

Advisory Council Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2026

Present: Ronnie Watson, Charles Kelley, Ramon “Noon” Vela, Miguel Valenzuela, Kelly Judice, Lisa Yauck, Kerry Symons, and Elbre “Frosty” Hickerson. FPC representatives present include Dr. Glendon Forgey, Jackie Brand, Dr. Jud Hicks, and Cassi Laxton. Absent: Greg Brown.

Cassi welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:21 pm and introductions were made.

Cassi presented Items of information to the board:

- Update on 2025-2026 academic year headcount was given as follows:
  - i. Academic
    - 1. Spring 2026 – still registering
    - 2. Spring 2025 – 147 Students
  - ii. CTE – Cosmo, Nursing, Welding, Diesel
    - 1. Spring 2026 – still registering
    - 2. Spring 2025 – 4 Cosmo, 14 Diesel, 10 Welding, 10 LVN Nursing
  - iii. Dual Credit
    - 1. Spring 2026 – still registering
    - 2. Spring 2025 – 160 Students, 10 Cosmo, 47 Welding, 5 Diesel
  - iv. Continuing Education
    - 1. CDL/Bus Driving – good start to 25-26 (45 students served thus far)
    - 2. Phlebotomy Class – class of 8 finished in December
    - 3. Basic EMT Class – 3 Perryton students completed in December
- Upcoming plans for the following student and campus activities:
  - i. Acts Against Human Trafficking
  - ii. Advanced EMT – coming soon for Spring
  - iii. Phlebotomy – full class of 10 starts January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - iv. ALERRT - Active Attack Integrated Response Course
    - 03-09.2026-03.10.2026 for Law Enforcement, Dispatchers, Fire & EMS
- Changes in the following areas are happening:
  - i. GED Graduation – February 21st at 2:00 pm
  - ii. FPC’s Graduation – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Borger Bulldog Stadium at 10:00 am
  - iii. Pathways Fundraiser – planned for this June/July in memory of Tracey Cowan

Other discussion:

- Cassi gave an update on the CDL Skills/Test Pad progress.
- The lease with Kent Kwik for the Cosmetology building approaching expiration was discussed.
- The Allen Campus budget and maintenance and operation tax funding was discussed. The board expressed commitment and thankfulness for FPC being in Perryton but concerns over tax funding in Ochiltree County to cover all the expenses for the campuses in Perryton. Dr. Forgey told the board that he is working on a plan that will address those concerns. He asked for time to present the plans to the board of regents before sharing with the branch campus advisory board. There was discussion about Perryton being about 20% of overall college enrollment.
- Cassi informed the board of a consortium meeting with the ISDs on the northwest side of the region about the possibility of helping them through the creation of a Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership Program (R-PEP). The schools interested include Follett, Darrouzett, Canadian, Booker, and Perryton. The Rural Pathway Excellence Partnerships (R-PEP) program allows rural school districts to enter into agreements with other school districts to develop rural college and career pathway partnerships. The goal of the R-PEP program is to increase access to high-quality post-secondary pathways for rural students through multi-district collaboration. At present this collaboration would focus on pathways in Information Technology and Diesel Mechanics.

- There was discussion on the RNEC program and our partnership with Ochiltree General Hospital. Kelly Judice spoke to their commitment to FPC's nursing program as well as the commitment to RNEC.
- The possibility of grants to help expand the welding facility due to functioning at capacity during the day classes was considered.