NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 25, 2026
Minutes

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, the Navarro College Board of Trustees gathered Navaro College - Walker Dining Hall on the Corsicana campus to conduct the regular monthly meeting. Trustees in attendance included: Chairman Phil Judson, Vice Chairman Richard Aldama, Secretary/Treasurer Faith Boyd, Trustee A. L. Atkeisson, Trustee Loran Seely, Trustee Kim Wyatt, and Trustee John Paul Ross.

Board Meeting:

Dr. Kevin G. Fegan	District President
Ms. Marcy Ballew	Executive Vice President of Operations
Ms. Teresa Thomas	Vice President of Finance
Ms. Sina Ruiz	Vice President of Student Success
Dr. Jeanetta Johnson	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Richard Phillips	Chief Information Office/Chief Technology Officer
Mr. Guy Featherston	Executive Dean of Health Professions & NC Waxahachie
Dr. Jenette Robinson	Interim Executive Dean of Academic Studies
Mr. Richey Cutrer	Executive Director NC Foundation
Ms. Stacie Sipes	Executive Director of Marketing
Ms. Christina Mims	Assistant Dean of NC – Mexia
Ms. Susan Womack	Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Ms. Leslie Hayes	Dean of Workforce and Career Pathways
Mr. David Onyon	Interim Dean of NC – Midlothian
Ms. Teresa Sutton	Budget Officer/Risk Management Coordinator
Mr. Hank Bailey	Police Chief
Ms. Renée Long	Executive Assistant to the District President
Mr. Terry Jacobson	Jacobson Law Firm

Call to Order
Chairman Phil Judson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Trustee John Paul Ross to begin the meeting with prayer.

Board Announcements
Chairman Phil Judson asked the Board members if they had any announcements they would like to make. No announcements were made.

Open Forum Time
Chairman Phil Judson asked Ms. Renée Long if there are any requests to address the Board. None were requested.

Consent Calendar

a. Minutes – May 21, 2026 Meeting
b. Title IX Coordinator Quarterly Report – Q2 March 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026
c. Board Policy and Administrative Procedures
d. Changes in Course Descriptions, Programs and Certificate

Chairman Phil Judson asked for a motion and second for approval of the Consent Calendar.

***MOTION:** I Trustee Loren Seely make a motion to approve the consent calendar and second by Trustee John Paul Ross.*

200. Enrollment / Institutional Effectiveness
Vice President Sina Ruiz presented the enrollment update for Summer I, Summer II registration progress, Fall registration progress, and Continuing Education activity.

- Summer I enrollment was reported as essentially flat in semester credit hours compared with the prior year, at approximately -0.35%. The administration noted this was a strong result because the College anticipated more than 100 fewer students due to the absence of football enrollment during Summer I.
- Summer II registration was still in progress, with classes scheduled to begin July 9. At the time of the report, Summer II registration was up approximately 4.15% compared with the same point last year.
- Combined Summer I and Summer II semester credit hours were reported to be exceeding budget goals by more than 15%, consistent with information previously presented during the budget workshop.
- Continuing Education Quarter 3 activity, covering March through May, showed contact hours at approximately 55% compared with the same period last year. The decrease was attributed primarily to staffing gaps, including the absence of a Director of Allied Health and transition in the program coordinator role.
- Continuing Education Quarter 4 activity, covering June through August, was just beginning and was reported at approximately 19%. Current pathways included CDL training and Class B certification. Customized workforce training was described as growing, with repeated commitments from industry partners.
- Fall registration remained early in the cycle and was reported as down approximately 15.74% compared with the same time last year. Vice President Ruiz stated that updates would continue as the College approaches the August 24 start of classes.

300. Finance and Operations

Home Depot Settlement
Mr. Terry Jacobson provided an update on the Home Depot settlement. He reported that the City of Dallas had approved a settlement amount of approximately $1.4 million. The settlement will end long-running litigation involving the College, City, County, and other local entities.

- Mr. Jacobson stated that the final settlement agreement would require authorization for Dr. Fegan to sign on behalf of the College. He indicated the funds would be deposited into his trust account and that he would prepare a detailed memorandum documenting the settlement and ensure that the College receives the check, potentially within a couple of weeks.
- Board members expressed appreciation for Mr. Jacobson's work over the course of the approximately 13-year matter, including proceedings that had gone to the Supreme Court several times and delays associated with COVID and coordination with the City of Dallas.

Chairman Phil Judson asked for a motion and second for approval to authorize Dr. Fegan to receive the Home Depot Settlement.

MOTION: / Trustee A. L. Atkeisson *make a motion to approve to authorize Dr. Fegan to receive the Home Depot Settlement and second by Trustee John Paul Ross.*

May 2026 Financial Statements and Budget Amendments
Vice President Teresa Thomas presented the May 2026 financial statements and June budget amendments. She referenced the $1.5 million in budget amendments approved at the prior Board meeting, including baseball lots, turf, and related items that were now incorporated into the budget.

- Through May, academic income was reported at 94.34% of budget; Continuing Education income at 49.78%; local appropriations at 100.92%; and state funds at 74.47%, with an additional state payment received in June that would be reflected in the following month's report. Education and General funds received 69.82% of budgeted resources, and Auxiliary funds received 77.72%.
- Resource allocations showed expenditures more than $5 million higher than the same time last year. Grants were approximately $116,000 lower than the prior year, while other expenditures were about $5.1 million higher, largely due to expenditures associated with the Albritton Building that will eventually roll into fixed assets.
- On a cash basis, the Education and General Fund remained ahead by approximately $1.9 million; however, compared with the same time last year, net income in Education and General was down approximately $4.5 million and Auxiliary was down approximately $308,000, for a combined difference of approximately $4.8 million. The change was attributed primarily to Albritton Building expenditures and timing differences in revenue and enrollment.
- Budget-to-date reporting showed approximately $19.4 million of revenue still to collect, noting that a portion related to cash moved from the Albritton Building budget from the prior year. The College also had approximately $21.4 million in unspent Education and General expenditures and $2.5 million in unspent Auxiliary expenditures through May. The

net effect was that the College was approximately $1.97 million ahead of budget through May.

- Most contingencies had been used as of May, with approximately $229,218 remaining. Available cash had decreased as Albritton Building payments were made. The expenditure budget coverage was reported at 2.98% for the month, with a year-to-date average of 3.61.
- Investment pool activity reflected a $3 million net withdrawal for the month to cover normal expenses and make a payment to Jackson. The College still earned approximately $64,174 in interest for the month, with yields above CD rates. Ending balances in the investment pools were reported at approximately $20.4 million.
- The Albritton Building payment schedule showed a remaining balance of approximately $5.3 million after a payment made during the month.
- June budget amendments totaling $67,743 were presented. These included reimbursement from Texas A&M for labor associated with moving materials, donations from the former College Foundation, reimbursement for a dumpster fee, donations for the band sounding board and instruments, and moving approximately $64,000 from Student Services into IT software. Dr. Fegan thanked Dr. Johnson and Executive Director Cutrer for support related to band instruments, noting the College band's upcoming Carnegie Hall performance.

After the presentation Chairman Phil Judson asked for a motion and second to approve.

MOTION: *I Trustee Richard Aldma make a motion to approve the May 2026 financial statements and budget amendments and second by Trustee Faith Boyd.*

Consider Action on Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending May 31, 2026
Vice President Thomas presented the quarterly investment report.

- For the quarter ending May 31, the College had a net withdrawal of approximately $5.5 million from investment pools, with book value of approximately $22.5 million and ending market value of approximately $20.48 million.
- The Education and General Fund represented approximately $21.9 million of the accounts, with approximately $230,000 in Student Financial Aid. Benchmarks included the TexSTAR Local Government Investment Fund at approximately 3.597 and comparable federal funds/treasury benchmarks at approximately 3.682 and 3.6.
- Vice President Thomas reviewed collateral, including regular deposits at Prosperity Bank, FDIC coverage of $750,000, and pledged collateral from the bank of approximately $10.8 million. She reported that the College remained within Texas Public Funds Investment Act standards and requirements for pledged collateral.

After the presentation Chairman Phil Judson asked for a motion and second to approve.

MOTION: *I Trustee Kim Wyatt make a motion to approve the quarterly investment report for quarter ending May 31, 2026, and second by Trustee A. L. Atkeisson.*

Instruction / Student Services / Athletics
Free Expression Training
Vice President Sina Ruiz provided Board training on free expression requirements. She reviewed First Amendment and Texas Constitution protections for expressive activities, including assemblies and speech on campus, and explained that institutions may impose reasonable time, place, and manner limits without targeting content or viewpoint.

- Vice President Ruiz summarized Senate Bill 2972, effective beginning Fall 2025, which requires fair, consistent, and neutral application of expressive activity policies in public higher education. She emphasized that requests must be evaluated objectively based on operational factors rather than message content or viewpoint.
- The training highlighted the need to protect safety, avoid disruption to campus operations, apply processes consistently to students, employees, and approved sponsored external parties, and ensure policies and procedures are legally defensible.
- Major changes reviewed included limiting expressive activity participants primarily to students and employees unless an outside party is sponsored by an active student organization, department, or administrator; requiring designated expressive activity zones on each campus; prohibiting expressive activity between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; prohibiting encampments; and limiting expressive activity during the last two weeks of the term to avoid disruption to finals.
- Vice President Ruiz also stated that individuals may not pursue, intercept, or repeatedly solicit passersby in a manner that disrupts campus operations or interferes with movement.
- She noted that the College was required in October to submit a 53-page report to the House Select Committee on Civil Discourse and Freedom of Speech in Higher Education, documenting policies, procedures, grievance processes, and compliance efforts.
- The College is reviewing Free Expression Board Policy and Administrative Procedure sections FKA and FA.1 to improve clarity, consistency, operational usability, and legal defensibility. Recommended procedure improvements are expected to be brought to the Board in July.
- In response to a question about how a group would know where to begin, Vice President Ruiz stated that groups could start with her office, Student Activities, or Bulldog Life, depending on the nature of the request and potential alignment with resource fairs or similar activities. The College is working to clarify procedures for external entities that do not have a sponsor.

Human Resources
Update on Personnel Actions
Executive Vice President Marcy Ballew presented personnel updates.
<u>New Hires</u>

- Tiffany Kriner - Carl Perkins CTE Success Center Advisor in Corsicana
- Cindy Skrivanek - Student Accountant in Corsicana.

<u>Promotions</u>

- Alonzo Hernandez - Assistant Support Specialist
- Jake Patterson - Assistant Support Specialist.

Faculty Rank Advancements

- Shelley Taborsky - obtained the rank of Professor of Math (WAX).

Employee Separations

- Hannah Raines, Director of Academic Compliance and Title IX Coordinator
- Natasha Vargas, Area Housing Coordinator
- Paula Taylor, Coordinator of Multicultural and Leadership Programming
- DJ Pavlovic, Assistant Basketball Coach

District President's Report

80th Anniversary

Executive Director Stacy Sipes to present an update regarding the College's 80th anniversary festivities and the Albritton Building celebration.

- The committee's priorities include the fifth annual Bulldog Tonight, unveiling of the new Albritton Building courtyard, opening the 1976 time capsule, placing the 75th anniversary time capsule, and presenting an 80th anniversary gift to the College.
- Events are planned for October 14-15, 2026. Bulldog Tonight is scheduled for October 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., using the parking area near the library and dining club for activities, food trucks, photo booth areas, historical sidewalk features, band and cheer performances, a balloon arch, and golf carts to assist guests with mobility. The Bulldog Tonight ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- On October 15, the College plans to begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. with a decades display featuring artifacts from each of the College's eight decades, with alumni representatives from as many decades as possible. At 2:00 p.m., the program is expected to move into the atrium for the ribbon cutting, guest speakers, and opening of the 1976 time capsule.
- The 1976 time capsule was described as part of a national bicentennial time capsule initiative. Articles reviewed by staff indicate items may include a telephone, audio recordings, books, transportation materials, fashion-related items, and other artifacts from that era. The College will also acknowledge the location of the 75th anniversary time capsule and unveil a bronze bulldog in the courtyard near the Gooch One Stop steps facing the Albritton Building.
- From approximately 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., guests will be able to take self-guided tours of the Albritton Building and potentially tour other parts of campus by bus or golf cart. Mocktails and appetizers will be served in the courtyard. At 6:00 p.m., guests will move to the Cook Education Center for an 80th anniversary reception with a brief program and possible choir performance.
- Fundraising opportunities include the bronze bulldog project. The committee is considering an "$80 for 80 years" giving opportunity to support the sculpture and pedestal. The annual giving campaign will launch in August and will be themed around the number eight, with cross-promotion of the October anniversary events.
- Marketing and alumni engagement efforts will include historical displays, articles developed from the archives, social media features such as "then and now," 80 stories for 80 years, and historical fun facts.

Calendar
Dr. Fegan reported on upcoming calendar items, including campus closures

- The FAME signing at Corsicana City Council Chambers on July 14 at 3:00 p.m., the Navarro College Foundation fundraiser on July 25, and the next Board meeting on July 30.
- Prior to the July 30 Board meeting, trustees will meet with Dr. Kays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for training related to Senate Bill 37 and related requirements. From approximately 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Executive Vice President Ballew will coordinate tours of Gibson Hall and the east wing/marketing areas, with a possible Albritton walk through if construction conditions allow.
- Dr. Fegan stated that the goal for the July Board meeting is to provide initial local appropriations information. If received before the meeting, the materials will be posted to BoardEffect for trustee review.
- Dr. Fegan noted he would attend college presidents' summer meetings July 15-17 and would be out the following week. He recognized the Vice Presidents and leadership team who would be on campus during that time.
- Recognition of Trustee Boyd as the first Heritage Award recipient for the Corsicana Juneteenth celebration. Board members applauded Trustee Boyd and expressed appreciation for her representation and service.
- Dr. Fegan closed by thanking the leadership team for its work at the prior week's leadership meetings and stated that an update on the strategic planning process would likely be provided in August. He also thanked Vice President Thomas, Budget Director Sutton, Executive Director Womack, and Executive Assistant Renée Long for their work in preparing the budget presentation.

Announcement and Adjournment
Next Meeting Announcement
Chairman Phil Judson announced the next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Corsicana.

Adjournment
Chairman Phil Judson asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

<u>**MOTION:**</u> *I Trustee John Paul Ross make a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Trustee A. L. Atkeisson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Faith D. Boyd

Faith D. Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer
Navarro College Board of Trustees
Corsicana, Texas