

BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 22, 1923

Houston, Texas,  
November 22, 1923.

A called meeting of the Board of Regents of the Texas Technological College was held in Houston, Texas, at the Rice Hotel, on November 22nd, 1923. The following members of the Board were present:

Amon G. Carter  
C. W. Meadows  
W. P. Hobby  
John W. Carpenter  
R. A. Underwood  
Mrs. Charles De Groff  
Clifford B. Jones  
Dr. J. E. Nunn  
Mrs. F. H. Drane

It was moved and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be deferred.

It was moved and carried that the Board proceed to the election of a President of the Texas Technological College. By unanimous vote of the Board Dr. P. W. Horn was elected. A brief discussion followed in which the members of the Board expressed their pleasure in the unanimity of the action, and called attention to Dr. Horn's unusual fitness for the position.

The amount of the salary to be paid the President of the College was discussed at some length. A motion was made and carried that Dr. Horn be paid a salary of \$7,500.00 per annum, and that he be asked to assume his new office as soon as he could arrange to leave his duties at Southwestern University.

Mr. Jones reported for the Architectural Committee that an agreement had been reached with Sanguinett, Staats & Hedrick of Fort Worth, Texas, William Ward Watkin of Houston, Texas, and Robert & Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, which

had been reduced to writing in the form of a letter which he read to the Board as follows:

Houston, Texas, November 22,  
1923.

Mr. Clifford B. Jones, Chairman  
Texas Technological College,  
Architectural Committee,  
c/o Rice Hotel,  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones.

In conformity with conversation had with you and your committee on the 21st, beg to submit the following report:

It has been agreed between Messrs. Wm. Ward Watkin and L. W. Robert, Jr., representing their respective firms of Wm. Ward Watkin, Architect, Houston, Texas, and Robert & Company, Engineers and Architects, of Atlanta, Georgia, and W. C. Hedrick, representing the firm of Sanguinett, Staats & Hedrick, Architects, Fort Worth, Texas, that we will associate ourselves for the purpose of making plans, supervising work for the proposed Texas Technological College to be located at Lubbock, Texas in the following manner:

Our firm is to be known as the Architects, with Wm. Ward Watkin, Associate Architect, in the following capacity: Mr. Watkin to work out the preliminary drawings for the several buildings which are to be undertaken immediately, on a scale of 1/8", such preliminary drawings to include elevation plans, and sections of the buildings and a general plan of the future possible development on a scale of approximately 50' - 1". When these elevation and sections have been approved by the Board of Regents they will be turned over to our office for development into working drawings, and details complete, including engineering, both architectural and mechanical, and writing of specifications and the letting of contracts and the supervision of work after contracts have been let and until all the buildings have been completed and accepted by the Board of Regents from the contractors erecting same. Mr. L. W. Robert, Jr., of Robert & Company, service in connection with this work is to be in the capacity of consulting engineer and checking over our plans as such and advising with our office and the Board on matters that will be of benefit to the College through his association of similar projects in the Southeast.

For the above work your Board is to furnish our office free and without cost a contour map or survey of the site on which buildings are to be erected, giving grades, elevation, and cross-section.



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Our compensation for the above service is to be 5% of the total cost of all construction, both mechanical and architectural, including permanent furnishings and equipment that go into the buildings. This fee to be divided in the following manner: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to Wm. Ward Watkin,  $\frac{1}{2}$ % to Robert & Company, and 3% to Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick. This fee to be paid to Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick as follows: 70% on the completion and acceptance of plans by your Board and the letting of all contracts, both architectural, mechanical and permanent furnishings and equipment, the remaining 30% to be paid when buildings have been completely finished, furnished and accepted by your Board. The firm of Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick, will, upon receipt of your remittance or remittances immediately disburse to Messrs. Watkin and Robert & Company their pro rata share of the fee as paid by your Board, furnishing you with copy of letter at the time such remittance is made.

Any expense in connection with travelling over the country to visit schools, colleges or universities, with members of your Board is not to be considered a part of our service, and all such trips are to be paid for by your Board at actual cash outlay to us, exclusive of time, in addition to the agreed fee of 5%.

The arrangement as above perfected is with the understanding that so long as the Board desires the service of such combination for future work in addition to present contemplated appropriation, they will work in perfect harmony, each with the other, in doing everything in their power to get the best results for the institution. Further, the same division of fee and work as outlined will be continued. This letter is endeavoring to convey that should the Board desire to continue the service of the three firms for future extension in years to come, we now solicit the work on the basis as outlined above, by mutual consent and agreement.

"Wishing to thank you, the members of your committee, and the Board as a whole for the consideration shown our respective firms, and awaiting with pleasure the official acknowledgment in writing of this proposal, and advice as to when work should begin, number of buildings, funds available for each, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick,  
Architects  
By W. C. Hedrick

(Signed) Wm. Ward Watkin, Associa-  
te Architect  
By Wm. Ward Watkin

(Signed) Robert & Co., Consulting  
Engineers  
By L. W. Robert, Jr."

A motion was made and carried that the report of the committee be accepted and that the committee be continued and authorized to draw up a contract with the firms named, and to prepare the same for this signature of the officers of the Board.

Dr. Horn was invited to appear before the Board. He was welcomed by the chairman, and expressed his appreciation of the honor which had been conferred upon him. He agreed to assume his duties as President of the College on January 1, 1924. The Board agreed, in addition to his salary, to furnish the President a residence, and to pay the expense which he would incur in visiting technological colleges in the State.

Mr. Robert and Mr. Hedrick, representing the architects, Senator Bledsoe, Mr. R. M. Chitwood, Mr. Maedgen and Mr. Spencer, of Lubbock, then came before the Board. Mr. Spencer and Senator Bledsoe expressed the appreciation of the people of West Texas for the promptness of the Board in its choice of a president and of architects, and expressed their full confidence in the choice which had been made. Col. John L. Wortham and Mr. Maedgen likewise praised the action of the Board in their election of Dr. Horn and their choice of architects and pledged full cooperation of the people of Lubbock.

After a long informal discussion of plans for the college, it was moved and carried unanimously that a committee consisting of Mr. Carter, Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. Jones be authorized to accompany Dr. Horn on trips of inspection of leading technological institutions. Dr. Horn suggested that an informal meeting of the Board be held at Lubbock on December 5th and that the architects be invited to meet with them and inspect the land which was available as a site for the college.

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The Board extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Hobby for his hospitality.

A motion was made and carried unanimously that Dr. Nunn, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Underwood be empowered to take such action as might be necessary in order to properly care for the property of the college until a business manager should be selected.

The meeting adjourned.

(Signed) A. G. Carter  
Chairman

C. W. Meadows  
Secretary