

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 2:50 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2021, in the Century Ballroom of the Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Cahlen Cheatham (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Bill Mahomes

Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings from System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Mendoza called on Regent Hernandez who discussed opportunities The Texas A&M University System in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Additional comments were made by Dr. Katherine Banks, A&M System Vice Chancellor of Engineering and National Laboratories and Dean of the Texas A&M College of Engineering, and Mr. David Coatney, Director of Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. Regent Hernandez said that he would work with Chancellor Sharp on a proposed plan to be submitted to the Board.

Next, Ms. Jenny Jones, A&M System Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, presented a briefing on the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature and improving student success and issues relating to state funding of regional universities in Texas.

Dr. Jerry Strawser, Texas A&M Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations and Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on financial management strategies at Texas A&M University.

Lastly, Chairman Mendoza asked Dr. John Junkins, Interim President of Texas A&M, and Dr. Daniel Pugh, Texas A&M Vice President for Student Affairs, to discuss implementation of free speech policies at Texas A&M.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents