

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Regents Meeting, Regents Room

May 8, 2025

1300 S. Country Club Rd. El Reno, OK 73036

MINUTES

The Board of Regents of Redlands Community College met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 8 2025, in the Regents Room, at Redlands Community College, El Reno, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting date had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the notice and agenda was posted by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday May 7, 2025, in prominent public view at the location of the meeting and on the College website, www.redlandsccl.edu, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Redlands Community College Board of Regents present:

Janie Thompson	Dr. Rhys Cole
Kassandra Newell	Dale Cox
Jason Murray	

Redlands Community College Board of Regents absent:

Dr. David Von Tungeln	Lori Burns
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Redlands Community College personnel present:

Jena Marr, President
Annie Pearson, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jon Fields, Executive Vice President
Dayna Rowe, Executive Director of External Affairs
Kim Andrade, Director of Human Resources
Kacey Daniels, Executive Director of Admissions and Advisement
Troy Milligan, Coordinator of Institutional Research & Effectiveness
Dr. Julie Flegal-Smallwood,
Joshua Smith, Executive Director of the Physical Plant
Dr. Kate Coughlan, Professor of Anatomy, Physiology and Science/Department Head of Math and Science/Director of the Honors Program
Cherry Rain, Professor for Political Science | Academic Bowl Coach | Student Organizations Coordinator
Melissa Hilliard, Testing Center Assistant/Assistant Coach for the Academic Team
Marcia Shottenkirk, Professor of Liberal Studies | Department Head of Liberal Arts | Director of Service-Learning
Valerie Black, Executive Assistant
Yesenia Mayorga, Executive Assistant
Kenzi Hull, Executive Assistant to the President

Guests present:

Gabby Cervantes, (Student)
Jack Shottenkirk, (Student)
Kanna (Emili) Scott, (Student)
Kailey Bailey, (Student)
Daily Rain, (Student)
Keira Flinnagan, (Student)
Alexis Van Winkle, (Student)
Brody Sadler, (Student)
Laura Sadler, (Mom of Student)
Kyle Sadler, (Brother of Student)
Jeff Sadler, (Dad of Student)

Regent Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with four (4) Regents present: Janie Thompson, Dr. Rhys Cole, Kassandra Newell and Dale Cox.

Jason Murray was formally sworn in by Regent Thompson to serve on the Redlands Community College Board. Regent Cox made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cole to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Board of Regents Meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Cole, Newell, Cox and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

Jon Fields presented the Regents with the financial update for April.

President Marr asked Cherry Rain to update the Regents on the Oklahoma Student Government Association Spring Congress. Cherry shared that SGA attended its first ever Oklahoma Student Government Association Congress. Kylie Bailey won the Rising Star award for writing and getting legislation passed and running for a state office.

President Marr asked Dr. Kate Coughlan also gave an exciting updated on one of our students, Philip Barker, whose Nature Portfolio entitled “Increasing frequency and spatial extent of cattle heat stress conditions in the Southern plains of the USA” was published in Scientific Report. It is very rare for an undergraduate, particularly a freshman, to achieve this. Philip participated in our spring 2024 OKSG/NASA program in collaboration with USDA ARS lab in El Reno under the direction of Dr. Andres Cibils and Dr. Daniel Moriasi.

President Marr updated the Regents on all the events for Commencement May 16, 2025 at the Canadian County Expo.

President Marr asked Cherry Rain to introduce the Academic Team. Each of the team members in attendance all spoke to the regents. Cherry let the Regents know the Academic Team finished 10 times in the top 10 at the national competition. Brody Sadler and Kiera Flenniken earned individual honors, and the team finished in 6th place at this year’s competition.

President Marr invited all the outstanding employees of the semester to attend the Board Meeting. They were all introduced to the Regents as this semester’s recipients. Faculty are Brenda Witt, Todd Hobson and Lauren Newell, and staff are Tamie McCabe, Dani Harmon and Yesenia Mayorga.

Jeff Pierce provided an updated on our network security. He explained that the system is tested biannually and shared that he is developing cybersecurity policies and procedures. Thankfully, due to his diligence, we only had one cybersecurity incident but they were able to shut it down quickly and avoid a catastrophe.

President Marr asked Troy Milligan to present the modification to the Applied Technology-Computer Systems and Applications Option-Digital Media Technology Emphasis; this modification added a film and video course as an option. Regent Newell made a motion, seconded by Regent Cox. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Cole, Newell, Cox and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

President Marr updated the Regents on the status of the three acres facing Country Club Road. They are finishing surveys that must be approved the El Reno City Council before we can close on the properties we are selling to Waffle House and Brakes Plus. We still have one acre for sale.

President Marr updated the Regents on Personnel changes:

New Hires:

- Valerie Black – Executive Administrative Assistant – Starts on 05/06/2025
- Brent Johnson – Director of Resident Life – Starts on 05/01/2025
- Aliko Dyer – Instructor of Nursing/Simulation and Lab Coordinator – Starts 05/15/2025

- Tiffany Johnson – Administrative Assistant for Upward Bound and Student Support Services Grants – Starts 06/02/2025

Resignations:

- Brent Johnson – Technology Specialist for the NASNTI STEM Part A Grant – Ended on 04/30/2025

Retirement:

- Richard Buchholz, Director of Physical Plant-last working day 6/30/2025

Regent Newell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cole to approve the President's Report. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Cole, Newell, Cox and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

New Business:

- None

At 4:30 pm, Regent Newell made a motion, seconded by Regent Murray to adjourn the meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Cole, Newell, Cox and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date:
