

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Regents Meeting, Regents Room
January 8, 2026
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, January 5, 2026, 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 January 7, 2026, in prominent public view at the location of the meeting and on the College website, www.redlandsc.edu, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Redlands Community College Board of Regents present:

Dr. Rhys Cole	*Lori Burns
Janie Thompson	Dale Cox
Dr. David Von Tungeln	Jason Murray

Redlands Community College Board of Regents absent:

Kassandra Newell

Redlands Community College personnel present:

Dr. Jena Marr, President
Jon Fields, Executive Vice President
Annie Pearson, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dayna Rowe, Executive Director of External Affairs
Kim Andrade, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Kacey Daniels, Executive Director of Admissions and Advisement
Troy Milligan, Coordinator of Institutional Research & Effectiveness
Dr. Kacey Daniels, Executive Director of Student Services
Valerie Black, Executive Assistant
Jeff Pearce, Chief Information Officer/Chief Information Security Officer
Josh Smith, Executive Director of the Physical Plant
Kenzi Hull, Executive Assistant to the President

Regent Cole called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with five (5) Regents present: Janie Thompson, Dr. David Von Tungeln, Dr. Rhys Cole, Dale Cox, and Jason Murray

Guests present:

President Marr introduced new employees in attendance, Kimberly Rutherford and Alexander Broyles.

Regent Cox made a motion, seconded by Regent Murray to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025 Board of Regents Meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Von Tungeln, Burns, Cole, Cox, and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

Jon Fields presented the Regents with the December financial update.

President Marr updated the Regents on a "Thank-You" from Yukon High School Millerette Basketball.

President Marr updated the Regents on Redlands Community College being named one of Oklahoma's Top Workplaces.

President Marr asked for a vote to approve/disapprove new policy 523-Service Animal. Regent Burns made a motion, seconded by Regent Thompson to approve new policy 523-Service Animal. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Von Tungeln, Burns, Cole, Cox, and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

President Marr asked for a vote to approve new policy 524-Emotional Support Animal. Dr. Von Tungeln made a motion, seconded by Regent Cox to approve new policy 524-Emotional Support Animal. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Von Tungeln, Burns, Cole, Cox, and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

Jon Fields presented a campus safety and security update:

Security Cameras:

- 142 total across campuses and housing (updated, including recent parking lot additions).
- Continuous upgrades based on ongoing security assessments (last assessment by deputy identified gaps, particularly parking lots).
- Access: Security officers, housing director, maintenance, limited others.
- Security Staff and Local Partnerships:
 - Contracted with Allied Security (24/7/365).
 - Extra security for events: Basketball games, chapel/events with alcohol.
 - Additional partnership with Canadian County Sheriff's Department.
 - Budget for security staffing: \$291,000/year. Allied fills sheriff coverage gaps when required.
 - Noted benefits: Authority presence, quicker response, greater student compliance.
- Access Points:
 - Many exterior doors remain locked at all times (controlled entry/egress for safety).
- Infrastructure Improvements:
 - Replaced all parking lot lights with LED, improving nighttime safety and coverage.
- Discussion Points:
 - Possible alternatives for additional law enforcement coverage if sheriff's department understaffing persists (e.g., FCI-retirees).
 - Ongoing plan to address remaining minor gaps

President Marr updated the Regents on Student housing:

- "Major growing pains" due to expansion of competitive teams and the agriculture (Ag) department.
- For Fall 2026:
 - 220 beds available
 - Out-of-state/international recruiting impacted by housing shortages; El Reno has limited rental options.
- Collaboration with Foundation Board:
 - Foundation proposes:
 - Immediate \$250,000 grant.
 - Matching funds up to an additional \$250,000 from proceeds of a fall fundraising gala (total \$500,000 for the housing project).
 - Goal: Fund a 40-bed Ag dormitory (20 men, 20 women).
 - Estimated cost: ~\$2.5 million.
 - Would free up an entire existing building for non-Ag housing, help expand men's soccer.
- Other Funding Approaches:
 - Targeted fundraising via Ag alumni and family connections
 - Exploring developer partnerships with Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe for building apartments on neighboring land.
 - Location debate: Darlington campus (would require second security officer) vs. main campus
 - Out-of-campus apartment complexes—full or not available for full buyout
- Operational/Revenue Context:
 - Bed waivers are limited—majority of residents pay regular rent.

President Marr asked for a vote to approve/disapprove entering into the State Master Lease Program to fund the Soccer field and track construction project in the amount of \$2,500,000. To cover: Turf field and track (not locker room/lighting at this stage), loan will be paid from Section 13 funds. Regent Burns made a motion, seconded by Regent Thompson to approve entering into the State Master Lease Program to fund the Soccer field and track construction project in the amount of \$2,500,000. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Von Tungeln, Burns, Cole, Cox, and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

President Marr updated the Regents on Personnel changes:

New Hires: None

Resignations: None

Terminations: None

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

New Business:

- President Marr shared that Regent Lori Burns has been reappointed to the Redlands Community College Board of Regents to serve another 7-year term. The board expressed their congratulations.
- President Marr updated the board that Spring In-service will be January 9 in the Austin Family Conference Center.

At 4:57 pm, Regent Cox made a motion, seconded by Murray to adjourn the meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Thompson, Von Tungeln, Burns, Cole, Cox, and Murray. Those voting against the motion: None

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date:

*Denotes late arrival of 4:02pm.