



**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA  
FOR REGULAR BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
Thursday, May 20, 2021**

\*Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center, Century Ballroom  
177 Joe Routh Boulevard, College Station, Texas 77840

*Members of the public may also access the meeting at <https://www.tamus.edu/regents/live-streams/>*

8:00 am Convene Board Meeting

- Election of Officers *(if applicable)*

Recess to Executive Session *(includes discussion of Agenda Items 5.4 through 5.13)*

- Consultation with System Attorneys Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Texas Government Code, Section 551.071; including:
  - Discussion with Counsel on pending legal matters including, but not limited to, contemplated and/or pending litigation, contemplated, on-going and/or completed investigations regarding institutional compliance and any findings, conclusions and/or recommendations thereto; and the status of negotiations regarding and/or compliance with certain letters of intent, contracts and/or similar agreements, including, but not limited to, legal obligations and duties and any and all facts relating thereto, including:

5.10 - \*Authorization to Settle a Dispute with EDR Development LLC Relating to Expenses Incurred by Texas A&M University-Commerce Associated with a Student Housing Project, A&M-Commerce

5.11 - \*Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute an Amended and Restated Renewal Agreement and Other Related Documents in Connection with the Operation of Texas A&M University at Qatar with the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, Texas A&M

Discussion of legal issues relating to claim asserted to approximately 4,506 acres of land and improvements in Edwards County, Texas involving the Estate of Gus D. Wheat, Jr., A&M System
- Deliberations Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property – Texas Government Code, Section 551.072; including discussion regarding possible terms and conditions and related negotiations involving the potential purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

The following to be discussed as provided by Sections 551.071 and 551.072:

- 5.4 - \*Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Advanced Funding Agreement Relating to Reconstruction of the Pelican Island Bridge, A&M System

**Please note: To comply with System COVID-19 standards, social distancing will be in effect. To ensure social distancing, limited seating will be available and the adjusted occupancy limit of the meeting room will be observed.**

**Meetings are scheduled to follow each other consecutively and may start earlier or later than the posted time depending on the length of the discussions and the reports of previous meetings. Action items are scheduled to follow each other consecutively but may be taken out of order. The estimated times are approximate and may be adjusted as required with no prior notice.**

5.5 - \*Authorization to Execute a Ground Lease with The Association of Former Students for the Addition of a Grand Hall and Other Improvements Adjacent to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center on the Texas A&M University Campus in College Station, Brazos County, Texas, Texas A&M

5.6 - \*Authorization to Execute an Amendment to a Facilities Operation and Use Agreement with FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies Texas, LLC, f/k/a Kalon Biotherapeutics, LLC, for Space in the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing Building Located at 100 Discovery Drive, College Station, Brazos County, Texas A&M

5.7 - \*Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Ground Lease of 0.404 Acres of Land for the Construction of a Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House Near the Campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, A&M-Commerce

5.8 - (Withdrawn)

5.9 - \*Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Ground Lease of 76 Acres of Land to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Purpose of Operating the E. "Kika" De La Garza Plant Materials Center in Kleberg County, Texas, Texas A&M-Kingsville

- Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations – Texas Government Code, Section 551.073
- Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, or to Hear Complaints or Charges Against an Officer or Employee – Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, including:
  - Presidents and/or Chief Executive Officers of A&M System Institutions (Universities, Agencies and Health Science Center); A&M System Office Executive Level employees; employees reporting directly to the Board (e.g., Chancellor, Executive Director and Chief Auditor); and all other employees of the A&M System Offices and Institutions; including:
    - 5.12 - \*Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor for Engineering, Interim Dean of the Texas A&M University College of Engineering, and Interim Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, A&M System
    - 5.13 - \*Authorization for the Chairman to Negotiate and Execute an Extension of the Employment Agreement with Chancellor John Sharp, A&M System

- Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits – Texas Government Code, Section 551.076

### 1:30 pm Meeting of the Board – Open Session

- Invocation
- Welcome and Opening Remarks, Chairman Elaine Mendoza
- Student Regent's Remarks, Cahlen Cheatham  
*Experiences as Student Regent*  
*State of Student Body for the A&M System*  
*Issues Concerning Students Moving Forward for Upcoming Year*  
*Thoughts on Effectiveness of Student Regent Position*
- Chancellor's Remarks, John Sharp  
*System Member Accomplishments*  
*Academic Program Highlights*  
*Important Research Initiatives*
- Final Report on the *Lead by Example* Campaign, Kathleen M. Gibson (*Chair, Texas A&M Foundation*), and Tyson Voelkel (*President & CEO, Texas A&M Foundation*)

- Vote on Item 5.1 (*Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Mr. Jorge A. Bermúdez '73 for His Outstanding Dedication and Service as Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation*)

2:20 pm Committee on Finance

- Financial Update, Billy Hamilton

2:30 pm Committee on Audit

- Monthly Audit Report, Charlie Hrcir, Chief Auditor
- Audit Tracking Report, Charlie Hrcir
  - Status Updates from CEOs as needed
- Other Business (includes Approval of Minutes)

3:00 pm Reconvene Meeting of the Board

- Reports and Action (See Public Testimony Policy 02.01):
  - Standing/Special Committee Reports
    - Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (report only)*
    - Committee on Finance (report only)*
    - Committee on Audit (report only)*
    - Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant (Items 3.1 through 3.3)*
    - Special Committees – reports only*
  - Board of Regents (*Items 5.2 through 5.7 and 5.9 through 5.13*)
  - Consent Agenda (*Items 6.1 through 6.56*)
- Special Presentation of Resolutions (*Resolution Honoring Regent Phil Adams for his Outstanding Dedication and Service and Resolution Recognizing Student Regent Cahlen Cheatham for His Service as the 2020-2021 Student Member of the Board of Regents*)
- Other Business/New Business
- Closing Remarks, Chairman Mendoza

3:20 pm Adjourn Meeting of the Board

**Public Testimony Policy****Public Testimony on Agenda Items at Regular Meetings of the Board of Regents**

A member of the public is allowed to present written and oral testimony, for a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Chairman of the Board, on any agenda item listed on the agenda for a regular meeting of the Board of Regents that is open to the public. Testimony on a topic other than an agenda item will not be allowed.

- 2.1 A member of the public who desires to present written or oral testimony must deliver the following information to the Executive Director by e-mail, mail, facsimile, or hand delivery, no later than 24 hours before the regular board meeting is posted to begin:
- (a) the name of the person submitting testimony;
  - (b) the agenda item to be addressed; **and either**
  - (c) the written testimony **or** a written statement of the substance of the oral testimony.

E-mail delivery will not be accepted unless the e-mail is sent to the address designated for public testimony requests on the board's website. Copies of the testimony or substance of the oral testimony will be distributed to the board members at or before the board meeting.

- 2.2 The Board will consider the public testimony properly presented on an agenda item before voting on that agenda item. The Chairman or a majority of the Board may prescribe sanctions against any person exceeding established time limits or speaking on a topic other than the agenda item.

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