

BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 1923

Waco, Texas,  
September 6, 1923.

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Texas Technological College was held in Waco on Wednesday and Thursday, September 6th and 7th, 1923.

There were present at the meeting the following members of the Board:

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

The minutes of the meetings held at Fort Worth on May 15th and at Lubbock on August 28th were read and approved.

The first business to come before the Board was the election of a treasurer. Mr. Clifford B. Jones was nominated and unanimously elected.

The manner in which funds should be drawn by the Board for the establishing of the College was next discussed. A motion was adopted that all moneys paid out in establishing the college be by vouchers signed by the Secretary and Chairman or Vice Chairman, or any two of these officers.

The Chair asked what authority the Board should delegate to its officers to act during the intervals of the Board's meetings. Mr. Hobby moved that the officers of the Board constitute the Exe-

cutive Committee, and that the Board delegate to said Committee full power to conduct such business as might be necessary and expedient during the intervals between the Board's meetings. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously adopted.

In response to an invitation by the Board of Regents, the following applicants for the Presidency appeared before the Board:

Mr. J. Thomas Davis  
 Mr. F. E. Giesacks  
 Dr. C. D. Judd  
 Mr. Norman R. Crozier  
 Dr. J. W. Cantwell  
 Mr. E. B. Cobb  
 Mr. Clarence Ousley.

Mr. Carter explained to each of the applicants that the Board in extending invitations to various applicants for the Presidency was not actuated by any desire to quiz or embarrass them, but that the Board, having several qualified men, and desiring to be absolutely fair and to select the very best man available, believed that a personal acquaintance with the applicants would assist the Board in coming to a conclusion, and the Board by hearing their views as to the possibilities of the college, the courses which should be taught, what building program should be adopted, etc., would be greatly benefitted. Following these introductory remarks, each of the applicants addressed the Board setting forth his views as to the manner in which the College should be started, the possibilities of the school, etc. Much interesting and valuable information was imparted to the Board by the speakers.

During the afternoon Mr. W. O. Stevens and Mr. Maedgen, representing the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, were invited to appear before the Board. Mr. Stevens, President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, assured the Board of Lubbock's full co-operation and desire to do anything the Board might suggest to them. He further stated that the abstracts to the land to be acquired by the State for the use and benefit of the Texas Technological College were almost complete, and if it was the wish of the Board, Lubbock would send an attorney to Austin with the abstracts for the approval of the Attorney General.

Mr. Meadows was instructed by the Chair to communicate with the Attorney General's Department and ascertain when it would be agreeable for the attorney from Lubbock to go to Austin.

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Mr. Carter then read a letter from the Secretary of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce containing further assurances of Lubbock's Co-operation.

Mr. Jones proposed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the records of the Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College should show the Board's appreciation of the attitude of the people of Lubbock as expressed by the letter from its Secretary and by the gentlemen from Lubbock, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Maedgen, which reflects the fact that Lubbock bears its responsibilities as well as its honors with equal distinction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The motion to adopt this resolution was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next business to come before the Board was the election of a Business Manager. After much discussion it was decided that this should be deferred until after the election of a President.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Architectural Committee, made the report and recommendation of this Committee. After careful investigation and consideration of numerous firms, they recommended to the Board that the following firms be appointed as associated architects:

Sanguinett-Staats & Hedrick,	Fort Worth, Texas.
Wm Ward Watkins,	Houston, Texas.
Robert & Co.,	Atlanta, Ga., and
	Dallas, Tex.

The compensation not to exceed 5%, this appointment being conditioned on these firms being able to work out their own arrange-



ments as to apportionment of the compensation and duties.

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Mr. Meadows moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. After this motion was seconded considerable discussion was had as to whether or not it would be better to appoint the three firms as associated architects or to appoint one firm as the Architects for the Texas Technological College with the other two firms as associate architects. The motion to adopt the recommendation of the Architectural Committee was amended to read that the firm of Sanguinett-Staats & Hedrick of Ft. Worth, Tex., be appointed architects for the Texas Technological College, and that Wm Ward Watkins of Houston, Texas, and Robert & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., and Dallas, Tex., be appointed associates. With this amendment the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Architectural Committee was adopted.

The Committee was instructed to communicate with these firms and ascertain whether such an arrangement would be acceptable to them and report back to the Board.

The next business to come before the Board was consideration of what should be done with the land. Dr. Nunn suggested that the people of Lubbock be authorized to look after the land for the Board. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Maedgen, who were again invited to come before the Board, expressed the willingness of the people of Lubbock to assume this responsibility if it was the will of the Board. Mr. Carter thanked them for their kind offer, but stated that since the land had not been acquired, it would be premature to take any action. The question was deferred.

Mr. Chitwood was invited to address the Board, and his suggestions were much appreciated by the Board. He pointed out, among other things, that the Act creating the Texas Technological College did not provide for the building of dormitories, and suggested that the aid of religious denominations and Masonic bodies might be enlisted.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, President of Baylor University, was also invited to address the Board, and his remarks were very interesting and helpful.

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The next business to come before the Board was the election of the President. There was some discussion as to whether or not it would be better to wait until the next meeting before proceeding to elect the President in order that none of the applicants would feel that the Board had not been fair or had been too hasty. Dr. Nunn moved that the Board proceed to elect a President with the understanding that a majority vote should elect. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Carter put the motion and it was adopted.

After considerable discussion, the Board being unable to agree, it was decided to postpone the election of a President until the next meeting.

Mr. Carpenter invited the Board to hold its next meeting in Dallas. Chairman Carter called the next meeting to be held in Dallas on September 21st.

No other business coming before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was adopted.

A. G. Carter  
Chairman

C. W. Meadows  
Secretary