



Your **Community's** College

Temple College Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 6 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Larry Wilkerson (Board of Trustees, Chairman), Dr. Alejandro Arroliga (Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman), Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins (Board of Trustees, Secretary), Mr. Harry Adams (Board of Trustees), Mr. John Bailey (Board of Trustees), Dr. Hope Koch (Board of Trustees), Dr. Mark Durham (Board of Trustees), Dr. John (Jack) Myers (Board of Trustees), Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell (Immediate Past Chair)

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Christy Ponce, President; Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs and Student Services; Dr. Lorenzo Reyes, Vice President, Resource Development and External Relations; Ms. DeDe Griffith, Vice President, Workforce Development; Mr. Glenn Graham, Vice President and CFO, Administrative Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Louis Treviño, Juanita Lockett, Jeff Fritz, Caleb Hogue, Esther Crawford, Dana Riegal, Theresa Anthony, Alicia Ollner, Tracey Cooper, DeDe Griffith, Cynthia Gonzales, Susanne Koch-Kruger, Philip Friedman, Elizabeth Chivers, Shannon Bralley, Erica Arredondo, Jessica Fettig, Jesse Castillo, Laura Hutchens, Jason Locklin, Cienna McMurry

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell, Chair, called the meeting to order. The time was 6:03 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Avots-Avotins offered the invocation, and Dr. Mark Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board

Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell read the following, "Citizens who desire to address the Board on any matter listed on the agenda may sign up to do so prior to this meeting. Public Comments will be received during this portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to three minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the Board."

There were none.

Item 4. Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell asked if anyone had any items that they would like removed from the consent agenda

There were none.

Dr. Arroliga made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Mr. Harry Adams.

All were in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

Item 5. Student, Employee, and Faculty Spotlights

Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño was called upon to present Student, Employee, and Faculty Spotlights.

Dr. Susan recognized the following:

Erica Arredondo was spotlighted and selected for the 2026 All-American Honor Team, as the Student Spotlight; Kim Clawson, Professor, Biology, one of the founding TBI faculty, as the Faculty Spotlight; Laura Ellis, Technical Communications Specialist, who's done incredible work throughout the college, as the Employee Spotlight, and Alicia Ortner, Hubbard Branch Elementary School Counselor, for her work championing Temple College and students, as the Community Spotlight.

Item 6. President's Report

Dr. Christy Ponce provided the President's Report and shared the following:

The Temple College Girls Softball Team won the Southwest District Championship and 4 major state wins. They won 4 of the 5 state awards: most valuable player, offensive player of the year, defensive player of the year, and coach of the year. They are going to Alabama for the Nationals

Temple College celebrated its 100th Year Commencement.

Police Officers and Police Appreciation Week were celebrated.

Dr. Ponce gave special thanks to Ms. Lydia Santibanez Farrell for serving as the Board Chair for the past two years at the state and national level. Dr. Ponce presented her with a Temple College Proclamation. Mr. Larry Wilkerson, Vice Chair, and Mr. Harry Adams, Secretary, were recognized for serving in a leadership role on the Temple College Board of Trustees for 8 years.

7. Reports

Item 7. A. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño provided the Faculty Council Report, p. 12.

Item 7. B. Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño provided the Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services Reports.

Dr. Susan recognized the following:

Laura Rodriguez, Enrollment Advisor.

Brian St. Amour, staff member, Director of E-Learning and Faculty Member

Marcus Bell, Director of Community Programs – Temple College Summer Camps. Marcus introduced

Dr. Susanne Koch-Kruegar and Professor Phillip Friedman, who shared their camp experiences.

Item 7. C. Mr. Glenn Graham provided the Vice President & CFO, Administrative Services Reports. Mr. Graham shared the Budget Summary Report – April 2026, and is working on a narrative, which will be ready in June.

Item 7. D. Dr. Lorenzo Reyes, Vice President of Resource Development & External Relations, did not have a report.

Item 7. E. Ms. DeDe Griffith, Vice President of Workforce Development, did not have a report.

8. New Business

Item 8. A. Mr. Glenn Graham was called upon for the Consideration of Approval to Purchase Furniture and Equipment for the New Health and Science Building with budgeted bond funds.

Mr. Larry Wilkerson made the motion to approve, and seconded by Dr. Myers.

All were in favor, and none opposed. The motion carried.

Dr. Avots-Avotins asked if the numbers were fixed, and Mr. Graham stated that they were.

Item 8. B. Mr. Glenn Graham was called upon for the Consideration of Approval and Ordinance to enter into a Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Dr. Avots-Avotins.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 8. C. Mr. Glenn Graham was called upon for the Consideration for approval of the direct purchase of twenty-four (24) Refurbished and Patient Ready Hospital beds.

Dr. Koch made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Avots-Avotins.

All were in favor, and none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 8. D. Mr. Caleb Hogue was called upon for the Consideration of approving the purchase of Bretford Cube Carts from Howard Technology Solutions through the TIPS Cooperative.

Dr. Koch made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Durham.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 8. E. Mr. Caleb Hogue was called upon for the Consideration of approving the purchase of ViewSonic Displays from Howard Technology Solutions through the TIPS Cooperative.

Dr. Koch made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Durham.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 8. F. Mr. Caleb Hogue was called upon for the Consideration of approving the purchase of computers from Dell Technologies through the DIR Cooperative.

Dr. Koch made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Mr. Adams.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 8. G. Mr. Caleb Hogue was called upon for the Consideration of approving the purchase of Hanwha Camera Equipment from Howard Technology Solutions through the TIPS Cooperative.

Dr. Durham made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Myers.

Nine trustees were in favor. Dr. Hope Koch voted "No," stating, "I support cameras for teaching simulations. I oppose the building surveillance cameras and prefer to spend our funds in other ways in more directly support of student success."

Since the majority voted in favor, the motion carried.

Item 8. H. Dr. Juanita Lockett was called upon for the Administration of Oath of Office to Newly-elected Members of the Board of Trustees: Ms. Lydia Santibanez-Farrell, Mr. John (Jack) Myers, and Mr. Larry Wilkerson.

Item 8. I. Consideration of Election of Officers for Board of Trustees.

Dr. Mark Durham, Nominations Chair, introduced the slate of officers.

Mr. Larry Wilkerson, Chair

Dr. Arroliga, Vice Chair

Dr. Avots-Avotins, Secretary

Motion to approve was made by Dr. Mark Durham, and seconded by Mr. Harry Adams.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Item 9. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

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

There was no executive session.

11. Adjournment

The time was 7:28 p.m., and the motion to approve adjournment was made by Dr. Avots-Avotins, and seconded by Dr. Myers.

All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.