



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2026**

The Board of Regents of the Lee College District met on February 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at John B. Tucker Hall. Chairman Santana called the meeting to order stating that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Gilbert Santana, Chairman; Pam Warford, Vice Chair; Mark Himsel, Secretary; Gina Guillory, Assistant Secretary; Weston Cotten, Daryl Fontenot, Mark Hall, Judy Jirrels, Heron Thomas

ABSENT: Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Regent Mark Hall said the Invocation and led the Pledge to United States Flag and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Elliott expressed support for Dr. Lynda Villanueva, shared memories of the leadership she demonstrated during her Presidency at Lee College, and said she also provided compassion and heartfelt support to him in the midst of personal tragedies he has experienced. He said that she made a profound impact on the institution, that he is grateful for her service, and extended best wishes to her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Regents closed the Open Session at 5:05 p.m. and convened into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding:

1. Consult with Board Attorney regarding legal advice on any item on the agenda. [TX Gov't Code § 551.071]
2. Discussion of employment of Lee College President, including evaluation of duties and responsibilities, leave, and contract matters. [TX Gov't Code § 551.074]
3. Consideration of acceptance of resignation of Lee College President. [TX Gov't Code § 551.074]
4. Consideration of appointment of Interim President for Lee College. [TX Gov't Code § 551.074]

No action is taken while the Board is recessed into Executive Session.

The Board ended Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

13.26 **Consideration of Resignation of Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President**

The Board of Regents accepts the resignation of Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President, effective February 28, 2026, under terms discussed in closed session, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Regents to execute a resignation and release agreement on behalf of the Board.

Regent Guillory made this motion, which was seconded by Regent Himself.

The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

14.26 **Consideration of Appointment of Interim President**

The Board of Regents appoints Jacob Atkin as Interim President for Lee College.

Regent Guillory made this motion, which was seconded by Regent Hall.

The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

MATTERS OF CONCERN FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Santana declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Chairman, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents