Agenda Item No.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President

Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute New Employment Contracts for the Head Baseball Coach, Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach, Associate Athletics Director – Football Director of Operations, Assistant Football Coach – Tight Ends, Assistant Football Coach – Wide Receivers, Assistant Football Coach – Offensive Coordinator, Assistant Football Coach – Offensive Line, Two Assistant Football Coaches – Defensive Line, Assistant Football Coach – Running Backs, Assistant Football Coach – Secondary, and Assistant Football Coach – Linebackers

**Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the president of Texas A&M University (Texas A&M) to negotiate and execute new employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons:

Head Baseball Coach – James M. Schlossnagle

Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach – Jerry Schmidt

Associate Athletics Director – Football Director of Operations – Mark Robinson

Assistant Football Coach – Tight Ends – James Coley

Assistant Football Coach – Wide Receivers – Dameyune Craig

Assistant Football Coach – Offensive Coordinator – Darrell Dickey

Assistant Football Coach – Offensive Line – Josh Henson

Assistant Football Coach – Defensive Line – Terrence Price

Assistant Football Coach – Defensive Line – Elijah Robinson

Assistant Football Coach – Running Backs – Tommie Robinson

Assistant Football Coach – Secondary – Terrall Rushing II

Assistant Football Coach – Linebackers – Tyler Santucci

**Background Information:**

System Policy [*25.07,* *Contract Administration*](https://policies.tamus.edu/25-07.pdf), requires that employment contracts for university athletics department administrators and coaches having an annual salary consideration of $500,000 or more, a term longer than five years, or an annual salary consideration of $250,000 or more that exceeds by 10% the median annual compensation for a comparable position within the university’s respective athletics conference, must be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

Coach Jim Schlossnagle is the newly minted Head Baseball Coach at Texas A&M. He joins Texas A&M after 21 seasons as the skipper at Texas Christian University (TCU) where he compiled a 734-346 record as Head Coach, won seven Mountain West regular season titles and three Big 12 regular season titles, and guided the Horned Frogs to the College World Series in five out of the last 12 years. He has twice been named National Coach of the Year. Prior to joining TCU, Schlossnagle was the Head Baseball Coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for two years.

Coach Jerry Schmidt has been the Head Football Strength Coach at Texas A&M since January 2018. He previously served in the same position with the University of Florida (Florida) (1995-1998) and the University of Oklahoma (Oklahoma) (1999-2017). He has trained six Heisman Trophy winners and has coached in six National Championship games and been part of teams that won National Championships at Notre Dame, Florida and Oklahoma. He also trained the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Mr. Mark Robinson has been the Associate Athletics Director for Football Operations since December 2017. He served the same role on Coach Jimbo Fisher’s staff at Florida State University (Florida State) and has also served in football operations previously at the University of Arkansas (Arkansas) and in a prior term at Texas A&M.

Coach James Coley has served as the Tight Ends Coach for Texas A&M since February 2020. He came to Texas A&M after serving as Offensive Coordinator at the University of Georgia from 2016-2018 and the University of Miami from 2013-2015. He was on Coach Fisher’s staff at Florida State from 2008 to 2012. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Dameyune Craig has served as Wide Receivers Coach for Texas A&M since December 2017. He was a record setting passer during his playing days at Auburn University (Auburn) and has served as an offensive coach in the Power 5 at Auburn, Louisiana State University (LSU) and Florida State prior to joining Coach Fisher’s first staff at Texas A&M. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Darrell Dickey has served as Offensive Coordinator for Texas A&M since December 2017. He has previously served in various roles, including Offensive Coordinator for the University of Memphis (Memphis), Texas State University (Texas State), Utah State University, LSU, Southern Methodist University and others, and was the Head Coach at University of North Texas from 1998-2006. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Josh Henson joined the Texas A&M staff as Offensive Line Coach in February 2019. Recognized twice as one of the nation’s top 25 recruiters, Coach Henson has great experience as an offensive line coach at Oklahoma State University, University of Missouri and for the 2017 National Championship team at LSU. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Terrence Price has served as a Defensive Line Coach for Texas A&M since February 2012. The Texas A&M graduate is known as an excellent recruiter. He has a long experience in the SEC having served two terms as Defensive Line Coach at the University of Mississippi (1995-1998 and 2009-2011) and at Auburn (1999-2008). He helped coach the Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation in 2020 and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Elijah Robinson has coached the Defensive Line at Texas A&M since February 2018. He previously served the same role at Temple University and Baylor University. He is an outstanding recruiter. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Tommie Robinson joined the Texas A&M staff as Running Backs Coach in March 2020. Prior to joining Texas A&M, he served for three years as the Running Backs Coach for LSU culminating in the 2019 National Championship. Previous coaching stops included terms with University of Southern California, The University of Texas at Austin, Utah State University and Arkansas as well as professional coaching jobs with the Dallas Cowboys and Arizona Cardinals. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Terrall Rushing has served as Secondary Coach for Texas A&M since February 2020. He was a member of Super Bowl XLI Champion Indianapolis Colts during his five-year professional career. After his professional career, he served in various coaching capacities with Memphis, Stanford University, Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

Coach Tyler Santucci has served as Linebackers Coach for Texas A&M since February 2020. Prior to coming to Texas A&M he served as the Linebackers Coach for Wake Forest University. He has also coached at Texas State and at his alma mater Stoney Brook University. He helped coach the 2020 Texas A&M team that finished #5 in the nation and won the Orange Bowl.

**A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:**

All amounts agreed upon will be fully funded from gifts or revenues of the Athletic Department.

**Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:**

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System Strategic Plan Imperative 1 by enabling the College Station campus of the A&M System to provide a means for all qualified students, both student-athletes and non-athlete students, to pursue their ambitions and interests. The sport of football is the most popular sport in the state of Texas and baseball is also highly popular. A high-quality coaching staff and successful teams allow all students the opportunity to participate as the 12th Man while enjoying a short respite from the academic rigor of the institution. Additionally, successful football and baseball teams provide a service that responds to the needs of the people of Texas and contributes greatly to the economic strength of the greater Bryan-College Station area.

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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

July 7, 2021

Members, Board of Regents

The Texas A&M University System

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I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

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Respectfully submitted,

M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D.

President

**Approval Recommended:** **Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp Ray Bonilla

Chancellor General Counsel

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