

**Ranger College
Board of Regents Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025 6:00 P.M
Goleman Library Board Room**

Members Present

Vanna Dains, Secretary
Doug Crawley
Bobby Murry
JoAnne Greenwood
Gay Anne Wolford
Sandi Herod
Jackie Stephens, Chairman
Della Carey

CEO/Staff Present

Dr. Derrick Worrels, President
Dr. Lindy Matthews
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Luis Ramirez
Debbie Karl
Patti Woolam
Stan Feaster
Dixon Bailey
Dr. Babetter Cuadrado
Dr. Sandra Lee
Amy Spindle
Evelyn Guillen
Stephanie Worrels
Scott Norwood
Gaylyn Mendoza
Shayla Honeycutt
Don Hilton

Guest

Cliff Linskey

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

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

Agenda item #2- Invocation

Dr. 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

A community member expresses concerns about potential land ownership changes under a "New World Order" and the UN's influence on education through UNESCO. Argues for parental rights and warns against UN control. Also notes the difficulty for working people to win local elections due to student voting.

Agenda Item #5- President's Report

- a. Ranger Hall Renovation: Interior renovations are complete and well-received. Exterior landscaping is delayed due to a sprinkler system injury but is expected to resume soon.
- b. Enrollment: Final enrollment numbers are pending.
- c. Rodeo Complex: A hearing regarding the rodeo complex is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 AM.
- d. Staff Update: Darrell Fox is recovering well from surgery.

Regent Murry mentioned that the new cafeteria flooring is impressive and well-received. New furniture is scheduled to be installed.

Agenda Item #6- Review the Proposed policy change; DEE (LOCAL) is changing the hotel threshold for President approval from \$149 to \$175 as recommended by President Worrels (Matthews)

Hotel Threshold: Increase the threshold for presidential approval of hotel costs from \$149 to \$175 per night, effective immediately, due to rising travel costs.

Regent Dains made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the changes to DEE (LOCAL). The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7- Review the proposed policy change; CF (LOCAL) is removing the additional requirement of Board approval for purchases less than the state purchasing threshold (Matthews)

Purchasing Threshold: Remove board approval requirements for purchases under the state purchasing threshold, which is increasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000, effective September 1st.

Regent Murry made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the changes to CF (LOCAL). The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8- Review the CDB (LOCAL) is changing the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to be consistent with 2 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations)

Capitalization Threshold: Increase the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to align with federal (2 CFR) and state guidelines for grant compliance.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve the changes to CDB (LOCAL). The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9- Conduct a Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Proposed College Annual Budget (Stephens)

The Board entered the Public Hearing at 6:16 PM. No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #10- Resume Regular College Board Meeting

The Board resumed the Regular Board Meeting at 6:17 PM.

Agenda Item #11- Consider and Approve FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget (Mendoza)

Public Hearing: A public hearing for the 2025-2026 proposed college annual budget was held. There were no public comments.

Key Points:

- Enrollment remains consistent with the record-breaking year of 2024.
- Student Information System (Jenzabar) was upgraded as part of the QEP plan.
- Property taxes only account for 2.1% of the college's revenue.
- State appropriations account for 32% of college revenue.
- Tuition and fees account for 33% of college revenue.
- Focus areas for expenditures include QEP plan implementation, the food pantry, employee salary increases, computer/networking equipment upgrades, and scholarships.
- State appropriations have increased by \$600,000 based on performance and base tier funding.
- Increases are related to Pell grants, training grants, and nursing grants.
- Revenues and Expenditures: Total budgeted revenues and expenditures are both \$27,545,966.
- Staff Benefits Clarification: Shifted staff benefits from a single line item to individual department budgets in Jenzabar, making department budgets appear higher. The remaining "Staff Benefits" line covers items like unemployment, retiree benefits, OPEB, and pension accruals.
- Esports: Increased esports funding due to hiring a full-time coach, replacing stipends.

Regent Murry made and Regent Wolford seconded a motion to approve FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12- Conduct a Public Hearing for the 2025 Proposed Property Tax Rate (Stephens)

The Board entered the Public Hearing at 6:28 PM. No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #13- Resume Regular Board Meeting

The Board resumed the Regular Board Meeting at 6:29 PM.

Agenda Item #14- Consider and Approve 2025 Property Tax Rate (Stephens)

The Board of Regents is required annually to set the tax rate for the Ranger College taxing district. The 2025 property tax levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds the 2024 maintenance and operations property tax levy. The proposed tax rate for 2025 adopts the voter approval tax rate. As required by law, a Notice about 2025 tax rates was posted on our website on July 23, 2025 and the notice of public hearing on tax increase was posted on our website on August 12, 2025 and published in the newspaper on August 14, 2025.

Regent Carey made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve the resolution to set the 2025 tax rate of \$0.258474 per \$100, which includes a Maintenance & Operations tax rate of \$0.016767 per \$100 of taxable value and an Interest & Sinking tax rate of \$0.241707 per \$100 of taxable value. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #15- Consider and Approve June 2025 Financial Statements (Mendoza)

Please see agenda item #16.

Agenda Item #16- Consider and Approve July 2025 Financial Statements (Mendoza)

July Financial Statement:

- Total assets: \$76,462,541 (largely in capital assets and investments).
- Total liabilities: \$23,698,000 (largely in bonds, net pension liability and OPEB liabilities).
- Net position: \$50,790,388.
- State payment received in July boosted cash and investment detail.
- Walker Property: Expenses related to signs, locks, and mowing. City of Abilene was paid for mowing.
- Abilene Property: Closing expected tomorrow, with net proceeds around \$88,000.

- Baseball Facility Upgrade: Funded by extra fundraising money for locker room upgrades, signage, seating, and lockers.
- Jenzabar Installation: All modules installed, but third-party vendor integrations (transcripts, bank refunds, communication) still in progress.
- Brown County Center Lease: Unknown; requires further investigation if it is related.
- Softball Uniforms/Shirts: Purchased from Leverage (shirts) and Recreation Apparel (uniforms); may include travel and practice shirts.
- June Financial Statement:
 - Aaron Ward, faculty consulting: Facility consulting for the Ranger campus.
 - Concrete Pad: Pad installed behind the welcome center.

Regent Murry made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to approve the June and July financial statements. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #17- Consider and Approve Property Insurance for 2025-2026 (Mendoza)

Ranger College purchases property and casualty insurance policies annually. The list of policies also includes excess crime, cyber liability, active assailant, as well as workers compensation. The last two years Texas education institutions saw large increases in premiums due to the increased number of claims arising from Texas severe weather patterns. Insurance carriers have also been updating property values to match recent replacement costs which have risen with our current economy. For 2025-2026, our total insured property values are \$75,804,531, which is a 5% increase. The proposed premium for the current year is in direct correlation to the increase in property values. Per discussion with USI, they have seen a stabilization in the market with relatively flat renewals.

Regent Crawley made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the property and casualty insurance coverage proposal package for fiscal year 2025-2026 with USI for \$412,734.37. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #18- Title IX Coordinator Report (Woolam)

No reports or allegations in the second quarter.

Agenda Item #19- Consider and Approve Personnel Issues (Spindle)

Presentation of new full-time and part-time hires and separations. The report included details such as names, location, education, and previous work experience.

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

Agenda Item #20- Consider and Approve Employee Contract Renewals and Non-Renewals (Spindle)

The Board tabled agenda item # 20.

Agenda Item #21- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Special Board Meeting

Regent Dains made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Special Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #22- Announcements

- a. Appreciation extended to Aaron Wand for work on Ranger Hall and Derrick for paperwork and contractor work.
- b. HSI building turnaround time is five weeks; the contractor company purchased a house due to workforce needs and commitment.
- c. Dormitory and Comanche project plans are in progress; a special board meeting may be needed in September for approval.
- d. The golf tournament raised approximately \$32,000, with net proceeds around \$18,000.
- e. Next board meeting: September 29, 2025.

Agenda Item #23- Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:04 PM.

Chairman, Jackie Stephens

Secretary, Vanna Dains