house donated in Taylor County for sale in accordance with CAL(Legal) policy and for President Worrels to negotiate the contract. (*Mendoza*)

Regent Crawley made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to enter executive session. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 6:27 PM.

Regent Dains made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to re-enter open session. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board re-entered the open session at 7:02 PM.

Regent Murry made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve to place the donated house in Taylor County for sale in accordance with CAL (Legal) policy and for President Worrels to negotiate the contract. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10- Consider and Approve Personnel Issues (*Spindle*)

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Mrs. Spindle discussed personnel issues. We have one addition and one separation. Regent Stephens asked if we were looking to replace Mr. Kyle. Mrs. Spindle mentioned that at this time we are not.

Mrs. Spindle introduced Dr. Cuadrado to the Board. Dr. Cuadrado mentioned that she is honored to be at Ranger College.

Regent Dains made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the personnel issues. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2024 Board Meeting

Regent Greenwood made and Regent Wells seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024 Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12- Announcements:

a. Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball will play here tomorrow at 6 PM. Hams will be delivered on Dec 16, 2024 .

The Christmas party will be on December 17, 2024 at 11 am at the Connellee hotel.

b. The date of the Next Board Meeting is January, TBD.

We do not have a scheduled meeting for December but if there is a need to have an additional meeting the Board will be notified.

Agenda Item #13- Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:08 PM.

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Chairman, Jackie Stephens

Secretary, Vanna Dains

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