

MINUTES

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

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 19-20, 2021

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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 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 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. 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. Jay Graham

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

Chairman Mendoza acknowledged and welcomed Mr. Randy Brooks who had been recently appointed to the Board by Governor Greg Abbott on April 13, 2021.

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Billy Hamilton, Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. James Hallmark, A&M System Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who presented a briefing on plans for fall 2021 operations at A&M System universities and agencies.

Next, Dr. John L. Junkins, Texas A&M Interim President, presented an update on the implementation of free speech policies at Texas A&M.

Chairman Mendoza called on Dr. Junkins and Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs, who provided an update on student orientation programs at Texas A&M.

Dr. Mark H. Weichold, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, discussed curriculum developments at Texas A&M.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Mendoza recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20, 2021, in the same location. 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
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Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings from System executives.

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Ross Bjork, Texas A&M's Director of Athletics, who presented update on fundraising and related plans for capital projects and extracurricular activities at Texas A&M.

Lastly, Ms. Jenny Jones, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided an update on the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents