

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Southwestern Community College**

**May 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - Slagle Board Room**

**Attending:**

Trustees

Terry Bell  
Conrad Burrell  
Vance Davidson  
Paul Holt

Libby Knight  
Pete Penland  
Tracie Rice  
Jerry Sutton

Kate Welch  
Lambert Wilson

College Staff

Janet Burnette  
Sharon Grasty

Chairman Conrad Burrell called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

Mr. Burrell reported that at its May 20 meeting the State Board of Community Colleges approved the recommendation of Dr. Don Tomas as president of Southwestern Community College.

Mr. Wilson made a motion that Dr. Don Tomas be accepted as sixth president of the college. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Leatherman has verbally notified Chairman Burrell of his resignation but a letter of resignation has not been received by the college or the appointing agency. A replacement would be preferred by the July quarterly Board meeting. Following discussion, Mr. Holt made a motion that if a resignation letter is not received in one week, the position of Trustee Leatherman will be declared vacant. Mr. Sutton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on recent newspaper articles relating to construction of the college access road. Cecil Groves and George Stanley have submitted response letters to the editor concerning the issue.

Discussion was held on the proposed new building in Swain County. There have been no official meetings held that included all involved parties regarding plans for the facility. Ms. Burnette noted she had talked recently to the Swain County manager and informed him that an official request to the Board of Trustees and State Board approval would be necessary before the Almond Center could be turned over to Swain County.

Mr. Sutton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Penland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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Conrad Burrell, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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Janet Burnette, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

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Date