

## **President's Report**

### **August 2026**

#### **Board Items**

We have light Board Agenda this month since we had the budget at our special meeting last week. The major item on this agenda is voting on a proposed tax rate. We are recommending that we adopt the No New Revenue rate.

#### **Construction**

Our Eagle Pass project is complete, pending a final certificate of occupancy. The Del Rio project is about month behind. The contractor is trying to tie up the loose ends and get it completed. We plan to proceed with our Welding Program with a regular Fall start and delay the Construction Science until the Spring.

AEP is coordinating with general contractor on the La Forge Hall HVAC installation. We are going to have to shut down the entire Uvalde Campus on a Friday in order to upgrade the transformer. We are asking to make that upgrade after our census date.

#### **Flooding**

As you are aware, the region experienced significant flooding in mid-July. We lost 4 vehicles in the flooding of the transportation department area, water in the Day Care, Ballroom/Cafeteria and President's house.

Our Gym/Ballroom/Cafeteria served as an emergency shelter for those that were displaced for approximately two days.

Our Crystal City Campus served as a command center for State resources responding to the flooding in Zavala County.

The Uvalde Campus hosted the Salvation Army Community Kitchen that provided approximately 1,200-1,500 meals three times a day to those in need. We also hosted Team Rubicon (a group of volunteers) that assisted in cleaning and removing debris.

College has identified several employees that were impacted by the flood

## **Updates**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved our request for the bachelor's in business degree. The next and final step will be our submission of a level change to SACSCOC in late August. We are planning for a Spring 2027 start date.

In July we held a Staff Convocation Day that prepared staff for the upcoming year. Our Faculty Convocation Day began on August 12<sup>th</sup> with an inspirational address from Luis Saucedo (NASA Engineer on the Orion spacecraft and integral to the success of the Artemis II mission – originally from Uvalde).

We have our first Barber Program courses beginning this Fall. It is an 11-credit program that enhances the Cosmetology License.

### **Upcoming Dates**

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| 8/20  | Regular Board Meeting                    |
| 8/26  | Architects Site Visit to Carrizo/Cotulla |
| 8/27  | Ribbon Cutting for EP HVAC Building      |
| 9/4-6 | Palomino Festival                        |
| 9/17  | Regular Board Meeting                    |
| 10/15 | Regular Board Meeting                    |
| 11/19 | Regular Board Meeting                    |