President's Report
June 2026

Board Items

We have multiple items for the Board's consideration this month:

- **2026-2027 Employee Salaries**

Administration is recommending the Board authorize a one-step salary increase for all employees

- **Bachelor's Curriculum Development**

The Texas Higher Education Board of Trustees will vote on our bachelor's in business degree proposal in late July. We are seeking Board approval to utilize the McKenzie Scott Endowment to fund the curriculum development pending THECB approval.

- **Lease**

We have a couple of leases for the Board's consideration. The first is the renewal of the Revive Café (snack bar provider on the Eagle Pass campus), no changes requested to this lease. The second is a request from a church to use our Tate Auditorium while their facility is remodeled.

- **Annexation**

We have published the Service Plans for both Dimmit and La Salle Counties. Both are attached for you the Board to view.

Hearings have been scheduled as follows:

La Salle County on July 7th at the La Salle County Commissioners' Court in Cotulla at 6pm

Dimmit County on July 9th at the Dimmit County Commissioners' Court in Carrizo Springs at 6pm

Construction

All construction projects are progressing well.

Budget

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has released the funding estimates for the 2026-2027 year. We are deeply disappointed in the direction and decisions made by the THECB. In short, they severely underestimated the performance funding needed to pay colleges for the outcomes produced. The impact of this error in forecasting is in essence not paying colleges for outcomes produced in the current year and more importantly reduced the funding amounts for the next academic year.

THECB had the option to fund colleges for their outcomes by requesting a supplemental funding bill; however, they chose not to step up and stand behind the community college and instead chose to change the formula to reduce the amount of performance funding. In addition, they implemented an additional 6.5% reduction to fund colleges to the level they inadequately requested from the legislature.

For our college, this represents a $2.9 million decrease from the current year funding, which in essence reduced our state funding to a level lower than that of fiscal year 2024, the first year of HB8 funding. They have erased all the gains achieved by community colleges statewide and reverted back to an allocation model.

Therefore, we have rescheduled our budget workshop to August in order to allow us an opportunity to identify where cuts will be made. The magnitude of this funding level will undoubtedly impact services and programs we offer. (See attached documents)

Accreditation

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Directors met in early June and voted to approve our Accreditation without any further reporting requirements (a full-clean accreditation). I am extremely proud of our college and all our team for all the work it takes to operate a successful college. It is reassuring to know that after two sets of accreditation teams conducted their comprehensive review of our work, the SACSCOC voted to grant us full accreditation**.** This reaffirmation is a powerful validation of the dedication of our faculty, staff, and students to excellence in all that we do. It underscores our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities and strengthening the communities we serve.

Powerline Incident

Report will be provided at Board Meeting

Upcoming Dates

6/14-20	National College Finals Rodeo
6/25	June Board meeting
7/7	Board Hearing Date – La Salle County
7/9	Board Hearing Date - Dimmit County
	No July Board Meeting
8/12	General Faculty Meeting
8/13	Special Board Meeting
8/20	Regular Board Meeting