

The Board of Trustees of Western Texas College met in a regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the boardroom.

Present: Mr. Mike McWilliams, Mr. Tim Riggan, Ms. Sheila Williamson, Dr. Jay Kidd, Dr. Jim Palmer, Ms. Amy Hardgrove

Absent: Mr. Jason West

Staff Present: Dr. Laurie Sharp, Ms. Patricia Claxton, Ms. Melanie Schwertner, Ms. Tammy Davis, Mr. Lorenzo Sands, Dr. Donald Sewell, Ms. Stephanie Ducheneaux, Mr. Ralph Ramon

Others Present:

Dr. Jay Kidd, board vice president, called the meeting to order and Ms. Hargrove gave the invocation.

The volleyball team, men/women track and cross-country teams were introduced.

No one from the public made any comments.

Motion by Ms. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Riggan to approve the August 10, 2026, and August 24, 2026, board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Hargrove, seconded by Ms. Williamson to approve the August 2026 financials. Motion carried unanimously.

No one from the public made any comments during the public hearing regarding the revisions to the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria.

Motion by Mr. McWilliams, seconded by Mr. Riggan to approve the Resolution Authorizing Consideration of Tax Abatements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Williamson, seconded by Mr. McWilliams to approve the revisions to the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria, with the exception of removing Exhibit A and all references to Exhibit A. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McWilliams, seconded by Ms. Williamson to approve the curriculum recommendations of Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Certificate and Data Center Foundations OSA – CR. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sewell discussed the fall enrollment. The good news is that enrollment had a 10.7% increase. We should have a heavy spring enrollment. Total student hours are 13,209 compared to 12,421 in 2025. We will keep the momentum going. Dual Credit is about 50% of our enrollment. From 2024 – 2026 part-time students are up 15%. More students have declared a major. Freshmen are up and so is prison education. Dr. Sharp is going to surrounding school board meetings with positive public comments

Dr. Sharp presented her President's Report. She discussed skilled trades and critical infrastructure academy, Texas innovative adult career education grant, Greater Texas Foundation, Poka Lambro Community Giving Initiative, Texas A&M AgriLife, strengthening our education partnerships, institutional funding priorities, strategic plan implementation and effectiveness, resident assistant curriculum, academic teams update. Handouts included Skilled Trades and Critical Infrastructure Academy, 2026 Education Partnership Summit *Building Stronger Pathways Together*, Foundation Priorities, Key Focus Areas and Strategies.

The scheduled executive session was cancelled.

Mr. Riggan stated that the rodeo equipment he ordered was delivered to our arena.

Motion by Mr. McWilliams, seconded by Ms. Williamson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Date of next board meeting October 12, 2026

APPROVED: _____

Mr. Mike McWilliams, Secretary

Mr. Jason West, President