



*Consent Agenda Items*  
*Meeting*  
*of the*  
*Board of Regents*

**August 10, 2022**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**August 10, 2022  
College Station, Texas**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

- 1.1 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Revenue Financing System Bonds, A&M System
- 1.2 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Permanent University Fund Bonds, A&M System

**2. COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

- 2.1 Approval of System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2023, BOR A&M System  
(Draft Pending Committee Approval)

**3. COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

- 3.1 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Business Education Complex Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 02-3279), A&M System
- 3.2 Approval to Amend the FY 2023-FY 2027 Texas A&M System Capital Plan to Add the Student Services Center Renovation Project, and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-construction and Construction Services and Approval for Construction for the Student Services Center Renovation, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas (Project No. 157205FY21), A&M-Corpus Christi
- 3.3 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the HVAC System Walton Hall Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (SSC Project No. 2021-07629), Texas A&M
- 3.4 Approval to Amend the FY 2023-FY 2027 Texas A&M System Capital Plan to Add the BLV HVAC Replacement Project for Texas A&M University-Texarkana with an FY 2023 Start Date (Project No. 2022-TAMUT-214), A&M-Texarkana

**Informational Report**

Report of System Construction Projects Authorized by the Board

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**4. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
*(no agenda items)*

**5. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS *(not assigned to Committee)***

- 5.1 Formation of a Special Committee of the Board of Regents on the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets, BOR A&M System

**Executive Session Items**

- 5.2 \*Authorization to Purchase Property Located at 842 N. Cain Street in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
- 5.3 \*Authorization to Purchase Property Located at 1136 W. Washington Avenue in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
- 5.4 \*Authorization to Purchase Property Located at 260 St. Felix Street in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
- 5.5 \*Authorization to Purchase Property Located at 251 N. Harbin Drive in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
- 5.6 \*Authorization to Sell Property Located at 2101 E. Vermont Avenue in McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, Texas A&M
- 5.7 \*Authorization to Lease 4,165 Square Feet of Educational Space at the Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital Located at 7800 Willow Chase Blvd, Houston, Harris County, Texas, Texas A&M
- 5.8 \*Authorization to Lease 27,682 Square Feet of Space in the Varisco Building Located at 219 North Main Street, Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, Texas A&M
- 5.9 \*Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract Between Workforce Solutions Alamo and Texas A&M University-San Antonio for the San Antonio Ready to Work Initiative, A&M-San Antonio
- 5.10 \*Authorization to Lease Space in Chase Park Building 3 Located at 313 E. Anderson Lane in Austin, Travis County, Texas, TDEM
- 5.11 \*Authorization to Expand the Fort Worth Campus Lease of 10,630 Square Feet of Space at 801 Cherry Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, A&M System
- 5.12 \*Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute a New Employment Contract for the Athletic Director, A&M-Corpus Christi
- 5.13 \*Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute New Employment Contracts for Seven Assistant Football Coaches and One Athletic Department Administrator, Texas A&M

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**6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**The Texas A&M University System/Board of Regents

- 6.1 Approval of Minutes
- 6.2 Granting of the Title of Emeritus, August 2022
- 6.3 Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers
- 6.4 Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members
- 6.5 Approval of Substantive Revisions to System Policy 11.02, Creation of Centers and Institutes
- 6.6 Naming of the RELLIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive

Prairie View A&M University

- 6.7 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.8 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023

Tarleton State University

- 6.9 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.10 Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.11 Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the "Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-Endowment"

Texas A&M International University

- 6.12 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.13 Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the "Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment"

Texas A&M University

- 6.14 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.15 Establishment of the Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species
- 6.16 \*Authorization to Establish Three Quasi-Endowments in the System Endowment Fund

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- 6.17 Approval for Dr. Feng Zhao, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors and Employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System
- 6.18 Approval for Dr. Thomas A. Kent, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and/or Employee of Gerenox, Inc, an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System
- 6.19 \*Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute Certain Specified Contracts Over \$500,000
- 6.20 \*Namings of Areas and Spaces Within Aggie Park
- 6.21 \*Namings of Athletics Facilities and Related Structures

Texas A&M University-Central Texas  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M University-Commerce

- 6.22 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.23 \*Naming of Agricultural Farm

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

- 6.24 Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Special Education Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.25 Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.26 Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the “Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Marine Biology”

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

- 6.27 \*Naming of the Deer Research Program within the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

- 6.28 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022
- 6.29 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023

Texas A&M University-Texarkana  
(no agenda items)

West Texas A&M University  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M Forest Service

6.30 Authorization to Execute FY 2022 Federal Non-research Grant Agreement, and Any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory  
(no agenda items)

Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
(no agenda items)

Texas Division of Emergency Management  
(no agenda items)

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**Agenda Item No. 6.1**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
Office of the Board of Regents  
August 3, 2022**

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Minutes

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The following minutes are approved:**

**May 19, 2022, Regular Meeting,  
May 19-20, 2022, Special Workshop Meeting and,  
June 3, 2022, Special Telephonic Meeting.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director

Attachments (3)

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

**May 19, 2022**

*(Approved August 10, 2022)*

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## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**May 19, 2022**

#### **CONVENE**

Chairman Tim Leach convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 19, 2022, Frost Bank Fort Worth, PalmWood Events & Conference Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez III  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Ms. Matilin “Mati” Rigsby, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Cliff Thomas

#### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Leach announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72, 73, 74 and 76 of the Texas Government Code. He said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.)*

#### **RECONVENE**

Chairman Leach reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

### **INVOCATION**

Chairman Leach called on Mr. Harrison Pavlasek to give the invocation. He said Mr. Pavlasek graduated from Texas A&M University in 2018 and Texas A&M's Law School in 2021.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Leach said the A&M System has a long history in Fort Worth. Tarleton State University has been teaching students in Fort Worth for more than 40 years, and three years ago, Tarleton opened its new Chisholm Trail campus in south Fort Worth and a decade ago, the A&M System acquired Texas Wesleyan Law School. Chairman Leach said in November, the A&M System announced its intentions to create an urban research campus in downtown Fort Worth and today they would receive an update on the plans and reactions from some of the Fort Worth leaders who had invited the A&M System to consider expanding into Fort Worth. Chairman Leach said later in the meeting the Board would consider giving official approval for construction of the research campus in Fort Worth by adding it to the A&M System's capital plan. He expressed his belief that this meeting would be remembered as a milestone for the A&M System, the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the North Texas region.

Chairman Leach informed everyone that Ms. Mati Rigsby's term, as Student Regent would soon end. He said the Board had benefited from her wisdom, insight and input from the students of the A&M System.

### **STUDENT REGENT REMARKS**

Ms. Rigsby said it had been a pleasure to be in her role for the past year. She pointed out that she was able to visit all 11 universities and that experience had changed her life's trajectory. Ms. Rigsby expressed her gratitude to the Board, Chancellor Sharp, all the Presidents and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs). A copy of Ms. Rigby's remarks are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor John Sharp highlighted accomplishments of the A&M System (a copy of these accomplishments are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

### **FORT WORTH INITIATIVE**

Mr. Billy Hamilton, Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), provided an update on the Fort Worth initiative.

Chancellor Sharp discussed the Fort Worth initiative. He expressed his appreciation to the following individuals and introduced each who presented remarks:

John Goff, Goff Capital, co-chair of Fort Worth Now  
Betsy Price, Former Mayor of Fort Worth (2011–2021)  
Glen Whitley, County Judge, Tarrant County  
Mattie Parker, Mayor of Fort Worth

Chancellor Sharp also thanked the following who were present:

G.K. Maenius, Tarrant County Administrator  
Elizabeth Beck, City Councilwoman  
David Cooke, City Manager  
Roy Brooks, Tarrant County Commissioner

*(Note: A copy of presentations are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents)*

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Chairman Leach recessed the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

*(Note: On Wednesday, May 18, the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 4:06 p.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m. On May 19, the Committee on Audit convened at 1:26 p.m. and adjourned at 2:46 p.m., the Committee on Finance convened at 2:46 p.m. and adjourned at 3:01 p.m.).*

Chairman Leach reconvened the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Regent Hernandez, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the Committee met earlier the same day and received a briefing from Mr. Ray Bonilla, General Counsel, on the A&M System's Compliance Program, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary. He said the committee received a briefing from Mr. Charlie Hrcir, Chief Auditor, on internal audit activity since the February meeting. He added that Internal Audit had released six audits and cleared 18 recommendations from audit tracking since the last meeting.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Regent Albritton, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said that the Committee met earlier the same day, approved Items 1.1 and 1.2, and recommended the items to the full Board for approval.

On motion of Regent Mahomes, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (060 through 061).

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**MINUTE ORDER 060-2022 (ITEM 1.1)**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The service department accounts for the members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, included in the exhibit, are hereby approved subject to the provisions contained in System Regulation 21.01.05, Service Departments or Centers.

**MINUTE ORDER 061-2022 (ITEM 1.2)**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGETS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The operating budgets, included in the exhibit, as submitted by the members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, are hereby approved and adopted subject to the provisions contained in System Policy 27.04, Budget Authorizations, Limitations and Delegations of Authority.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

Regent Plank, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the committee met the previous day at which time Items 3.1 through 3.3 were presented for committee consideration. He described each item, reported that the Committee had approved the items, and recommended them to the full Board for approval.

On motion of Regent Plank, seconded by Regent Hernandez and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (062 through 064):

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**MINUTE ORDER 062-2022 (ITEM 3.1)**

**APPROVAL OF SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN FOR FY 2023–FY 2027,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The system capital plan for FY 2023–FY 2027, as shown in the attached exhibit, is approved and authorization to appropriate up to 10 percent of the planning amount indicated for all FY 2023 proposed projects is granted. Any additional capital construction assistance projects and other projects funded with authorized funding by the state are automatically added to the capital plan. Once all funding for a project is identified and the POR is completed, up to 10 percent of the planning amount is authorized for expenditure on these projects.

In addition, the appropriation of PUF and RFS funding is approved for FY 2023 minor construction, rehabilitation/renovation, and equipment/software procurement projects administered by the institutions or System Facilities Planning and Construction.

Proposed FY 2023 projects are authorized to proceed immediately if all applicable POR, funding, and Legislative requirements are met.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for these projects, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

To the extent that the system capital plan identifies projects for financing through the issuance of parity obligations secured by and payable from revenues of the Revenue Financing System, and as required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient pledged revenues to satisfy the annual debt service requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the participants, on whose behalf the parity obligations are issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their direct obligations after taking into account such proposed additional Revenue Financing System parity obligations as are identified in the system capital plan.

**MINUTE ORDER 063-2022 (ITEM 3.2)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR PARTIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR  
THE BRIGHT AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 02-3343),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$235,000,000 for the Bright Area Development Project is approved.

Contingent upon the execution of a funding agreement and adoption of a resolution by the 12th Man Foundation, the amount of \$35,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Seat License Revenue), the amount of \$14,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Gifts), the amount of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-808816, Capital Project Contingency, the amount of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-512124, 12th Man Foundation Athletic Gifts, and the amount of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030009, Stadium Revenue Fund, for construction services and related project costs.

The Indoor Football Practice Facility, Outdoor Football Practice Fields, Indoor Track Facility and Kyle Field Suites portion of the Bright Area Development Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 064-2022 (ITEM 3.3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
TAMIU ESCO UTILITY PROJECT #2,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LAREDO, TEXAS  
(PROJECT NO. RISK-14-006),  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$6,220,000 for the TAMIU ESCO Utility Project #2 is approved.

The amount of \$6,220,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (Energy Savings), for preconstruction services, construction services and related project costs.

The TAMIU ESCO Utility Project #2, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Regent Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the Committee met the previous day, at which time they received several presentations including a presentation on affordability of a college education from Laura Hussack of the Education Advisory Board (EAB). He said they also discussed and approved Items 4.1 through 4.3. Regent Graham recommended these three items to the full Board for approval.

On motion of Regent Hernandez, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (065 through 067):

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#### **MINUTE ORDER 065-2022 (ITEM 4.1)**

#### **APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 02.01, BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 02.01, Board of Regents, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

#### **MINUTE ORDER 066-2022 (ITEM 4.2)**

#### **APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES 11.04, ADMISSIONS STANDARDS, AND 11.05, RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policies 11.04, Admissions Standards, and 11.05, Recruitment and Admission of Transfer Students, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.



**MINUTE ORDER 067-2022 (ITEM 4.3)**

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR  
SYSTEM MEMBER UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the changes to the admissions standards of the member universities of The Texas A&M University System for the 2023-24 academic year, as shown in the attached exhibits, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD**

Chairman Leach presented Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

On motion of Regent Mendoza, seconded by Regent Albritton, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (068 through 070):

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**MINUTE ORDER 068-2022 (ITEM 5.1)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. OTWAY B. DENNY, JR. '71 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS TRUSTEE OF THE TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 069-2022 (ITEM 5.2)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MS. MATILIN "MATI" RIGSBY FOR HER SERVICE AS  
THE 2021-2022 STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF STUDENT REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 070-2022 (ITEM 5.3)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF  
MS. JANEEN JUDAH  
TO THE UNIVERSITY LANDS ADVISORY BOARD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Ms. Janeen Judah is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the University Lands Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 1, 2025, or until a replacement is named.

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Chairman Leach reported that Items 5.4, 5.5, and 5.7 through 5.11 were considered in executive session.

*(Note: Item 5.6 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.)*

On motion of Regent Plank, seconded by Regent Graham, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (071 through 077):

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**MINUTE ORDER 071-2022 (ITEM 5.4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN COMPANY L.P.  
REGARDING THE TEXAS CONNECTION CONSORTIUM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver an agreement with Ellucian Company L.P. and to continue to serve as contract administrator and fiscal agent for and on behalf of the Texas Connection Consortium.

**MINUTE ORDER 072-2022 (ITEM 5.5)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A  
GROUND LEASE OF 2.6252 ACRES OF LAND AND  
OTHER AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
UP TO TWO RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS ON  
THE TMC3 CAMPUS LOCATED IN HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease with the Texas Medical Center, or its affiliates, for the development and construction of up to two research and educational buildings on the TMC3 Campus located in Houston, Harris County, Texas, and to take any and all additional action and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 073-2022 (ITEM 5.7)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A  
GROUND LEASE COVERING A TRACT OF LAND ON  
THE RELLIS CAMPUS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A  
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease agreement on the RELLIS Campus for the development of a Battery Energy Storage Project, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 074-2022 (ITEM 5.8)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND  
EXECUTE NEW EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR  
CURRENT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES FACULTY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute new employment contracts with current tenured, tenure-track, and academic professional track faculty in the University Libraries transitioning to 12-month staff appointments, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel. Each such agreement will have an effective date of September 1, 2022; an initial five-year term renewable one time upon satisfactory performance and mutual agreement without additional Board of Regents approval; and an initial monthly salary the same as the faculty member's current monthly salary. The employment contracts will each be subject to termination for good cause.

**MINUTE ORDER 075-2022 (ITEM 5.9)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE  
AND EXECUTE NEW EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR  
THE OFFENSIVE LINE COACH, STEVE ADDAZIO,  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR, DANIEL DURKIN, AND  
HEAD WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH, JONI TAYLOR,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute new employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons:

Offensive Line Coach – Steve Addazio  
Defensive Coordinator – Daniel Durkin  
Head Women’s Basketball Coach – Joni Taylor

**MINUTE ORDER 076-2022 (ITEM 5.10)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO  
EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR  
THE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH, STEVE LUTZ,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to execute an employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Head Basketball Coach – Steve Lutz

**MINUTE ORDER 077-2022 (ITEM 5.11)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. ROBERT H. VELA, JR.  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective June 15, 2022, Dr. Robert H. Vela, Jr. is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, at an initial salary of \$390,000.

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Chairman Leach congratulated Dr. Vela on his appointment as President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and thanked Dr. James Hallmark for his service as Interim President.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Leach presented Items 6.1 through Item 6.40.

On motion of Regent Brooks, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (078 through 117):

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**MINUTE ORDER 078-2022 (ITEM 6.1)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022, REGULAR MEETING;  
FEBRUARY 17, 2022, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING;  
AND APRIL 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Minutes of the February 17, 2022, Regular Meeting; April 17, 2022, Special Workshop Meeting; and April 28, 2022, Special Meeting are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 079-2022 (ITEM 6.2)**

**APPROVAL OF FIRST FINANCIAL BANK AS A SYSTEM DEPOSITORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In accordance with The Texas A&M University System Policy 22.02, System Investment, First Financial Bank is hereby approved as a depository for The Texas A&M University System.

**MINUTE ORDER 080-2022 (ITEM 6.3)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM FEE AT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request for a new executive MBA program fee by Texas A&M University-San Antonio, as shown on the attached exhibit, is approved to be effective with the fall 2022 semester.

**MINUTE ORDER 081-2022 (ITEM 6.4)**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, for the System Offices of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas

A&M University Health Science Center, Texas A&M University College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University School of Law, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (A&M campus employees) and Texas A&M AgriLife Research (A&M campus employees), Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Texas A&M University-Texarkana and West Texas A&M University are as follow:

| Holiday                     | Number of Days | Dates                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1              | September 5, 2022    |
| Thanksgiving                | 2              | November 24-25, 2022 |
| Winter Break                | 5              | December 26-30, 2022 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1              | January 16, 2023     |
| Spring Break                | 1              | March 17, 2023       |
| Memorial Day                | 1              | May 29, 2023         |
| Juneteenth                  | 1              | June 19, 2023        |
| Independence Day            | 1              | July 4, 2023         |

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The proposed holiday schedule for Tarleton State University is as follows:

| Holiday                     | Number of Days | Dates                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Thanksgiving                | 2              | November 24-25, 2022 |
| Winter Break                | 5              | December 26-30, 2022 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1              | January 16, 2023     |
| Spring Break                | 2              | March 16-17, 2023    |
| Memorial Day                | 1              | May 29, 2023         |
| Juneteenth                  | 1              | June 19, 2023        |
| Independence Day            | 1              | July 4, 2023         |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University is as follows:

| Holiday                     | Number of Days | Dates                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Thanksgiving                | 2              | November 24-25, 2022 |
| Winter Break                | 6              | December 23-30, 2022 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1              | January 16, 2023     |
| Spring Break                | 1              | March 17, 2023       |
| Memorial Day                | 1              | May 29, 2023         |
| Juneteenth                  | 1              | June 19, 2023        |
| Independence Day            | 1              | July 4, 2023         |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Central Texas is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1                     | September 5, 2022    |
| Veteran's Day               | 1                     | November 11, 2022    |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 24-25, 2022 |
| Winter Break                | 5                     | December 26-30, 2022 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 16, 2023     |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 29, 2023         |
| Juneteenth                  | 1                     | June 19, 2023        |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2023         |

The proposed holiday schedule for the Texas Division of Emergency Management is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1                     | September 5, 2022         |
| Veteran's Day               | 1                     | November 11, 2022         |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 24-25, 2022      |
| Winter Break                | 3                     | December 23-26 & 30, 2022 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 16, 2023          |
| Presidents' Day             | 1                     | February 20, 2023         |
| Texas Independence Day      | 1                     | March 2, 2023             |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 29, 2023              |
| Juneteenth                  | 1                     | June 19, 2023             |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2023              |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University at Qatar\* is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Semester Break              | 6                     | December 18-25, 2022 |
| Qatar National Sports Day** | 1                     | February 14, 2023    |
| Eid Al-Fitr (projected)***  | 3                     | April 23-25, 2023    |
| Eid Al-Adha (projected)***  | 3                     | June 29-July 3, 2023 |

\*While Texas A&M at Qatar's proposed schedule does NOT observe Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, or Independence Day as required by System Policy 31.04, Holidays, the Board may choose to waive this requirement in light of the fact that Texas A&M at Qatar is required to observe seven days of state/cultural holidays (of 13 total days) and also attempts to adopt a schedule similar to that of other academic institutions in Education City. Texas A&M University is required in its agreement with the Qatar Foundation to 'abide by the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Qatar, and shall respect the cultural, religious and social customs of the State of Qatar.'

\*\* The State of Qatar issued an Emiri decree that the 2nd Tuesday of February each year would be a required holiday. This holiday, Qatar National Sports Day, is to promote sports and physical activity.

\*\*\* The Eid holidays will automatically shift if the State of Qatar starts these holidays on a different day than proposed above. The number of days for the holidays will not change.

The proposed holiday schedules for Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and certain units of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are shown on the attached exhibit.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedules when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.

**MINUTE ORDER 082-2022 (ITEM 6.5)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS, MAY 2022,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYTSTEM**

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 22-03, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 083-2022 (ITEM 6.6)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING  
OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 084-2022 (ITEM 6.7)**

**APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 03.01,  
SYSTEM MISSION, VISION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 03.01, System Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning Process, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.



**MINUTE ORDER 085-2022 (ITEM 6.8)**

**APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 21.05,  
GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 21.05, Gifts, Donations, Grants and Endowments, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 086-2022 (ITEM 6.9)**

**APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISION TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 31.04, HOLIDAYS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The substantive revision to System Policy 31.04, Holidays, as shown in the attached exhibit, is approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 087-2022 (ITEM 6.10)**

**APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 34.02, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 088-2022 (ITEM 6.11)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES 51.01, CAPITAL PLANNING,  
51.02, SELECTION OF ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR, 51.04, DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY  
ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND  
51.05, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING NEW AND RENOVATED BUILDINGS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policies 51.01, Capital Planning, 51.02, Selection of Architect/Engineer Design Team and Construction Contractor, 51.04, Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects, and 51.05, Furnishing and Equipping New and Renovated Buildings, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 089-2022 (ITEM 6.12)**

**APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 60.02, PUBLIC AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 60.02, Public Affairs, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 090-2022 (ITEM 6.13)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 091-2022 (ITEM 6.14)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2023,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Tarleton State University.

**MINUTE ORDER 092-2022 (ITEM 6.15)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 093-2022 (ITEM 6.16)**

**NAMING OF THE  
MAYFIELD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Tarleton State University College of Engineering, the “Mayfield College of Engineering.”

**MINUTE ORDER 094-2022 (ITEM 6.17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
DR. TIM FLINN MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE ROOM AND THE  
DR. PAM LITTLETON MATHEMATICS EDUCATION LABORATORY  
WITHIN THE MATHEMATICS BUILDING,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following rooms in the Mathematics Building on the campus of Tarleton State University:

- Conference Room (MATH 337) – “Dr. Tim Flinn Mathematics Conference Room”
- Laboratory (MATH 113) – “Dr. Pam Littleton Mathematics Education Laboratory”

**MINUTE ORDER 095-2022 (ITEM 6.18)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M International University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 096-2022 (ITEM 6.19)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND  
EXECUTE CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONTRACTS OVER \$500,000,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute the contracts, and other related documents, listed in the exhibit, Contract List No. 22-03, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

**MINUTE ORDER 097-2022 (ITEM 6.20)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
TO MAKE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS ON  
BEHALF OF QUALIFYING ENTITIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the senior vice president of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, under the administration of Texas A&M University, to make one or more Intergovernmental Transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in support of qualifying entities participating in the 1115 Waiver Program, subject to final review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel and outside counsel with respect to each transaction. The total amount of such IGTs shall not exceed \$7.5million in the aggregate during fiscal year 2023.

**MINUTE ORDER 098-2022 (ITEM 6.21)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE  
EDWIN PIERCE AND HATTIE LANDRY WHITSON '45 SCHOLARSHIP  
IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING QUASI-ENDOWMENT;  
ROB & ROXANN BILGER ENDOWED CHAIR IN FELINE HEPATOLOGY  
QUASI ENDOWMENT; AND THE LILLY BILGER ENDOWED CHAIR IN  
FELINE GASTROENTEROLOGY QUASI ENDOWMENT  
IN THE SYSTEM ENDOWMENT FUND,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to establish three quasi-endowments in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows.

- “Edwin Pierce and Hattie Landry Whitson '45 Scholarship in the College of Engineering Quasi-Endowment”
- “Rob & Roxann Bilger Endowed Chair in Feline Hepatology Quasi-Endowment”
- “Lilly Bilger Endowed Chair in Feline Gastroenterology Quasi-Endowment”

**MINUTE ORDER 099-2022 (ITEM 6.22)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
WITH A MAJOR IN DATA ENGINEERING, AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Data Engineering.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 100-2022 (ITEM 6.23)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF LAWS IN CROSS-BORDER ADVOCACY  
DEGREE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Laws in Cross-Border Advocacy, subject to the Office of General Counsel confirming that appropriate steps have been taken to address applicable foreign laws and regulations.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 101-2022 (ITEM 6.24)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 102-2022 (ITEM 6.25)**

**NAMING OF THE CINDY & KENDALL A. MILLER '88  
MEN'S BASKETBALL SUITE IN THE  
COX-MCFERRIN CENTER FOR BASKETBALL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Men's Basketball Suite (Suite 1202) the "Cindy & Kendall A. Miller '88 Men's Basketball Suite" in the Cox-McFerrin Center for Basketball on the campus at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 103-2022 (ITEM 6.26)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 104-2022 (ITEM 6.27)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Central Texas as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 105-2022 (ITEM 6.28)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 106-2022 (ITEM 6.29)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
WITH A MAJOR IN FORENSIC AUDITING ANALYTICS, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Master of Science in Forensic Auditing Analytics.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 107-2022 (ITEM 6.30)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**MINUTE ORDER 108-2022 (ITEM 6.31)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Commerce as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 109-2022 (ITEM 6.32)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

**MINUTE ORDER 110-2022 (ITEM 6.33)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 111-2022 (ITEM 6.34)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Kingsville as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 112-2022 (ITEM 6.35)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-San Antonio as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 113-2022 (ITEM 6.36)**

**NAMING OF THE GREG A. GARCIA FOUNDERS HALL,  
WITHIN THE SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names a Hallway (Level 2) within the Senator Frank L. Madla Building on the campus at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, the “Greg A. Garcia Founders Hall.”



**MINUTE ORDER 114-2022 (ITEM 6.37)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 115-2022 (ITEM 6.38)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2022,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at West Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 116-2022 (ITEM 6.39)**

**APPROVAL OF FIVE-YEAR COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE,  
WILDLIFE SERVICES AND RELATED ANNUAL WORK AND  
FINANCIAL PLANS FUNDED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE,  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE**

The director, or designee, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is authorized to execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, the Cooperative Service Agreement between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services with effective dates of October 2, 2021 through September 30, 2026, the Work and Financial Plan for the twelve months beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and all subsequent annual Work and Financial Plans issued under the Cooperative Service Agreement, the amount of each to be determined annually.

**MINUTE ORDER 117-2022 (ITEM 6.40)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
FY 2022 FEDERAL NON-RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENTS AND  
ANY AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS OR EXTENSIONS,  
TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

The interim director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, or designee, is authorized to execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, grant agreements, amendments, modifications or extensions with the United States Department of Agriculture–Forest Service for the Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Programs Grant and Community Project Grant.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Leach announced that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for August 9-11, 2022, in College Station.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Dee Rodriguez, Office of the Board of Regents.)*

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

**May 19-20, 2022**

*(Approved August 10, 2022)*

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**May 19-20, 2022**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Tim Leach convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:21 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2022, in PalmWood Events & Conference Center, Onyx Room, Fort Worth Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Ms. Matilin “Mati” Rigsby, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

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

Chairman Leach called on Colonel Byron Stebbins, Texas A&M University’s Interim Commandant, Corps of Cadets who provided an update on the Corps. Chairman Leach proposed appointment of a special committee.

Next Maximillian “Max” Angerholzer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), George and Barbara Bush Foundation, discussed plans for the expansion of the Bush Presidential Library.

Chairman Leach then called on Robert Ahdieh, Dean, Texas A&M University School of Law, who provided an update on the law school followed by a tour of the law school.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Leach recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

*(Note: Chairman Leach recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Members of the Board, System Administration and guests toured the law school and attended a reception.)*

Chairman Leach reconvened the special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A& M University System at 8:30 a.m., Friday, May 20, 2022, in the same location. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Ms. Matilin “Mati” Rigsby, Student Regent

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

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

Chairman Leach called on Greg Hartman, Texas A&M’s CEO and Senior Vice President and John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who discussed potential policy changes that would allow System employees to work from home or other alternate locations.

Next Mr. Hartman and Ray Bonilla, A&M System’s General Counsel, gave an update on the Global Health Research Complex at Texas A&M.

Chairman Leach called on Billy Hamilton, Deputy Chancellor and CFO, and Jenny Jones, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, who discussed the rising cost of a university education nationally and in Texas and steps the A&M System can take.

Next, Ms. Jones discussed issues related to the System’s utilization of the Permanent University Fund (PUF).

Lastly, James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Brooks Moore, Deputy General Counsel, discussed issues related to recruiting and retention of faculty across the System. Mr. Moore also discussed relevant provisions of State law and System policy.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**June 3, 2022**

*(Approved August 10, 2022)*

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**MINUTES OF THE  
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**June 3, 2022**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Tim Leach convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 3, 2022.

Chairman Leach said the agenda had been sent to each Regent and posted with the Secretary of State.

The following member of the Board was present in the meeting room:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman

The following members of the Board were present via teleconference call:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. Matilin Rigsby (Student Regent)

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Leach said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, and in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 10:35 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Leach reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:45 a.m. He announced that the Board had met in executive session from 10:35 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., and conferred

with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on legal and personnel matters including discussion of Item 1.

Chairman Leach asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for Item 1. Regent Brooks moved adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. Vice Chairman Mahomes seconded the motion. Chairman Leach called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Mahomes – yes, Mendoza – yes, Plank – yes, Thomas – yes and Chairman Leach voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (MO 118-2022).

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**MINUTE ORDER 118-2022 (ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. JEFFREY SAVELL AS  
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES, AND  
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective June 6, 2022, Dr. Jeffrey Savell is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, The Texas A&M University System, and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University, at an initial annual salary of \$425,000.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Plank, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)*

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
June 22, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of the Title of Emeritus, August 2022, The Texas A&M University System

In accordance with System Policy [31.08, \*Emeritus\*](#), the designation of “Emeritus,” to be added to the rank or position upon retirement of a person, may be granted by the board upon the recommendation of the chancellor.

The chief executive officers of The Texas A&M University System recognize individuals from their respective institutions and agencies, as shown on the attached Emeritus list, who have made outstanding contributions through their dedicated and loyal service.

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 22-04, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.”**

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President  
Texas A&M University

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Jeffrey W. Savell, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor and Dean  
Agriculture and Life Sciences

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Walter V. Wendler, President  
West Texas A&M University

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
CONFIRMATION OF EMERITUS TITLES  
EMERITUS TITLE LIST NO. 22-04**

ITEM  
EXHIBIT

| <b>System Member<br/>Honoree</b> | <b>Years<br/>of<br/>Service</b> | <b>Current Rank</b> | <b>Title Conferred</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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| Dr. David N. Appel        | 41 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Plant Pathology and<br>Microbiology   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Jane N. Bolin         | 21 | Regents<br>Professor   | Regents Professor<br>Emerita of Nursing  | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Daniel F.<br>Brossart | 25 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Educational<br>Psychology   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Tim D. Davis          | 33 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Horticultural Sciences  | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Larry M. Dooley       | 29 | Associate<br>Professor | Associate Professor<br>Emeritus of<br>Educational<br>Administration and<br>Human Resource<br>Development | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. John R. Giardino      | 38 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Geology and<br>Geophysics   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Larry Johnson         | 34 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Veterinary Integrative<br>Biosciences   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Jaan Laane            | 54 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Chemistry   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Mr. George J. Mann        | 49 | Professor              | Professor Emeritus of<br>Architecture  | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |

| <b>System Member<br/>Honoree</b>            | <b>Years<br/>of<br/>Service</b> | <b>Current Rank</b>          | <b>Title Conferred</b>  | <b>Effective Date</b>   |
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| <b>TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY (Continued)</b> |                                 |                              |   |   |
| Dr. Robert B.<br>McGeachin                  | 30                              | Associate<br>Professor       | Associate Professor<br>Emeritus of Libraries                                      | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Anne Morey                              | 21                              | Professor                    | Professor Emerita of<br>English   | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| *Dr. Forster O.<br>Ndubisi                  | 17                              | Professor                    | Professor Emeritus of<br>Landscape<br>Architecture & Urban<br>Planning Posthumous | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Mr. James M. Olson                          | 22                              | Professor of<br>the Practice | Professor of the<br>Practice Emeritus of<br>International Affairs                 | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Ms. Catherine Pepper                        | 13                              | Associate<br>Professor       | Associate Professor<br>Emerita of Libraries                                       | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Deva Eswara<br>Reddy                    | 21                              | Associate<br>Professor       | Associate Professor<br>Emeritus of Libraries                                      | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Helen L. Reed                           | 17                              | Regents<br>Professor         | Regents Professor<br>Emerita of Aerospace<br>Engineering                          | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Joseph R.<br>Sharkey                    | 20                              | Professor                    | Professor Emeritus of<br>Health Promotion and<br>Community Health<br>Sciences     | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Terri W. Starman                        | 22                              | Professor                    | Professor Emerita of<br>Horticultural Sciences                                    | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Thomas W.<br>Strganac                   | 33                              | Professor                    | Professor Emeritus of<br>Aerospace<br>Engineering                                 | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Ching-Yun Suen                          | 38                              | Professor                    | Professor Emeritus of<br>Foundational Sciences                                    | Upon Approval by the<br>Board and the<br>Honoree's Retirement |

\*Posthumous

| <b>System Member<br/>Honoree</b> | <b>Years<br/>of<br/>Service</b> | <b>Current Rank</b> | <b>Title Conferred</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (Continued)**

|                          |    |                   |   |   |
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| Dr. George R. Welch      | 30 | Professor         | Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy               | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Ryland F. Young, III | 44 | Regents Professor | Regents Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Biophysics | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |

**WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

|                          |    |           |  |   |
|--------------------------|----|-----------|--|---|
| Dr. Deborah A. Davenport | 34 | Professor | Professor Emeritus of Nursing          | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Ted A. DuBois        | 38 | Professor | Professor Emeritus of Music            | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Karyn Friske         | 23 | Professor | Professor Emeritus of Accounting       | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Harry R. Hueston     | 20 | Professor | Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Darlene A. Pulliam   | 24 | Professor | Professor Emeritus of Accounting       | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |

**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE**

|                         |    |  |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|--|---|---|
| Dr. Gerald C. Cornforth | 37 | Extension Program Specialist III                         | Extension Program Specialist III Emeritus                         | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Dr. Elaine Fries        | 38 | Institute Associate Director                             | Institute Associate Director Emeritus                             | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |
| Mr. Jaime Lopez         | 29 | County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources | County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources Emeritus | Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement |

Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Phillip Ray, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs  
The Texas A&M University System

**Subject:** Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

### **Proposed Board Action:**

In accordance with System Policy [34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers](#), the Board of Regents may confirm the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the presidents of their respective members of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in the exhibit.

### **Background Information:**

Presidents of member universities are authorized by system policy to appoint and commission campus police as peace officers, subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents.

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

None.

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

5. The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas by providing a safe place to learn, work and visit. Peace officers are an imperative part of providing these services to Texans.

Agenda Item No.

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

System Office of Business Affairs

July 5, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“In accordance with System Policy 34.06, *Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers*, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Ray  
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President  
Texas A&M University

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Dr. Robert Vela, President  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Pablo Arenaz, President  
Texas A&M International University

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Kelly M. Miller, President  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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Michael E. Fossum, Chief Operating Officer  
Texas A&M University-Galveston



The Texas A&M University System  
Appointed and Commissioned Peace Officers

| <b>University Officer's Name</b> | <b>Title</b> | <b>Hire Date</b> |
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**TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

|               |               |            |
|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Leal, Erin C. | Peace Officer | 04/18/2022 |
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

|                     |               |            |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| Bailey, Jeremy M.   | Peace Officer | 08/23/2021 |
| Blythe, Jonathan D. | Peace Officer | 06/07/2022 |
| Cimrhanzl, Cole E.  | Peace Officer | 06/10/2022 |
| Decuir, Darrian L.  | Peace Officer | 06/10/2022 |
| Lora, Pedro A.      | Peace Officer | 06/21/2022 |
| Mateo, Mark D.      | Peace Officer | 06/10/2022 |
| Natal, Brandon M.   | Peace Officer | 06/10/2022 |
| Wyatt, Carlisha L.  | Peace Officer | 06/10/2022 |

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

|                   |               |            |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Ortiz, Melissa A. | Peace Officer | 04/22/2022 |
| Tellez, Damian    | Peace Officer | 05/06/2022 |

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-GALVESTON**

|                  |               |            |
|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Winkelmann, Adam | Peace Officer | 04/01/2022 |
|------------------|---------------|------------|

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

|                      |                 |            |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Abitua, Brandon M.   | Peace Officer   | 02/28/2022 |
| Cantu, Marcos J.     | Peace Officer   | 06/01/2022 |
| Cavazos, Julian, Jr. | Chief of Police | 05/06/2022 |
| Meyers, Tamera G.    | Peace Officer   | 04/18/2022 |
| Montes, Jesus, III   | Peace Officer   | 03/24/2022 |

Agenda Item No.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Maria L. Robinson, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer  
The Texas A&M University System

**Subject:** Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members

**Proposed Board Action:**

Approve the revised list of authorized signers for revolving fund bank accounts for members of The Texas A&M University System, as required by the General Appropriations Act, Article III, Section 6.3, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session.

**Background Information:**

This agenda item has been compiled from information submitted by the system members which reflects the maximum revolving amounts, the depository bank and the personnel authorized to approve disbursements from these accounts. These accounts are used to facilitate the payment of nominal expenses, debt service and payrolls, as well as to pay bills within cash discount periods. Funds disbursed from the revolving fund bank accounts in the United States are reimbursed from respective appropriations by the State Comptroller and deposits are covered by appropriate and sufficient surety bonds or securities. Accounts with Commercial Bank in Qatar follow the rules set forth in Chapter 51.003(f) of the Texas Education Code.

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

Not applicable.

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

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System strategic imperative 6, which provides that “The A&M System, in adhering to the high standard of excellence and growth required in this strategic plan, will display prudent financial stewardship and sustainability.” More specifically, this request is in compliance with the requirements of the General Appropriations Act.

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
Office of the Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer  
June 27, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“Under the authority of the General Appropriations Act, and effective September 1, 2022, the employees of The Texas A&M University System members named below, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of such funds according to law.**

**Source of Funds: Institutional Funds (or Qatar Foundation as indicated)**  
**Depository Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (or Commercial Bank-Qatar as indicated)**

**1. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (TAMUS)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$120,000,000 (Operating and Debt Service)**  
**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Maria L. Robinson, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer**  
**David Verghese, Deputy Chief Investment Officer**  
**Elaine N. Welch, Director, Investments/Banking Operations**  
**Julie Perry, Assistant Director, Investments/Banking Operations**  
**All Texas A&M University Signers listed below**

**2. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (TAMU)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$50,000,000**  
**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and CFO**  
**John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller**  
**Clint Merritt, Executive Director, Financial Management Operations**  
**Solomon Loche, Executive Director of Departmental Accounting Services**  
**Bryan Townsend, Director of Accounting Services**  
**Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller**  
**Linda Kettler, Director, Financial Management Operations**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (HSC)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$15,000,000**  
**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**All TAMU Signers listed above**

**TEXAS A&M SYSTEM – SHARED SERVICES CENTER (SSC)**

**No Revolving Funds**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**All TAMU Signers listed above**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON (TAMUG)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**All TAMU Signers listed above**

**Susan Hernandez Lee, Associate VP for Finance and Compliance Officer**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR (TAMU at Qatar)**

**Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation**

**Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and CFO, TAMU**

**John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller, TAMU**

**Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller, TAMU**

**Joseph P. Pettibon II, VP for Enrollment & Academic Services, TAMU**

**Cesar O. Malave, Dean**

**Rosalie Nickles, Assistant Dean for Finance & Administration**

**Hassan S. Bazzi, Associate Dean for Research**

**Ioannis G. Economou, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**

**3. TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY (TSU)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Lori Beaty, Vice President for Finance & Administration and CFO**

**Shante Hackworth, Associate VP Finance & Administration and Assistant CFO**

**Amanda Sims, Director, Accounting Services**

**Melissa Elliott, Director, Student Account Services**

**Jo Anna Ince, Financial Analyst III**

**Karen Fincher, Financial Analyst III**

**Kristel McClaran, Financial Accountant III – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Christina Dunagan, Financial Accountant III – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Ally Johnson, Student Account Specialist II – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Vacant, Financial Accountant II/III – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**4. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY (PVAMU)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$7,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Cynthia Carter-Horn, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO**

**Cozette Turner, Director, Accounting Services**

**Dianne Evans, Assistant Vice President for Financial Management Services**

**Equilla Jackson, Director, Treasury Services – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Sean Mills, Assistant Director, Treasury Services – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Stephanie Redd, Financial Accountant I – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Jacory Scroggins, Financial Accountant I – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**Zina Lang, Cashier Supervisor-Desktop only**

**5. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH (ALRSCH)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**G. Cliff Lamb, Director**  
**Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO**  
**Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO**  
**Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALEXT**  
**Deanie Dudley, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**  
**Loree Lewis, Director, Contracts and Administration**  
**Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable**  
**Kim Payne, Assistant Financial Manager**

**6. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE (ALEXT)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Rick Avery, Director**  
**Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO**  
**Deanie Dudley, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**  
**Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO**  
**Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALRSCH**  
**Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable**  
**Loree Lewis, Director, Contracts and Administration**  
**Kim Payne, Assistant Financial Manager**

**7. TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION (TEES)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Dr. John Hurtado, Interim Director**  
**Joseph N. Dunn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Management and CFO**  
**Andrew B. Hinton, Assistant CFO and Controller**  
**Terry Martin, Assistant Controller**  
**Karen Gregory, Assistant Controller**  
**Courtney Cammack, Financial Management Supervisor I**  
**Shandala Lewis, Financial Accountant I**  
**Vacant, Financial Accountant II**

**TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION at QATAR**  
**(TEES at Qatar)**

**Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation**

**Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Joseph N. Dunn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Management and CFO, TEES**  
**Andrew B. Hinton, Assistant CFO and Controller, TEES**  
**Hassan S. Bazzi, Associate Dean for Research, TAMU at Qatar**  
**Cesar O. Malave, Dean, TAMU at Qatar**

**8. TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE (TEEX)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Tracy Foster, CFO**

**Brian Stipe, Assistant CFO and Controller**  
**Deepak Tyagi, Assistant Controller**  
**Patti Buckhaults, Financial Manager**  
**Ana Guerrero, Financial Manager**  
**Adrienne Person, Financial Manager – ACH/Wire Transfer only**

**9. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE (TFS)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Robby DeWitt, Associate Director for Finance & Administration**  
**Travis Zamzow, Budgets and Accounting Department Head**  
**Emily Withers, Compliance Coordinator**  
**Natasha Wolf, Financial Management Supervisor**  
**John Powell, Policy and Review Coordinator**

**10. TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (TTI)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Rodney Horrell, Assistant Agency Director and CFO**  
**Xiaojuan Zhou, Assistant CFO**  
**Tyler Theobald, Controller**  
**Stephanie Barnett, Assistant Director, Accounting**  
**Weining Yang, Accounting Supervisor**  
**Randi Marshall, Financial Accountant IV**

**TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE at QATAR (TTI at Qatar)**

**Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation**

**Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Rodney Horrell, Assistant Agency Director and CFO**  
**Xiaojuan Zhou, Assistant CFO, TTI**  
**Tyler Theobald, Controller, TTI**

**11. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI (TAMUCC)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Kelly Miller, President**  
**Jaclyn Mahlmann, Vice President for Finance & Administration**  
**Rebecca Torres, Associate Vice President for Finance**  
**Rosanne Gorny, Assistant Vice President and Chief Budget Officer**  
**Yolanda Castorena, Controller**  
**Will Hobart, Director of Procurement & Disbursements and HUB Coordinator**  
**Cassie Eyring, Accounting Manager**  
**Christy Robertson, Financial Accountant III**  
**Eliza Garcia, Financial Accountant III**  
**Kristen Contreras, Accounting Assistant III**

**12. TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (TAMIU)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Pablo Arenaz, President**  
**Juan J. Castillo, Jr., Vice President for Finance & Administration**  
**Elena Martinez, Comptroller**  
**Federico Juarez III, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration**  
**Vacant, Assistant Comptroller**  
**Maria Elena Hernandez, Assistant Comptroller/Receivables**  
**Melisa Rangel, Assistant Comptroller**  
**Patricia Ornelas, Assistant Comptroller**

**13. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (TAMUK)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Robert H. Vela Jr., President**  
**Jacob Flournoy, Vice President for Finance and CFO**  
**Maricela Cisneros, Executive Director**  
**Joanne Castro, Executive Director and Controller**  
**Vilma Castillo, Associate Director, Accounting**  
**Robyn Wallace, Financial Analyst III**  
**Vacant, Property Records Officer**

**14. TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (TVMDL)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO**  
**Amy Swinford, Assistant Agency Director**  
**Matthew Durham, Assistant Agency Director and CFO**  
**Deanie Dudley, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**  
**Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALEXT**  
**Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALRSCH**  
**Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable**  
**Loree Lewis, Director, Contracts and Administration**  
**Kim Payne, Assistant Financial Manager**

**15. WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (WTAMU)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Randy Rikel, Vice President for Business and Finance**  
**Todd McNeill, Associate Vice President and Controller**  
**Mark Hiner, Associate Vice President**  
**Lauren Cazarez, Director of Finance**  
**Julie Harvell, Bursar**

**16. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE (TAMUC)**

**Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000**

**Employees authorized to sign checks:**

**Mark Rudin, President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Tina Livingston, Vice President for Finance & Administration**  
**Sarah Baker, Associate VP for Business and Administration and Controller**  
**Vacant, Assistant Controller**

Lindsay Goodman, Budget Analyst  
Arlana Martin, Budget Director  
Randa Roberson, Budget Manager  
Rocio (Rose) Moreno, State Accounting Manager  
Denise Calixto, Accountant IV  
Kim Jefferies, Coordinator of Gift Processing  
Vacant, Accounting Assistant  
Vacant, Staff Accountant  
Vacant, Staff Accountant

**17. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA (TAMUT)**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Emily F. Cutrer, President  
Jeff Hinton, Vice President for Finance & Administration  
Rhonda Jones, Controller  
Toni Burton, Director of Accounting  
Geoffrey Krieghoff, Financial Accountant III  
Tracey Helms, Financial Accountant II (ACH only)  
K'Leah Holt, Financial Accountant II (ACH only)

**18. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS (TAMUCT)**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Marc Nigliazzo, President  
Todd Lutz, Vice President of Finance & Administration and CFO  
Susan Bowden, Assistant Vice President of Business Affairs/Controller  
Arnetta Brown, Director of Business Services  
Danielle Clouden, Assistant Director of Financial Management Services

**19. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO (TAMUSA)**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President  
Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO  
Craig Elmore, Associate Vice President for Finance & Controller  
Denis Cano, Associate Controller and Director of Accounting Services  
Patricia Hayes, Director of Business Services  
Jesus Martinez, Financial Analyst III

**20. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM)**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$30,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Crawford, VP for Finance and CFO  
John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller  
Clint Merritt, Executive Director, Financial Management Operations  
Solomon Loche, Executive Director of Departmental Accounting Services



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**Bryan Townsend, Director of Accounting Services**  
**Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller**  
**Linda Kettler, Director, Financial Management Operations.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Maria L. Robinson  
Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** James R. Hallmark, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
The Texas A&M University System

**Subject:** Approval of Substantive Revisions to System Policy *11.02, Creation of Centers and Institutes*

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Approve substantive revisions to System Policy *11.02, Creation of Centers and Institutes*.

### **Background Information:**

The following substantive revisions are proposed for Board approval.

**Section 2.** Modified text clarifies that while operational responsibility for each center or institute is vested with the academic officer or agency program administrator under whose direction the center or institute functions, **the member chief executive officer retains overall accountability.**

Additional text states that a regulation will be established by the chancellor. It will provide the appropriate standards for compliance with Section 2, including a member's ongoing monitoring and periodic reviews of its approved centers and institutes.

**Section 3.** The current text is deleted since the regulation required by Section 2 will address the appropriate process for notifying system leadership and the Board of appointments to external advisory boards of approved centers and institutes.

Other revisions include a template update as well as stylistic edits to conform to system style guidelines.

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

None.

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

The board's adoption, maintenance and revision of system policies advances all eight Strategic Plan Imperatives by providing policy direction to the member institutions and agencies.

Agenda Item No.

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Office of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

July 18, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Substantive Revisions to System Policy *11.02, Creation of Centers and Institutes*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The substantive revisions to System Policy *11.02, Creation of Centers and Institutes*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.”**

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer



## 11.02 Creation of Centers and Institutes

~~Revised August 10, 2022 (MO -2022)~~

~~Revised October 19, 2017 (MO 192 2017)~~

Next Scheduled Review: ~~August 10, 2027~~~~October 19, 2022~~

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### Policy ~~Summary~~~~tatement~~

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The creation of a center or institute requires the recommendation of the chancellor and the approval of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system). Centers or institutes ~~must~~~~shall~~ be periodically reviewed and may be modified or dissolved in accordance with this policy.

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### ~~Reason for Policy~~

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~~This policy provides a means to evaluate proposed centers or institutes and to ensure that such entities are appropriately designed, funded and maintained.~~

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### Definitions

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### Policy~~Procedures and Responsibilities~~

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1. Members are authorized to establish centers and institutes subject to recommendation by the chancellor and approval by the board. The agenda item for approval of a center or institute ~~must~~~~shall~~ disclose the rationale for creating the entity, its impact on the education and training of students, the sources and future expectations of financial support, the governance and advisory structure, and the mechanisms for periodic review, in a format prescribed by the chancellor.
2. ~~While operational responsibility~~ ~~Accountability~~ for each center or institute is vested with the academic officer or agency program administrator under whose direction the center or institute functions, ~~the member chief executive officer (CEO) retains overall accountability.~~ Monitoring of the functions of the center or institute ~~must~~~~shall~~ be maintained by the responsible administrative official. All centers and institutes ~~must~~~~shall~~ be periodically

reviewed at least every five years. Periodic reviews required by the proposal ~~mustshall~~ be forwarded to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The chancellor will establish a regulation that provides appropriate standards for compliance with this section, including a member's ongoing monitoring and periodic reviews of its approved centers and institutes.

~~3. If a center or institute's approved governance and advisory structure includes an external advisory board, the center or institute is authorized to appoint members to the advisory board subject to prior notification of the proposed appointment to the board through the member chief executive officer (CEO) and chancellor. By a majority vote, the board may decline a proposed appointment. If the board fails to take action on a proposed external advisory board member appointment within 120 days, the center or institute's appointment is deemed ratified.~~

34. Major changes in function, focus or funding sources for centers and institutes ~~mustshall~~ receive prior approval from the responsible member CEO and the chancellor and subsequent approval by the board.

45. All directors of centers ~~mustshall~~ report to a departmental chair, academic dean or other appropriate officer within the designated member, as appropriate. Faculty serving within a center ~~mustshall~~ report to the director.

56. In the event that a member proposes to dissolve a center or institute, the member CEO ~~mustshall~~ submit a request for dissolution to the chancellor who will either approve or disapprove.

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## Member Rule Requirements

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A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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## Contact Office

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System Office of Academic Affairs  
(979) 458-6072

## 11.02 Creation of Centers and Institutes

Revised [August 10, 2022](#) (MO -2022)

Next Scheduled Review: August 10, 2027

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### Policy Summary

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The creation of a center or institute requires the recommendation of the chancellor and the approval of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system). Centers or institutes must be periodically reviewed and may be modified or dissolved in accordance with this policy.

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### Definitions

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Click to view [Definitions](#).

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### Policy

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1. Members are authorized to establish centers and institutes subject to recommendation by the chancellor and approval by the board. The agenda item for approval of a center or institute must disclose the rationale for creating the entity, its impact on the education and training of students, the sources and future expectations of financial support, the governance and advisory structure, and the mechanisms for periodic review, in a format prescribed by the chancellor.
2. While operational responsibility for each center or institute is vested with the academic officer or agency program administrator under whose direction the center or institute functions, the member chief executive officer (CEO) retains overall accountability. Monitoring of the functions of the center or institute must be maintained by the responsible administrative official. All centers and institutes must be periodically reviewed at least every five years. Periodic reviews required by the proposal must be forwarded to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The chancellor will establish a regulation that provides appropriate standards for compliance with this section, including a member's ongoing monitoring and periodic reviews of its approved centers and institutes.

3. Major changes in function, focus or funding sources for centers and institutes must receive prior approval from the responsible member CEO and the chancellor and subsequent approval by the board.

4. All directors of centers must report to a departmental chair, academic dean or other appropriate officer within the designated member, as appropriate. Faculty serving within a center must report to the director.
  5. In the event that a member proposes to dissolve a center or institute, the member CEO must submit a request for dissolution to the chancellor who will either approve or disapprove.
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## **Member Rule Requirements**

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A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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## **Contact Office**

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System Office of Academic Affairs  
(979) 458-6072

Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Kelly Templin, Director  
The Texas A&M University System RELIS Campus

**Subject:** Naming of the RELIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Name the RELIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive “Gus Grissom Boulevard” on The Texas A&M University System RELIS Campus.

### **Background Information:**

In accordance with System Policy *51.06, Naming of Buildings and Other Entities*, “It is the policy of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) to honor or memorialize individuals who have made significant contributions to the system by naming buildings, definable portions of buildings, geographical areas or academic entities for such individuals.”

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

Not applicable.

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

Approval of this agenda item will directly advance The Texas A&M University System Strategic Imperative 4. The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. The naming of the RELIS Campus Highway 21 entry drive to “Gus Grissom Boulevard” pays respect to an original member Mercury Seven Astronaut and former resident of the Bryan Air Force Base, now the RELIS Campus.



Agenda Item No.

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
RELLIS CAMPUS**

Office of the Director

June 30, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Naming of the RELLIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the RELLIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive to ‘Gus Grissom Boulevard.’ ”**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Templin, Director  
The Texas A&M University System  
RELLIS Campus

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ms. Vickie Spillers, Executive Director, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for the Naming of RELLIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive

I respectfully request approval, including that of the Board of Regents, to formally name the Highway 21 Entry Drive to RELLIS Campus “Gus Grissom Boulevard.”

The attached naming opportunity will honor or memorialize an individual who has made major contributions or had major financial contributions made on their behalf or who have performed outstanding services for the system or one of the members in accordance with *System Policy 51.06, Naming of Buildings and Other Entities*.

Lieutenant Colonel Virgil “Gus” Grissom is famous for his service as a Mercury and Gemini Program astronaut. However, he served in both the Second World War and Korea prior to this. He flew 100 missions in Korea in 1952 before returning to the United States and being assigned to duty as an instructor pilot at Bryan Air Force Base. He may have crossed paths with a student by the name of Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin. Already an Air Force pilot at the time, Aldrin was enrolled in an advance course at Bryan A.F.B in 1952 and would go on to become the second man to set foot on the moon.

Lt. Col. Grissom was selected to fly the first Apollo mission alongside astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee. All three died on January 27, 1967 when a fire erupted inside their capsule during a pre-launch test.

Lt. Col. Grissom was a highly decorated and skilled test pilot. Had he not perished in 1967 he may have gone on to land on the moon. The naming of the State Highway 21 entry drive in memory of Lt. Col. Grissom serves to honor the man and reflect on the powerful and rich history of the RELLIS campus.

The street naming is planned jointly with the establishment of a statue of Col. Buzz Aldrin, Ph.D. in front of the RELLIS Chapel (see attached plan and rendering). These projects will serve to honor the veterans and cadets that passed through the campus on their way to serve their country and bring notoriety to the RELLIS Campus and The Texas A&M University System.

It should be pointed out that, for safety reasons and 911 locational protocols, it is necessary to name the street. The street is a short boulevard extending between Highway 21 and the RELLIS Parkway.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request to honor Lt. Col. Gus Grissom.

Kelly Templin, Director  
The Texas A&M University System  
RELLIS Campus

## **Naming of the RELIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive**

**Naming Opportunity:** RELIS Campus Highway 21 Entry Drive

**Donors:** N/A

**Name Presentation:** Gus Grissom Boulevard

**Total Gift Amount:** \$0

**Total Amount Paid:** N/A

**Biography:** Virgil Ivan "Gus" Grissom (April 3, 1926 – January 27, 1967) was a United States Air Force (USAF) pilot and a member of the Mercury Seven selected by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as Project Mercury astronauts to be the first Americans in outer space. He was a Project Gemini and an Apollo program astronaut. As a member of the NASA Astronaut Corps, Lt. Col. Grissom was the second American to fly in space. He was also the second American to fly in space twice, preceded only by Joe Walker with his sub-orbital X-15 flights.

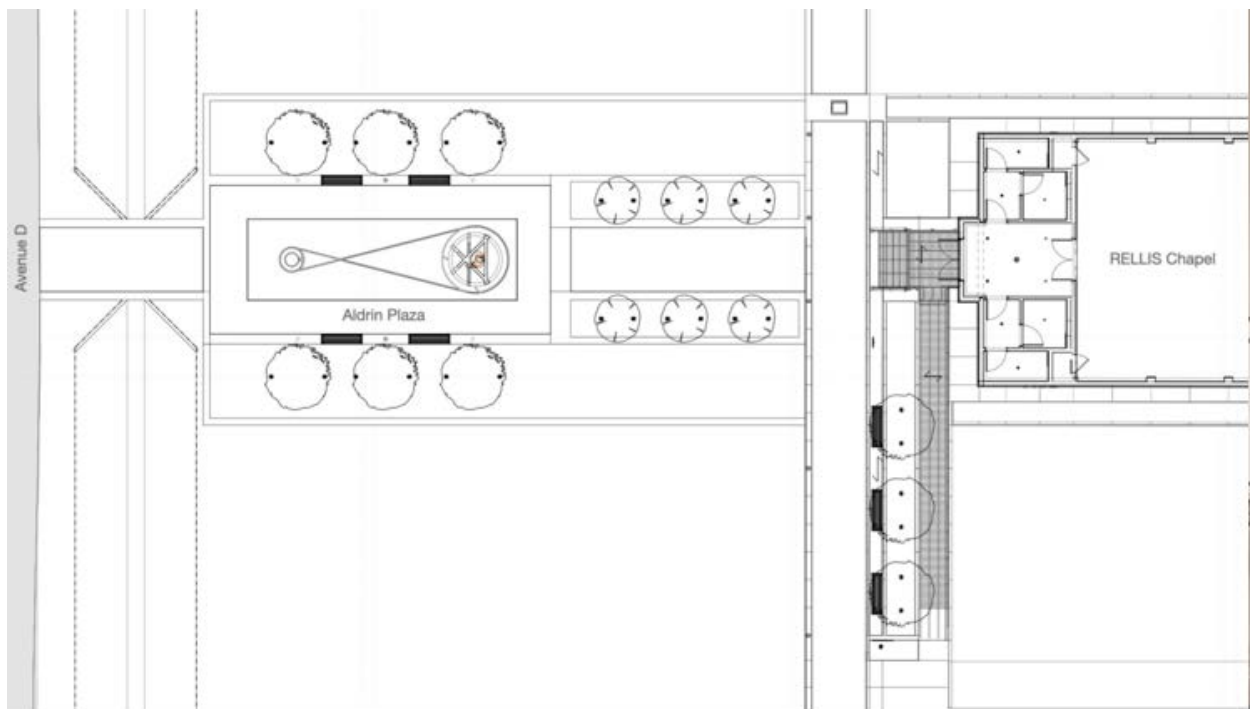
Lt. Col. Grissom was a World War II and Korean War veteran, mechanical engineer, and USAF test pilot. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster, two NASA Distinguished Service Medals, and, posthumously, the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

During World War II, Lt. Col. Grissom enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces as an aviation cadet. After his discharge from military service, he enrolled at Purdue University, graduating with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering in 1950. He reenlisted in the USAF, earning his pilot's wings in 1951, and flew 100 combat missions during the Korean War. After returning to the United States, Lt. Col. **Grissom was reassigned to work as a flight instructor at Bryan Air Force Base in Texas.** He attended the USAF Institute of Technology for a year, earning a bachelor's degree in aeromechanics, and received his test pilot training at Edwards Air Force Base in California before his assignment as a test pilot at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Selected as one of the Mercury Seven astronauts, Grissom was the pilot of Mercury-Redstone 4 (Liberty Bell 7), the second American suborbital flight, on July 21, 1961. At the end of the flight, the capsule's hatch blew off prematurely after it landed in the Atlantic Ocean. Grissom was picked up by recovery helicopters, but the blown hatch caused the craft to fill with water and sink. His next flight was in the Project Gemini program as command pilot for Gemini 3 (Molly Brown), which was a successful three-orbit mission on March 23, 1965. Grissom, commander of AS-204 (Apollo 1), died along with his fellow astronauts Ed White and Roger B. Chaffee on January 27, 1967, during a pre-launch test for the Apollo 1 mission at Cape Kennedy, Florida.



State Highway 21 Entry Drive Location.



Chapel Plaza Plan



Rendering of Chapel Plaza (looking east toward the RELLIS Chapel from Avenue D)

Agenda Item No.

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

June 1, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth J. Simmons  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04**

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EXHIBIT

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Present Rank<br/>Department</u>                 | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u><br><u>Univ.</u> | <u>Other Inst.</u> | <u>Effective<br/>Date/Tenure</u>                     | <u>Education</u>                                   | <u>Employment<br/>Towards Tenure</u>   |
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| <b>MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> |  |   |                    |  |  |  |
| Dr. Jeanelle K. Hope   | Associate Professor<br>African American<br>Studies | 0   | 3                  | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2019)<br>University of<br>California, Davis | Fa 2019 – Su 2022<br>Assistant Professor<br>Texas Christian University<br><br>Fa 2022<br>Associate Professor<br>Prairie View A&M University  |
| Dr. Heather H. Goltz   | Associate Professor<br>Social Work                 | 0   | 11                 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2008)<br>Texas A&M<br>University            | Fa 2011 – Su 2017<br>Assistant Professor<br>University of Houston<br>Downtown<br><br>Fa 2017 – Su 2021<br>Associate Professor (Tenured<br>2017)<br>University of Houston<br>Downtown<br><br>Fa 2021 – Su 2022<br>Professor<br>University of Houston<br>Downtown<br><br>Fa 2022<br>Associate Professor<br>Prairie View A&M University |

\* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.



Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Ruth J. Simmons, President  
Prairie View A&M University

**Subject:** Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023,  
Prairie View A&M University

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2023 at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

### **Background Information:**

System Policy [\*31.03, Leaves of Absence\*](#), and System Regulation [\*12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave\*](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At PVAMU, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, PVAMU requests approval for faculty development leave for three faculty members for FY 2023.

PVAMU is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

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

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty members' teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

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

Strategic Plan Imperative 4: The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. Providing faculty development leave opportunities further supports PVAMU Goal Theme 4 (Research and Innovation) by increasing innovative research and scholarly productivity as well as Goal Theme 8 (Institutional Image) which seeks to advance the university's image through innovative, relevant, and meaningful research.

Agenda Item No.

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

May 25, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023, Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, “Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Prairie View A&M University.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth J. Simmons  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST  
FY 2023  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

| <b>Name/<br/>Title/<br/>Department</b>  | <b>Years of Prairie<br/>View A&amp;M<br/>University<br/>Tenured, Tenure-<br/>Track Service</b> | <b>Semester of<br/>Leave</b> | <b>Location and Brief Description of Leave</b>  |
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| <b>BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS &amp; SCIENCES</b>  |  |                              |   |
| Alfredo<br>Fernandez<br>Associate<br>Professor of<br>Spanish<br>Department of<br>Languages and<br>Communication | 21   | Fall 2022                    | Leave will be spent in Paris, France. During the leave, research activities will examine documentary cinema and newsreels of developing countries through the focused lens of Cuban filmmaker Santiago Alvarez's documentaries on the Third World. These activities will enrich the understanding of cinema and newsreels of Alvarez's era, particularly of the 1960's and 1970's, following the Cuban Revolution and his exploration of foreign imperialism in South America, Africa and Asia. A series of articles and a book will be published by the cultural magazine Otro Lunes (Berlin-Madrid) with a circulation of 80,000 readers and the publisher El Barco Ebrio (Spain).  |
| Natali Hritonenko<br>Professor of<br>Mathematics<br>Department of<br>Mathematics                                | 20   | Fall 2022                    | Leave will be spent in Rennes, France; San Jose, California; and Houston, Texas. During the leave, research activities will focus on mathematical modeling, environmental economics, and mathematics education. Dr. Hritonenko will serve as Senior Fellow at the newly-organized Centre for Unframed Thinking at the Rennes School of Business in France and use mathematical modeling to determine the impact of COVID-19 shutdowns on global economies. She will develop a sequel to her 2021 book on nontraditional mathematical problems to build students' application of algebraic concepts and she will draft a manual featuring a collection of scientific problems, projects, and puzzles to be used in teaching mathematics courses. |

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| Sumor Sheppard<br>Assistant<br>Professor of<br>Spanish<br>Department of<br>Languages and<br>Communication | 3 | Fall 2022 | Leave will take place in New York City, New York. Dr. Sheppard has been awarded a competitive Scholar in Residence with New York University for her research on internationally renowned playwright and prominent catalyst of the Spanish, cultural revival of the 20th Century, Ramón M. Valle-Inclán. During the leave, Dr. Sheppard will access materials in special collections in the continued research and writing of an intellectual biography of the author which will include analysis of the esperpento genre he created. This work will enrich the university's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Broadening Global Learning Opportunities and Building Academic Leaders (B-GLOBAL) and support upper-level foreign language and literature classes. |
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Agenda Item No.

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

June 23, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Tarleton State University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04**

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Present Rank<br/>Department</u>                              | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u><br><u>Univ.</u> | <u>Other Inst.</u> | <u>Effective<br/>Date/Tenure</u>                     | <u>Education</u>                                 | <u>Employment<br/>Towards Tenure</u>   |
|--|---|---|--------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION</b>                          |   |   |                    |  |  |  |
| Dr. Julie Howell                                     | Assistant Professor<br>Educational Leadership<br>and Technology | 7   | 0                  | 09/01/2022   | Ed.D. (2017)<br>Tarleton State<br>University     | Fa 2015 – Fa 2016<br>Visiting Assistant Professor<br>Tarleton State University<br><br>Fa 2016 – Fa 2018<br>Non-Tenure Track Assistant<br>Professor<br>Tarleton State University<br><br>Fa 2018 – Present<br>Assistant Professor<br>Tarleton State University |
| <b>COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES</b> |   |   |                    |  |  |  |
| Dr. Ramona Parker                                    | Assistant Vice President<br>and Executive Dean                  | 0   | 6                  | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2007)<br>University of<br>Texas at Austin | Fa 2016 – Fa 2018<br>Assistant Dean of Medical and<br>Interprofessional Education<br>University of the Incarnate Word<br><br>Fa 2018 – Sp 2022<br>Associate Dean of Medical and<br>Interprofessional Education<br>University of the Incarnate Word           |

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES (Continued)**

Dr. Ramona Parker (continued)

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|                            |                           |   |   |  |   | Su 2022 – Present<br>Assistant Vice President and<br>Executive Dean<br>Tarleton State University   |
| Dr. Kathleen<br>Williamson | Dean<br>School of Nursing | 0 | 4 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2006)<br>University of<br>Delaware | Sp 2019 – Su 2020<br>Academic Dean, Professor<br>Mount Carmel College of<br>Nursing<br><br>Su 2020 – Sp 2022<br>President and Academic Dean<br>Mount Carmel College of<br>Nursing<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Dean, School of Nursing<br>Tarleton State University |

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

|                     |                                |   |   |  |  |   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Dr. Rafael Landaeta | Dean<br>College of Engineering | 0 | 6 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2003)<br>University of<br>Central Florida | Fa 2016 – Sp 2022<br>Associate Dean for Undergraduate<br>Education<br>Batten College of Engineering and<br>Technology<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Dean, College of Engineering<br>Tarleton State University |
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## LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY COLLEGE

|                   |  |   |     |  |  |   |
|-------------------|--|---|-----|--|--|---|
| Dr. Douglas Simon | Dean<br>Leadership and Military<br>College | 0 | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2002)<br>South Dakota<br>State University | Fa 1998 – Sp 2022<br>Professor<br>Southwest Minnesota State<br>University<br><br>2015 – Present<br>Staff Judge Advocate<br>Minnesota National Guard<br><br>Fa 2016 - 2019<br>Department Chair<br>Management and Marketing<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Dean, Leadership and Military<br>College<br>Tarleton State University |
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\* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.



Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Dr. James Hurley, President  
Tarleton State University

**Subject:** Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Tarleton State University (Tarleton) leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree with a major in Animal and Natural Resources Sciences (ARSC), authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

### **Background Information:**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources requests the establishment of a Ph.D. in ARSC to focus on training agriculture students to serve as practitioners for private industry, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, educators and researchers. Graduates will be trained to increase America's food production capacity, conserve natural resources, enhance ecosystem services, and resolve resource conflict.

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

The proposed Ph.D. in ARSC will require one new core faculty position in year two at \$39,600. New costs are estimated at \$25,000 for supplies and materials for the first five years of the program. No additional library resources are needed for the first five years of the program.

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

The proposed Ph.D. in ARSC aligns with The Texas A&M University System Strategic Plan Imperative 4 by helping students build a robust and targeted research portfolio. This program brings students to the leading edge of academic excellence by nurturing graduates' abilities to network and succeed as a team and as a leader, by elevating each students' academic and research profile, and by promoting student success and dedication to innovation.

Agenda Item No.

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

March 1, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Tarleton State University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences.**

**The Board also authorizes submission of Tarleton State University’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Tarleton State University**

Doctor of Philosophy  
with a major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences  
(CIP 01.0000.00)

**Program Review Outline**

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**BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Administrative Unit: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Tarleton State University (Tarleton) seeks to deliver a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree with a major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences which will provide graduates with employment opportunities in a variety of agriculture fields. Areas of opportunity include conservation, food production, ecosystem services, resolution of resource conflicts, and higher education.

The proposed curriculum within this new program is designed to meet the following student learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate mastery of discipline specific knowledge
- Demonstrate ability to design and conduct original research
- Communicate to a diverse audience effectively in both oral and written formats.

This 60-semester credit hour program is comprised of courses in Animal and Natural Resources. The program will be self-designed with a faculty advisor, based on the field that the student wishes to pursue. Coursework includes topics such as research in natural resource sciences, rumen microbiology, fire ecology, and grant writing.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2023.

Tarleton State University certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs.

**I. NEED**

**A. Employment Opportunities**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects a growth of an average of 8% in positions related to agricultural and food scientists, environmental scientists, and conservation scientists from 2020-30. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, there were 2,106 animal and natural resource-related job openings in Texas. The BLS lists the average salary in 2020 for animal and natural resource science fields was \$71,432 for those with doctoral degrees.

**B. Projected Enrollment**

It is projected that the program will begin year one with eight new students and hold steady at seven new students for years two, three, four, and five.

### **C. Existing State Programs**

No other programs in the state offer a program like the one being proposed. The proposed program will be multidisciplinary, made up of both animal scientists and natural resource scientists. Existing degree programs focus on limited areas of research. Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University offer a Ph.D. in Animal Science. Texas A&M University also offers a Ph.D. in Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management. Texas Tech University offers a Ph.D. in Wildlife, Aquatic, and Wildlands Science. Texas A&M University-Kingsville offers a Ph.D. in Wildlife and Rangeland Sciences. The proposed program will focus on a greater breadth of research, which includes animal and natural resource science.

## **II. QUALITY & RESOURCES**

### **A. Faculty**

The program has 11 core faculty and eight support faculty. One new core faculty member will start the second year of the program. No other additional faculty will be requested within the first five years of the program.

### **B. Program Administration**

The program will be administered by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. No new administrative costs are anticipated.

### **C. Other Personnel**

No additional personnel will be requested within the first five years of the program.

### **D. Supplies, Materials**

Supplies and materials are requested in the amount of \$25,000 for the first five years of the program.

### **E. Library**

The library has existing resources to support a Ph.D. with a major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences. No additional resources are needed.

### **F. Equipment, Facilities**

Existing equipment and facilities within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources are sufficient to meet the equipment needs for the proposed program.

## G. Accreditation

The Ph.D. with a major in Animal and Natural Resource Sciences will not be seeking outside accreditation as no accreditation is available.

## III. NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

| NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS              |                    |  | SOURCES OF FUNDING                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Faculty                          | \$3,547,345        |  | Formula Income                      | \$607,533           |
| Clerical                         | \$140,250          |  | Statutory Tuition                   | \$72,800            |
| Student Support                  | \$2,158,000        |  | Reallocation                        | \$3,529,195         |
| Supplies & Materials             | \$25,000           |  | Designated Tuition                  | \$227,048           |
| Library & IT Resources           |                    |  | Other Funding:                      | \$8,955,217         |
| Equipment, Facilities            |                    |  | Board Authorized Tuition            | \$72,800            |
| Clerical                         |                    |  |                                     |                     |
| Other                            |                    |  |                                     |                     |
| <b>Estimated Five-Year Costs</b> | <b>\$5,870,595</b> |  | <b>Estimated Five-Year Revenues</b> | <b>\$13,464,593</b> |

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Dr. James Hurley, President  
Tarleton State University

**Subject:** Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund  
Entitled the “Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-  
Endowment”

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the president of Tarleton State University to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund entitled:

- Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-Endowment

### **Background Information:**

Tarleton State University (Tarleton) College of Liberal & Fine Arts aligns with the university’s mission to provide an academically challenging education through exemplary teaching, significant research and inspired creativity. The university agrees to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund to be entitled the “Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.”

It is recommended by Dr. Eric Morrow, Dean and Associate Professor of Political Science, that an initial \$93,839.33 be used to establish a quasi-endowment to be invested with the System Endowment Fund. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled at Tarleton in the Texan Corps of Cadets whose major area of study falls under the College of Liberal & Fine Arts.

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

Initial funding comes from a portion of the sale of the Col. Charles Leigon property given for support of Tarleton in November 2017. Income generated from this quasi-endowment will be used to support students involved in the Texan Corps of Cadets.

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

The A&M System will remain affordable and accessible per Imperative 2.

Agenda Item No.

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

April 8, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund entitled the “Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.”

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Tarleton State University to establish a quasi-endowment entitled ‘Col. Charles Leigon Texan Corps of Cadets Scholarship Quasi-Endowment’ in the System Endowment Fund. Tarleton’s investment will be \$93,839.33. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for Texan Corps of Cadets whose major area of study falls under the College of Liberal & Fine Arts.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Maria L. Robinson  
Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

May 27, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Texas A&M International University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M International University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Arenaz  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04

| <u>Name</u>                         | <u>Present Rank</u><br><u>Department</u> | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u> |                    | <u>Effective</u><br><u>Date/Tenure</u>               | <u>Education</u>                          | <u>Employment</u><br><u>Towards Tenure</u>   |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
|                                     |  | <u>Univ.</u>                | <u>Other Inst.</u> |  |   |  |
| <b>COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> |  |                             |                    |  |   |  |
| Dr. Debbie Lelekis                  | Associate Professor<br>Humanities        | 0                           | 10                 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2012)<br>University of<br>Missouri | 2012 – 2018<br>Assistant Professor<br>Florida Institute of Technology<br><br>2018 – 2021<br>Associate Professor<br>Florida Institute of Technology<br><br>Fa 2021 – Su 2022<br>Associate Professor (Tenured<br>2021)<br>Florida Institute of Technology<br><br>Fa 2022<br>Associate Professor<br>Texas A&M International<br>University |

\* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Pablo Arenaz, President  
Texas A&M International University

**Subject:** Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund  
Entitled the “Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment”

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the president of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows:

- Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment

### **Background Information:**

TAMIU agrees to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund to be entitled “Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment” with a transfer of funds from an existing TAMIU Petroleum Engineering Program 52100 account. Funds were received from various donors from 2013 until 2022.

It is recommended by Mr. Juan J. Castillo, Vice President for Finance and Administration, that a total of \$1,192,483.22 be used to establish a quasi-endowment to be invested in the System Endowment Fund. Additional funds may be added to the quasi-endowment at any time.

TAMIU is seeking to establish a quasi-endowment as part of an overall gift policy that will allow for longer term investments of these funds. The university is committed to attempt to use the funds in a manner that honors the original intent of the donors.

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

Initial funding will come from university reserves. Income generated from this quasi-endowment will be used to support the Petroleum Engineering Program and related expenses.

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

The A&M System will remain affordable and accessible per Imperative 2.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

June 30, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the “Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment”

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M International University to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund entitled ‘Petroleum Engineering Program Quasi-Endowment’ with a transfer of funds from an existing Texas A&M International University Petroleum Engineering Program 52100 account. Funds were received from various donors from 2013 until 2022. The earnings from this quasi-endowment will be used to support the Petroleum Engineering Program and related expenses.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Arenaz  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Maria L. Robinson  
Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

June 2, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Texas A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D.  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Present Rank</u><br><u>Department</u> | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u><br><u>Univ.</u> <u>Other Inst.</u> | <u>Effective</u><br><u>Date/Tenure</u>               | <u>Education</u>                         | <u>Employment</u><br><u>Towards Tenure</u>   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. David H. Bearce                                 | Professor<br>International Affairs       | 0              >15   | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2001)<br>Ohio State<br>University | Fa 2001 – Sp 2007<br>Assistant Professor<br>University of Pittsburgh<br><br>Sp 2007 – Su 2010<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 2007)<br>University of Pittsburgh<br><br>Su 2010 – Sp 2012<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 2010)<br>University of Colorado<br>Boulder<br><br>Sp 2012 – Su 2022<br>Professor<br>University of Colorado<br>Boulder<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Professor<br>Texas A&M University |

**BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE (Continued)**

|                   |   |   |     |  |   |  |
|-------------------|---|---|-----|--|---|--|
| Dr. So-Min Cheong | Associate Professor<br>Public Service and<br>Administration | 0 | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2001)<br>University of<br>Washington | Fa 2005 – Fa 2012<br>Assistant Professor<br>University of Kansas<br><br>Fa 2012 – Sp 2022<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 2012)<br>University of Kansas<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Associate Professor<br>Texas A&M University |
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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES**

|                     |                        |   |   |  |   |  |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Dr. Regan L. Bailey | Professor<br>Nutrition | 0 | 7 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2007)<br>The<br>Pennsylvania<br>State University | Sp 2015 – Sp 2019<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 2015)<br>Purdue University<br><br>Fa 2019 – Fa 2021<br>Professor<br>Purdue University<br><br>Sp 2022 – Present<br>Professor<br>Texas A&M University |
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## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (Continued)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|--|
| Dr. Mark A. Hussey      | Professor<br>Soil and Crop Sciences | >15 | 0   | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (1983)<br>Texas A&M<br>University      | Fa 1985 – Su 1991<br>Assistant Professor<br>Texas A&M University   |
|                         |                                     |     |     |  |  | Fa 1991 – Su 1997<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 1991)<br>Texas A&M University                         |
|                         |                                     |     |     |  |  | Fa 1997 – Sp 2019<br>Professor<br>Texas A&M University   |
|                         |                                     |     |     |  |  | Sp 2019 – Fa 2021<br>Professor (Tenured<br>2019)<br>Texas A&M University-<br>Kingsville                    |
| Dr. Elizabeth F. Racine | Professor<br>Nutrition              | 0   | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | D.P.H. (2003)<br>Johns Hopkins<br>University | Sp 2022 – Present<br>Professor<br>Texas A&M University   |
|                         |                                     |     |     |  |  | Su 2006 – Su 2012<br>Assistant Professor<br>University of North<br>Carolina at Charlotte                   |
|                         |                                     |     |     |  |  | Su 2012 – Su 2017<br>Associate Professor<br>(Tenured 2012)<br>University of North<br>Carolina at Charlotte |

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (Continued)

Dr. Elizabeth F. Racine  
(continued)

Su 2017 – Fa 2021  
Professor  
University of North  
Carolina at Charlotte  
  
Sp 2022 – Present  
Professor  
Texas A&M University

Dr. Alan R. Sams      Professor  
Poultry Science

>15

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Upon Approval  
by the Board and  
Faculty Arrival

Ph.D. (1987)  
University of  
Florida

Fa 1987 – Fa 1993  
Assistant Professor  
Texas A&M University

Fa 1993 – Fa 1999  
Associate Professor  
(Tenured 1993)  
Texas A&M University

Fa 1999 – Fa 2006  
Professor  
Texas A&M University

Sp 2007 – Sp 2009  
Professor (Tenured 2007)  
Clemson University

Fa 2009 – Fa 2018  
Professor (Tenured 2009)  
Texas A&M University

Fa 2018 – Fa 2021  
Professor (Tenured 2018)  
Oregon State University

Sp 2022 – Present  
Professor  
Texas A&M University



## COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

|            |                            |   |    |  |   |  |
|------------|----------------------------|---|----|--|---|--|
| Dr. Xin Li | Professor<br>Visualization | 0 | 14 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2008)<br>Stony Brook<br>University | <p>Su 2008 – Su 2014<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>Louisiana State<br/>University</p> <p>Su 2014 – Su 2020<br/>Associate Professor<br/>(Tenured 2014)<br/>Louisiana State<br/>University</p> <p>Su 2020 – Present<br/>Professor<br/>Louisiana State<br/>University</p> <p>Fa 2022<br/>Professor<br/>Texas A&amp;M University</p> |
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## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

|                  |  |   |    |  |   |  |
|------------------|--|---|----|--|---|--|
| Dr. Jason O'Kane | Professor<br>Computer Science and<br>Engineering | 0 | 15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2007)<br>University of<br>Illinois, Urbana-<br>Champaign | <p>Su 2007 – Su 2013<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>University of South<br/>Carolina</p> <p>Su 2013 – Fa 2018<br/>Associate Professor<br/>(Tenured 2013)<br/>University of South<br/>Carolina</p> |
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## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (CONTINUED)

Dr. Jason O'Kane (continued)

Sp 2019 – Present  
Professor  
University of South  
Carolina  
  
Fa 2022  
Professor  
Texas A&M University

## COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES

|                  |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| Dr. Xiaowei Chen | Associate Professor<br>Geology and<br>Geophysics | 0 | 7 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2013)<br>University of<br>California, San<br>Diego       | <p>Sp 2015 – Sp 2020<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>University of Oklahoma</p> <p>Sp 2020 – Su 2022<br/>(Tenured 2020)<br/>Associate Professor<br/>University of Oklahoma</p> <p>Su 2022 – Present<br/>Associate Professor<br/>Texas A&amp;M University</p> |
| Dr. Jin Zhang    | Associate Professor<br>Geology and<br>Geophysics | 0 | 6 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2014)<br>University of<br>Illinois, Urbana-<br>Champaign | <p>Su 2016 – Su 2022<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>University of New<br/>Mexico</p> <p>Su 2022 – Present<br/>Associate Professor<br/>Texas A&amp;M University</p>  |

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

|                           |                        |   |     |  |   |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|-----|--|---|--|
| Dr. Lane A. Baker         | Professor<br>Chemistry | 0 | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2001)<br>Texas A&M<br>University                     | <p>Fa 2006 – Fa 2012<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>Indiana University</p> <p>Fa 2012 – Su 2018<br/>Associate Professor<br/>(Tenured 2012)<br/>Indiana University</p> <p>Fa 2018 – Fa 2021<br/>Professor<br/>Indiana University</p> <p>Sp 2022 – Present<br/>Professor<br/>Texas A&amp;M University</p> |
| Dr. Benjamin W.<br>Neuman | Professor<br>Biology   | 0 | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (2001)<br>University of<br>Reading, United<br>Kingdom | <p>Fa 2004 – Sp 2007<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>The Scripps Research<br/>Institute</p> <p>Sp 2007 – Fa 2015<br/>Assistant Professor<br/>(<i>Permanent academic<br/>position, employment<br/>guaranteed until<br/>retirement age</i>)<br/>University of Reading,<br/>United Kingdom</p>              |

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (Continued)

Dr. Benjamin W. Neuman (continued)

Fa 2015 – Su 2016  
Associate Professor  
(*Permanent academic  
position, employment  
guaranteed until  
retirement age*)  
University of Reading,  
United Kingdom

Su 2016 – Fa 2019  
Associate Professor  
Texas A&M University -  
Texarkana

Fa 2019 – Fa 2020  
Professor (Tenure 2019)  
Texas A&M University -  
Texarkana

Sp 2021 – Present  
Professor  
Texas A&M University

\*Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President  
Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Establishment of the Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species

**Proposed Board Action:**

Establish the Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species (GRIHMS) at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), a branch campus of Texas A&M University (Texas A&M).

**Background Information:**

The proposed GRIHMS will assemble a diverse group of scientists and resource managers from around the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) to promote research on demersal and pelagic fishes that commonly cross ecological, management, and jurisdictional boundaries during their life cycles. The GRIHMS will conduct research on top predators classified as highly migratory species in coastal and open ocean ecosystems. The GRIHMS will also conduct research that is interdisciplinary, synthesis based, and designed to support the conservation and management of these top predators in the Gulf and throughout their range in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Resource managers all agree that changes in the spatiotemporal distribution of migratory species can profoundly impact fishery yields, ecosystem services, and related measures of the Blue Economy. Healthy and sustainable fisheries for highly migratory species are essential to the Blue Economy.

The GRIHMS will bring together researchers from across the Gulf to promote research centered on the movement ecology and conservation of demersal and pelagic migratory fishes in the Gulf. The intent is to advance interdisciplinary research on migratory species and this will be accomplished by 1) developing research priorities for improving the management of highly migratory species; 2) organizing consortia proposals to effectively compete for large-scale research funding; 3) advancing research on coastal and open ocean species that actively move across management boundaries using state-of-the-art technologies; 4) fostering improved communication among university scientists, state/federal regulators, and private industry to elevate the awareness and disseminate GRIHMS activities and research products; and 5) promoting the education and training of the next generation of scientists in the field.

TAMUG is well positioned to lead GRIHMS with an extensive history of research, teaching and outreach on the habitat requirements, life history, and migration ecology of coastal and open ocean predators. Research by scientists at TAMUG encompasses all taxonomic groups outlined above and these scientists have demonstrated expertise in a wide range of cutting-edge approaches currently being used to address questions related to the movement and population connectivity of coastal and open ocean migratory species.

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

The GRIHMS will be established with start-up funds from TAMUG (\$250,000), the Lyons Charitable Foundation (\$250,000), and the Coastal Conservation Association (\$250,000). Initial start-up funds will be used to support GRIHMS during the first three years.

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

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System's strategic imperative 3, by preparing our students for successful careers in an increasingly global economy, imperative 4, by increasing its prominence through the development of robust and targeted research portfolios recognized nationally, and imperative 5, by providing services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy, specifically the state's Blue Economy (a TAMUG strategic initiative).

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

May 13, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Establishment of the Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University at Galveston.”**

Respectfully submitted,

M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D.  
President

**Submission Recommended:**

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Col. Michael F. Fossum, USAFR (Ret.)  
Chief Operating Officer  
Texas A&M University at Galveston

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species (GRIHMS)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**1. Rationale for the Creation of the Institute**

Large demersal and pelagic fishes are essential components of marine ecosystems and play important ecological roles by influencing the structure and dynamics of marine communities through top-down control. Migration activities and resulting shifts in spatiotemporal distributions of top predators complicate management efforts for targeted populations because fishing pressure also varies spatially and temporally within an individual's home range. In response, efforts to better understand the movement pathways and the intrinsic drivers that facilitate or initiate spatial and temporal shifts in distribution are warranted, and resource managers readily acknowledge that a species' habitat requirements and migratory history are essential to developing reliable population models and rebuilding plans. While our understanding of the movement ecology of top predators has improved in recent years, basic data on habitat requirements, movements, and population connectivity is lacking for many top demersal and pelagic predators that inhabit the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf).

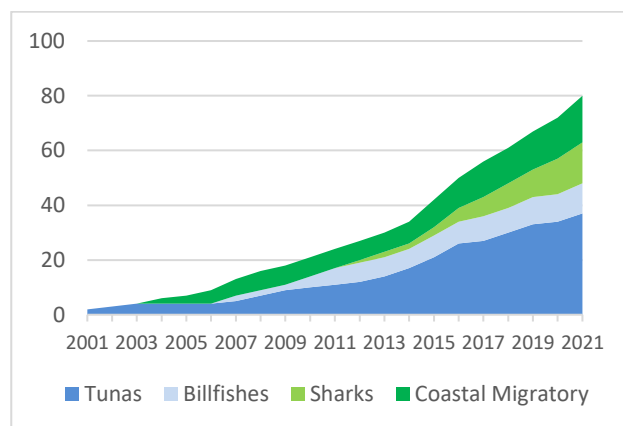
The Gulf serves as critical spawning, nursery, and/or foraging areas for a wide range of highly migratory species, including billfishes, dolphinfishes, swordfish, and sharks. While resident behavior within state or federal waters has been observed for certain coastal and open ocean species, many taxa routinely traverse state or federal management boundaries, moving into the territorial waters of other states or countries with different management quotas or regulations. In fact, several species classified as highly migratory (billfishes, tunas, sharks) frequently move into areas classified as 'high seas' (outside Exclusive Economic Zone of the U.S.), leading to situations where protective measures established by resource managers are of limited or no value. At smaller geographic scales in the Gulf, many reef-associated species commonly move outside of marine protected areas (e.g., Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary) where exploitation rates and gears markedly increase fishing mortality. Similarly, coastal pelagic species found in Texas (cobia, dolphinfish, tarpon, sharks) regularly cross state borders to other Gulf states or make international journeys into waters off Mexico where regulatory measures vary significantly, impacting our efforts to sustainably manage these populations.

Resource managers all agree that changes in the spatiotemporal distribution of migratory species can profoundly impact fishery yields, ecosystem services, and related measures of the Blue Economy. The World Bank defines the Blue Economy as sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and ocean ecosystem health. Healthy and sustainable fisheries for highly migratory species are essential to the Blue Economy, which is highlighted by the fact that recreational fishing expenditures alone in the Gulf contribute more than \$11 billion annually to the Blue Economy in this region. It is also important to recognize that movements and migrations of coastal and open ocean predators result in significant spatial flows of individuals, organic matter, nutrients, and genes to other ecosystems or regions, intrinsically interconnecting these areas. The degree of functional connectivity linked to energy flows will undoubtedly affect the ecological and evolutionary interdependency of populations and the fate of associated species, communities, and ecosystems. As a result, the integration of connectivity data into population and ecosystem-based models is essential for developing effective management plans that support the Gulf's Blue Economy.



Many of the top predators that are vital to marine ecosystems in the Gulf are understudied and overfished, with several also on the Red List of Threatened Species (Red List) by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Populations of several coastal and open ocean migratory species in the Gulf that will be investigated by the proposed Gulf Research Institute for Highly Migratory Species (GRIHMS) are classified as “endangered” (Atlantic bluefin tuna, blue marlin, whale shark, shortfin mako, scalloped hammerhead), “vulnerable” (bigeye tuna, white marlin, sandbar shark, tarpon, Cubera snapper, yellowmouth grouper), or “near vulnerable” (southern flounder). A variety of species common to the Gulf that are reef-associated species but are known to move considerable distances to form spawning aggregations, are listed as “data deficient” (roundscale spearfish, scamp, marbled grouper). The surprising number of species on the Red List that display migratory behaviors further emphasizes the critical need for an improved understanding of their habitat requirements, movement dynamics, exchange rates, and population connectivity within the U.S.-Cuba-Mexico triangle in the Gulf, as well as linkages to the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. This information is critically needed by resource managers to develop accurate population models, quantify the impacts of anthropogenic and natural disturbances (oil spills or hurricanes), and forecast the impacts of a changing environment (climate change) on these species.

Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) is well positioned to lead GRIHMS with an extensive history of research, teaching and outreach on the habitat requirements, life history, and migration ecology of coastal and open ocean predators. In recent years, TAMUG has expanded its expertise in both taxonomic coverage; and research and publications by TAMUG encompasses all the major taxonomic groups being targeted (billfishes, dolphinfish, tunas, swordfish, sharks, tarpon, grouper-snapper-jack complex; Fig. 1). With a combined experience of over 50 years of conducting research on the life history and population connectivity of migratory species, the breadth of TAMUG-led research on coastal and offshore migratory species stands apart from its peer institutions in the Gulf.



**Figure 1.** Peer-reviewed publications on marine migratory species from 2001-2021 by TAMUG scientists potentially affiliated with GRIHMS. Coastal migratory category includes several taxa of bony fishes (dolphinfish, cobia, amberjack).

TAMUG scientists have also demonstrated expertise in a wide range of state-of-the-art approaches and tools to address questions related to the habitat requirements, movement, and population connectivity of coastal and offshore fishes that are highly prized by recreational and commercial fishers. This includes, but is not limited to, acoustic telemetry, satellite telemetry, active acoustics/imaging sonars, underwater camera systems, biophysical modeling (larval dispersal), dietary tracers, and natural chemical tracers in hard parts (otoliths, vertebrae) and soft tissues.

The application of these novel tools to understand movement and functional connectivity of highly migratory species and associated ecosystems has been published in top journals (*Science*, *Proceeding of the Royal Society*, *Scientific Reports*, and *Biology Letters*). TAMUG has led or participated in several large consortia papers and proposals in recent years that brought together diverse groups of scientists from several universities, agencies, and organizations (NOAA Fisheries-SEFSC, Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, Sea Grant, Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department). This includes two newly funded, large-scale projects that will provide GRIHMS scientists with the largest network of acoustic receivers in the northern Gulf for tracking coastal and offshore fishes as well as other marine vertebrates (cetaceans, sea turtles).

## **2. Mission, Vision, Goals, and Scope of GRIHMS**

The **mission** of GRIHMS will be to facilitate research on the habitat requirements, life history, and migration ecology of coastal and open ocean migratory species to enhance the protection and conservation of these ecologically and economically valued natural resources. We fully anticipate that collaborative efforts within GRIHMS will markedly enhance awareness of important issues regarding the management and conservation of highly migratory species and lead to future funding that supports efforts to restore populations of these species to sustainable levels.

The **vision** of GRIHMS is to expand the current research capacity on highly migratory species in the Gulf to fill critical data gaps on their habitats, migration pathways/phases, and the functional connectivity of these species in the large marine ecosystem of the Gulf.

Specific **goals** of the GRIHMS are outlined below and activities linked to each goal will be beneficial to the citizens of Texas, the Gulf Coast, and throughout regions of the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea that are functionally connected to the Gulf through the movement and migrations of highly migratory species. Ultimately, the vision for GRIHMS will be to serve as a focal point for expertise and research activities on highly migratory species across the Gulf.

### **I. Develop research priorities for improving management of highly migratory species:**

Initial efforts by GRIHMS will focus on identifying gaps of knowledge in habitat requirements, life history, and movement ecology of demersal and pelagic fishes in the Gulf. This information will be used to determine priority areas for GRIHMS to pursue immediately as focal areas of research. The development of research priorities will be guided by input from colleagues at state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and management organizations. Working with these groups, GRIHMS will develop research priorities aimed at pressing issues critical to the conservation of highly migratory species. Given that many of the species frequent offshore waters outside of state waters and are wide ranging in nature, research on highly migratory species is costly. There is a limited amount of funding currently available to support the cost of state-of-the-art electronic tags and high-priced research platforms, which will require GRIHMS to prioritize activities that are most beneficial to conserving populations of highly migratory species. Setting research priorities is an important step that will be initially achieved by GRIHMS and its Advisory Board through the creation of a white paper that will be disseminated to policy makers and stakeholders for their input at the first biennial. Feedback will be incorporated into the development of a five-year plan that will be shared with our colleagues, state/federal resource managers, stakeholders, NGOs, and private industry.

II. **Organize consortia proposals to effectively compete for large-scale research funding:**

Scientists associated with GRIHMS will continue to pursue funding through federal programs that have supported previous research on highly migratory species, including NOAA Marine Fisheries Initiative, NOAA Saltonstall Kennedy, NOAA Cooperative Research Program, Sea Grant (state/national), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Science Foundation, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Similar to start-up efforts, support for GRIHMS will be actively sought through foundations and NGOs, within and outside Texas, and donors identified by the Advisory Board. A central ambition of GRIHMS will be to develop and lead consortia proposals to expand the scope and magnitude of research efforts on highly migratory species in the Gulf.

III. **Advance on coastal and open ocean species that actively move across management boundaries using state-of-the-art technologies:** The primary **research objectives** of GRIHMS are outlined below (A-E). Specific taxonomic priorities (species of interest) and deliverables under each objective will be guided by input from the Advisory Board, and colleagues attending meetings hosted by GRIHMS. Research priorities and proposal development will be influenced to some degree by requests for proposal (RFP) from state and federal agencies, particularly NOAA Fisheries and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center.

A. Establish a biological archive of muscle tissue and hard parts (otoliths, vertebrae) of coastal and open ocean migratory species. Biological samples will be used to generate baseline data on trophic ecology, life history (age, growth, longevity), and population structure of highly migratory species for assessing future impacts of environmental disturbance (oil spills, ocean acidification, harmful algal blooms) on these taxa.

B. Conduct research on the habitat requirements, movement, and population structure of pelagic fishes commonly classified as highly migratory (species of particular interest: bigeye blackfin, skipjack, yellowfin tuna, sailfish, scalloped hammerhead shark, silky shark, wahoo) using a suite of emerging technologies (acoustic telemetry, satellite telemetry, bioacoustics, natural chemical makers, and biophysical/statistical connectivity models).

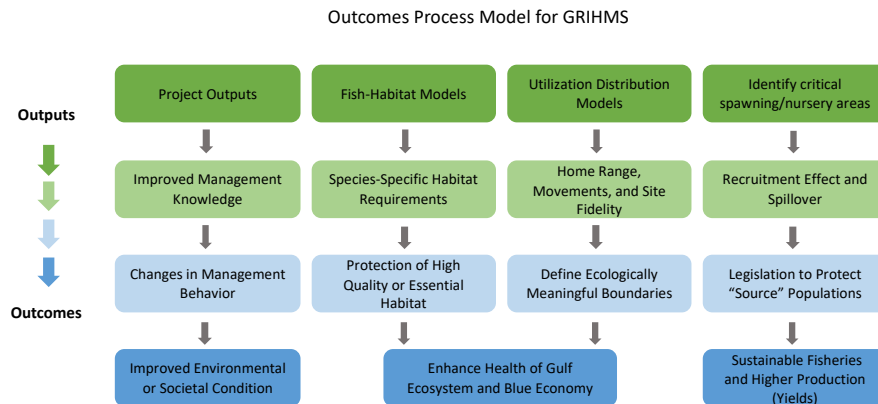
C. Expand and maintain a network of acoustic receivers on the continental shelf to conduct research on the habitat requirements, life history, movement, and population structure of coastal migratory species (species of particular interest: cobia, dolphinfish, greater amberjack king mackerel, tarpon, bull and blacktip sharks) that are known to cross state or international boundaries.

D. Establish a captive population of “model” highly migratory species in the Sea Life Facility at TAMUG to pursue aquaculture initiatives (holding, spawning, and rearing model species) as well as supporting research linked to A-C.

E. Adopt a collaborative science approach to fully engage university scientists and stakeholders regarding research findings generated by GRIHMS to ensure that research findings are integrated into assessments and management plans.

Proposed research objectives of GRIHMS outlined above are directly relevant to current management objectives at both the state and federal levels. A top priority in NOAA’s

Regional Ecosystem Research Program is to improve our understanding of “*species’ habitat usage and connectivity*” by providing essential data “*to improve the ability of resource managers to address habitat connectivity, species’ habitat affinities, and spatial and temporal usage of habitats in management plans for marine protected areas.*” GRIHMS will serve to integrate findings from several complementary approaches to elucidate habitat use, movement, and population connectivity for a wide range of coastal and open ocean migratory species of interest to the recreational and commercial fishing community. This type of information is presently lacking for a large fraction of mobile predators that inhabit the Gulf, and our limited understanding of these taxa is regarded “*as a major impediment to the management of marine resources for sustainable fishing, maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.*” Expected outputs and outcomes from GRIHMS research activities are outlined below (Fig. 2).



**Figure 2.** Outputs and outcomes linked to habitat requirements and ecological connectivity that will be generated from GRIHMS.

- IV. **Foster communication among the scientific community conducting research on highly migratory species:** The GRIHMS will serve as the primary mechanism facilitating communication on key issues related to migratory species to university colleagues, resource managers, and stakeholders. Biennial meetings will serve as the primary mechanism for communicating ongoing, planned research and recent findings from GRIHMS’s research activities. GRIHMS will also organize symposia at national and international meetings (American Fisheries Society, Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute) to exchange ideas and assist in the development of papers and proposals by larger consortia of scientists and policy makers. Because TAMUG investigators and members of the Advisory Board serve as technical advisors on variety of councils and panels, research findings and policy positions of GRIHMS will be effectively disseminated to important management bodies and the scientific community.

The **scope** of GRIHMS is wide ranging and aimed at promoting collaborative research on highly migratory species by scientists across the Gulf and in regions of the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea frequented by migrants from the Gulf.

### 3. Anticipated Interest and Involvement in GRIHMS

The founding Advisory Board will include Dr. Jay Rooker serving as the Director of GRIHMS and Dr. R.J. David Wells serving as the Assistant Director of GRIHMS. Drs. Rooker and Wells will be assisted by six other members of the Advisory Board, including external members. After the first year, membership of the original Advisory Board will be expanded. Several colleagues have expressed interest in serving on our eventual Advisory Board and/or participating in some

capacity with GRIHMS research initiatives: Mr. James Franks (University of Southern Mississippi), Dr. Fabián Pina-Amargós (Iue Sanctuary-Avalon, Jardines de la Reina, Cuba), Dr. Richard Kline (University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley), Dr. Hui Liu (TAMUG), Dr. Kevin Boswell (Florida International University), Dr. Juan Carlos Jimenez (ECOSUR Campeche), Dr. Jaime Alvarado (TAMUG), Mr. George Schmahl (NOAA-Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary), and Dr. Eric Hoffmayer (NOAA Fisheries).

#### **4. Education, Training, and Outreach**

An important goal of the GRIHMS is to promote the training of the new scientists that will contribute to the research and conservation of highly migratory species in the Gulf and Atlantic Ocean, eventually representing U.S. interests on international management bodies (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission). Scientists associated with GRIHMS will directly support the education and training of students by serving as faculty advisors for graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D.) and post-doctoral research scientists working on questions related to the biology and ecology of migratory species. Undergraduate honors students will be invited to participate in GRIHMS research, gaining important insight into methods commonly used to investigate the biology and ecology of these taxa. Apart from direct mentoring, GRIHMS will organize and facilitate training workshops at biennial meetings to give students, early career scientists, access to conventional and emerging technologies commonly used to assess the habitat requirements and movements pathways/phases of highly migratory species.

TAMUG has a long history of training undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of marine-related disciplines, including fisheries ecology and mariculture. Several undergraduate courses taught in the Department of Marine Biology are directly relevant to GRIHMS activities: Ichthyology (MARB 311), Fisheries Techniques (MARB 320), Marine Fisheries Management (MARB 445), and Fisheries Population Dynamics (MARB 460). In addition, a new graduate level course developed by the proposed leadership of GRIHMS entitled Ecology of Marine Fishes (MARB 689) is now being offered to graduate students in the Marine Biology Graduate Program at TAMUG. Apart from formal coursework, undergraduate and graduate students working in the Fisheries Ecology Lab (Dr. Jay Rooker) and the Shark Biology and Fisheries Science Lab (Dr. David Wells) at TAMUG have gained valuable experience assisting with fisheries research in the Gulf since 1998 and 2012, respectively. It is fully anticipated that the creation of GRIHMS will lead to meaningful research opportunities for many students through summer internships, volunteer positions, and graduate assistantships. Opportunities will be provided for K-12 students and teachers to participate in field (sample collections, tagging trips, dock sampling) or lab related activities (otolith preparation, milling and sectioning, and visualization of tagging data). Meaningful opportunities for underrepresented groups in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs will be actively investigated.

The proposed GRIHMS will also interface with TAMUG's Sea Life Facility to develop capabilities for housing, spawning, and rearing a highly migratory species on campus. The ability to hold and spawn model species (dolphinfish [mahi mahi]) in the Sea Life Center will expand the capacity of the current aquaculture program at TAMUG, as well as afford new training opportunities for students in our undergraduate mariculture course (MARB 423). Holding captive animals on-site in the Sea Life Center will also provide researchers with access to adults for evaluating electronic tag retention and fish condition (post-tagging) in a controlled setting. Spawning events from brood stock held in captivity will provide early life stages (egg, larvae) that can be used to address a variety of other research questions. The ability to develop captive

spawning and rearing of early life stages on-site will expand the scope of research currently underway at TAMUG and promote new collaborations with colleagues from outside universities. The Sea Life Facility utilizes student volunteers that provide care for all research animals, maintains all life support system components and conduct educational outreach activities to visitors of the facility. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge of recirculating life support systems for rearing dolphinfish or other migratory species associated with GRIHMS.

GRIHMS will also establish an educational outreach program by working with partners and sponsors in the community (Coastal Conservation Association-Texas, Houston Big Game Club, The Aquarium at Moody Gardens, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, Lyons Charitable Foundation, Artist Boat) to provide public lectures and updates on research findings regarding the habitat requirements and movements of highly migratory species from studies conducted by GRIHMS. Sea Camp—TAMUG’s Educational Outreach Program—will be a component of engagement to offer talks and Q&A sessions on top predators in the Gulf for campers in this program. The development of an interactive web site that highlights specific research tools, activities, and findings will also increase awareness of the program to the public.

## **5. Broader Societal Impacts**

Healthy and sustainable fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico are essential to its Blue Economy. In addition to the profound economic impact (\$11 billion annually) of commercial and recreational fisheries to the Gulf, movements and migrations of coastal and open ocean predators result in significant flows of individuals, organic matter, nutrients, and genes to other ecosystems or regions, intrinsically interconnecting areas within and outside this basin. The degree of functional connectivity linked to energy flows affects the ecological and evolutionary interdependency of populations, and the productivity and resilience of communities and ecosystems within and outside the Gulf. Through its research, student education, and outreach, the GRIHMS will generate and integrate life history and movement data into population and ecosystem-based models that will positively impact fisheries management and the Blue Economies of Texas and the greater Gulf of Mexico.

## **6. Resource Requirements**

GRIHMS will be provided office space in the Ocean and Coastal Studies Building at TAMUG for new staff associated with the institute. Required laboratory space is already available at TAMUG and currently houses the Fisheries Ecology Lab and Shark Biology and Fisheries Science Lab.

## **7. Sources and Future Expectations of Financial Support**

GRIHMS will be established with start-up funds from TAMUG (\$250,000), the Lyons Charitable Foundation (\$250,000), and Coastal Conservation Association (\$250,000). Initial start-up funds will be used to support GRIHMS during the first three years. Additionally, the proposed director of the GRIHMS is the holder of the McDaniel Chair in Sustainable Fisheries and this \$1M endowment will also provide partial support for the institute. Sustaining support for GRIHMS will be made possible through the development of a \$5,000,000 endowment that will be the focus of fundraising efforts during the first three years and guided by members of our Advisory Board. Private companies, foundations, and organizations associated with the Blue Economy (oil and gas, fishing industry, boat manufacturers, conservation organizations) have a shared interest in healthy fisheries in the Gulf and will be the primary target of fundraising efforts to build the endowment.

The GRIHMS is also expected to secure operational and research funding through extramural grants and donations. Drs. Rooker and Wells will continue to pursue funding through federal programs that have supported their research on highly migratory species previously. This includes several programs within NOAA (Marine Fisheries Initiative, Saltonstall Kennedy, Sea Grant [state/national], Cooperative Research Program, and National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science). Proposals will be submitted to other federal agencies that have supported previous activities on marine fishes (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Science Foundation, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management). GRIHMS will assist in the development of consortia proposals that target highly migratory species, with a specific emphasis on seeking funding through the Open Ocean Trustees Implement Group to expand the scope and magnitude of research on these species in coastal and open ocean waters of the Gulf.

The inaugural Director (Dr. Jay Rooker) and Assistant Director (Dr. David Wells) of GRIHMS have impressive track records of extramural funding with a large fraction of their grants focusing on marine migratory species. Drs. Rooker and Wells have been funded by a variety of federal programs including National Science Foundation, National Centers for Ocean and Coastal Science, Sea Grant, National Marine Fisheries Service.

## **8. Governance and Advisory Structure**

GRIHMS will be located within existing space in the Department of Marine Biology at TAMUG. The Chief Academic Officer (CAO) at TAMUG will appoint the Director and Assistant Director of GRIHMS. The Director will report to the CAO or designee at TAMUG. Leadership roles (Director, Assistant Director) and the initial composition of the Advisory Board are described below.

### **GRIHMS Leadership at TAMUG:**

**Dr. Jay Rooker** is a Regents Professor, McDaniel Chair of Sustainable Marine Fisheries, and Principal Investigator in the Fisheries Ecology Lab at TAMUG. He is author or co-author of over 110 peer-reviewed publications. His grantsmanship is equally impressive with 56 extramural grants (30 as PI) totaling over \$17 million. His research has proven critical to the management of several highly migratory species by international conventions such as the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and United Nations FAO. Dr. Rooker's research is commonly used to develop and refine operating models required for the sustainable management of billfishes, tunas, and other highly migratory species.

**Dr. David Wells** is an Associate Professor, Chancellor EDGES Fellow, and Principal Investigator in the Shark Biology and Fisheries Science Lab at TAMUG. He is author or co-author of over 75 peer-reviewed publications. Since beginning his faculty position at TAMUG in 2012, Dr. Wells has already been awarded 34 extramural grants (19 as PI), totaling over \$8 million. His research on the life history and movement ecology has proven critical to the conservation and management of several highly migratory species, including shortfin mako shark, scalloped hammerhead shark, albacore tuna, and swordfish. Dr. Wells also sits on the SEDAR HMS Advisory Panel for the Gulf.

The **Advisory Board** will be developed in the first year following the guidelines for external advisory boards at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M). Proposed external members:

**Dr. Gregory Stunz** is a Regents Professor, Endowed Chair for Fisheries and Ocean Health, and Director of the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

**Dr. Michael Dance** is an Assistant Professor and PI of the Fisheries and Movement Ecology Lab in the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences at Louisiana State University.

**Dr. Marcus Drymon** is an Assistant Extension Professor through Mississippi State University and the Mississippi Alabama Sea Grant Consortium.

**Dr. Sharon Herzka** is a Research Professor in the Department of Oceanography at the Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada (CICESE), Mexico

**Mr. Patrick Murray** is the President of the Coastal Conservation Association (National) and Building Conservation Trust (CCA's National Habitat Program).

**Mr. Mark Lyons** is the Director of the Lyons Charitable Foundation and Board President of the McDaniel Charitable Foundation.

Several colleagues have expressed interest in being affiliated and/or participating in some capacity with GRIHMS. Membership on the Advisory Board will be expanded after the first year to include representatives from industry (e.g., oil and gas), state/federal management agencies, and NGOs. Our Advisory Board will assist in strategic planning for funding as well as guide the direction of research activities conducted under GRIHMS.

Short-term goals will be to work with the Advisory Board to prioritize research activities or projects that will be supported with start-up funds in the first year. These meetings will be held at TAMUG, and Advisory Board membership will be expanded after the first year. Once formed, GRIHMS will hold a meeting with the Advisory Board quarterly to discuss the development of a five-year plan for GRIHMS, which will include organizational structure, research and funding priorities, and the development of a research consortium for producing large-scale, multidisciplinary proposals.

## **9. Mechanism for Period Review**

In accordance with System Policy 11.02, *Creation of Centers and Institutes*, at least once every five years GRIHMS will undergo a review regarding the efficacy of the institute and alignment with its mission. A Review Committee will consist of a subset of the Advisory Board along with colleagues outside the GRIHMS who will participate in the review process. The Review Committee will submit the report to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of TAMUG and the Senior Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (TAMUG). The report, along with a memo describing the results of the review and a recommendation on whether the institute will continue to function in its current capacity, will then be submitted to the Texas A&M Vice President for Research.

## **10. Conclusion**

Given the ecological and economic value of fisheries to our state and nation, the creation of GRIHMS will bring together diverse expertise across The Texas A&M University System to elucidate the functional connectivity of marine predators and ecosystems within this basin.



Through research, student education, and outreach, GRIHMS will generate and integrate life history and movement data on highly migratory species to inform population and ecosystem-based models that are directly linked to the Blue Economy of Texas and the greater Gulf. The creation of GRIHMS will also facilitate collaboration of scientists and resource managers across the Gulf, Caribbean, and Atlantic Ocean to maximize its impact on supporting healthy and sustainable populations and marine ecosystems.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President  
Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Approval for Dr. Feng Zhao, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and Employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System

**Proposed Board Action:**

Approve for Dr. Feng Zhao, Associate Professor in the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M), to serve in her individual capacity as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, an entity that desires to enter into a license agreement with The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) for technology developed by Dr. Zhao.

**Background Information:**

Dr. Zhao received her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Tianjin University in 2001. She was an Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Michigan Technological University before joining Texas A&M in 2019. She is currently an Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and serves as the Director of the Stem Cell and Tissue Engineering Laboratory. Dr. Zhao has extensive expertise in tissue engineering and biomaterials. Her lab develops innovative therapies using stem cell sheets and natural extracellular matrix scaffolds to create 3D synthetic-free tissue constructs with the structural similarity, necessary mechanical characteristics, and sufficient immuno-compatibility to facilitate functional in vivo integration. Her current research focus includes the engineering of vascularized complex tissues for skin and cardiovascular tissue regeneration.

Dr. Zhao has developed two tissue engineering technologies, one for blood vessel regeneration and one for skin wound healing, at Texas A&M. She is working with the Office of Commercialization & Entrepreneurship in the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) to file relevant patent applications for her inventions, A&M System Invention Disclosure Nos. TAMUS 5859 and TAMUS 5985, to protect the A&M System's intellectual property rights in these technologies. NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC was created by Dr. Zhao to commercialize these technologies, and the company proposes to enter into a license agreement with the A&M System for this purpose.

NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC will utilize the technologies developed by Dr. Zhao to develop and commercialize new tissue-engineered vascular grafts and skin wound patches, aimed at the treatment of human diseases, including cardiovascular diseases and skin wounds. Dr. Zhao is requesting approval to serve as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC to continue development and refinement of these products. NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC is interested in entering into an exclusive license with the A&M System for Dr. Zhao's technologies and the right to make, have made, and to use licensed products for further development and commercial purposes.

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Pursuant to [Texas Education Code §51.912](#) and Section 1.2 of System Regulation [31.05.04, Outside Activities – Business Entities Having an Agreement with the System](#), Board of Regents approval is required for Dr. Zhao to serve in her individual capacity as an officer, member of the board of directors and employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC. Any potential conflicts of interest will be evaluated under System Regulation [15.01.03, Financial Conflicts of Interest in Sponsored Research](#). Conflict of interest management plans have been developed and approved by the Texas A&M Division of Research and TEES to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that might arise in connection with NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC and continued research relating to the intellectual property licensed to NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC. Dr. Zhao's requests for approval for faculty consulting and external professional employment under System Regulation [31.05.01, Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#), have been approved.

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

None.

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

Approval of this agenda item will advance the A&M System strategic imperative 5 of enabling the A&M System to provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and to contribute to the strength of the state's economy. In particular, approval will enable the A&M System to license intellectual property developed by Dr. Zhao to NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, which will enable NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC to offer services and products that incorporate the intellectual property. As a result, novel and functional treatments for vascular diseases and skin wounds will be introduced to the marketplace where therapeutic options for cardiovascular diseases, and skin wounds are limited, contributing to the strength of the state's biotechnology industry.

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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

July 1, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Dr. Feng Zhao, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and Employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Feng Zhao, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in her individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of NeoBiomatrix Technology LLC, an entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Zhao.”**

Respectfully submitted,

M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D.  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Dr. John E. Hurtado, Interim Director  
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station

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**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D., President  
Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Approval for Dr. Thomas A. Kent, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and/or Employee of Gerenox, Inc., an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System

**Proposed Board Action:**

Approve for Dr. Thomas A. Kent, Robert A. Welch Chair and Professor in the Center for Genomic and Precision Medicine in the Institute of Biosciences and Technology at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M), to serve in his individual capacity as an officer, member of the board of directors, and/or employee of Gerenox, Inc., an entity that desires to enter into a license agreement with The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) for technology developed by Dr. Kent.

**Background Information:**

Dr. Thomas Kent joined Texas A&M in 2018 and is currently a Professor in the Center for Genomic and Precision Medicine in the Institute of Biosciences and Technology. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Rice University and an Adjunct Professor of Neurology in the Academic Institute at Houston Methodist Hospital. Prior to his current roles, Dr. Kent served as Director of Stroke Research and Education at Baylor College of Medicine and was Chief of Neurology at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, the largest clinical, education and research Neurology service in the VA system. Dr. Kent is a clinician scientist specializing in Stroke and Vascular Neurology. His research program focuses on the development of new therapeutic approaches using nanomedicine to treat brain injury in stroke, dementia, and mitochondrial disorders. He had fellowship training in Electrochemistry and Basic and Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Kansas and the University of Kansas Medical Center, respectively. Currently, Dr. Kent is developing novel therapeutics to address toxicity due to the excess production of hydrogen sulfide by mitochondria in people with Down Syndrome as a cause of accelerated aging seen in these individuals.

Texas A&M Technology Commercialization (TTC) and Texas A&M University Innovation Partners are working with Dr. Kent and actively prosecuting a patent application for the A&M System Invention Disclosure No TAMUS 5699, entitled “Reducing Hydrogen Sulfide Toxicity in Down Syndrome by Accelerating Its Metabolism” to protect the A&M System’s intellectual property rights in this technology. Gerenox, Inc. desires to enter into a license agreement with the A&M System to commercialize this technology.

Gerenox, Inc. will utilize the technology created by Dr. Kent to further develop and commercialize a novel approach to treatment for Down Syndrome, and potentially other diseases linked with mitochondrial disorders, hydrogen sulfide toxicity and oxidative stress, including age-related conditions. These novel compositions are expected to be less toxic and more stable than current

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treatments on the market. Gerenox, Inc. is interested in entering into a license agreement with the A&M System for Dr. Kent's technology and the right to make, have made, and to use licensed products for commercial purposes.

Pursuant to [Texas Education Code §51.912](#) and Section 1.2 of System Regulation [31.05.04, Outside Activities – Business Entities Having an Agreement with the System](#), Board of Regents approval is required for Dr. Kent to serve in his individual capacity as an officer, member of the board of directors, and/or employee of Gerenox, Inc. Any potential conflicts of interest will be evaluated under System Regulation [15.01.03, Financial Conflicts of Interest in Sponsored Research](#). A conflict of interest management plan has been developed by the Division of Research to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that might arise in connection with Gerenox, Inc. and continued research relating to the intellectual property licensed to Gerenox, Inc. and Dr. Kent's request for permission for faculty consulting and external professional employment under System Regulation [31.05.01, Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#) has been approved.

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

None.

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

Approval of this agenda item will advance the A&M System strategic imperative 5 of enabling the A&M System to provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and to contribute to the strength of the state's economy. In particular, approval will enable the A&M System to license intellectual property developed by Dr. Kent to Gerenox, Inc., which will enable Gerenox, Inc. to offer services and products that incorporate the intellectual property. As a result, the novel treatments to combat Down Syndrome and potentially other diseases linked with mitochondrial disorders, hydrogen sulfide toxicity and oxidative stress, including age-related conditions will be introduced to the marketplace contributing to the strength of the state's pharmaceutical industry.

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Office of the President

July 1, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Dr. Thomas A. Kent, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and/or Employee of Gerenox, Inc., an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from The Texas A&M University System

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Thomas A. Kent, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors, and/or employee of Gerenox, Inc., an entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Kent.”**

Respectfully submitted,

M. Katherine Banks, Ph.D.  
President

**Submission Recommended:**

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Jon Mogford, Ph.D.  
Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President  
Texas A&M University Health Science Center

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

Office of the President

June 2, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Texas A&M University-Commerce

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Commerce as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel



**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04**

| <u>Name</u>                                    | <u>Present Rank</u><br><u>Department</u>         | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u><br><u>Univ.</u> | <u>Other Inst.</u> | <u>Effective</u><br><u>Date/Tenure</u>               | <u>Education</u>                        | <u>Employment</u><br><u>Towards Tenure</u>  |
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| <b>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES</b> |  |   |                    |  |   |   |
| Dr. Tammi Vacha<br>Haase                       | Professor<br>Psychology and<br>Special Education | 0   | >15                | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (1995)<br>Texas A&M<br>University | Fa 1995 – Su 1998<br>Assistant Professor<br>Western Michigan University<br><br>Fa 1998 – Su 2001<br>Assistant Professor<br>Colorado State University<br><br>Su 2001 – Su 2010<br>Associate Professor (Tenured<br>2001)<br>Colorado State University<br><br>Su 2010 – Su 2016<br>Professor<br>Colorado State University<br><br>Su 2016 – Su 2022<br>Professor<br>Boise State University<br><br>Su 2022 – Present<br>Professor<br>Texas A&M University-<br>Commerce |

\*Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Kelly M. Miller, President  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Subject:** Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Special Education Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Proposed Board Action:**

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Special Education, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

**Background Information:**

A&M-Corpus Christi is seeking approval to offer a B.S. degree in Special Education. The proposed program has been developed according to the standards and guidelines of the Texas Education Agency and the Council for Exceptional Children. The proposed B.S. in Special Education will prepare highly qualified educators to provide appropriate and effective educational services to students with both high-incidence and low-incidence disabilities ages 3-21 and their families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The proposed B.S. in Special Education program will replace the current B.S. in Elementary Education, Special Education track, and more accurately reflect the all-level (pre-Kindergarten-age 21).

The proposed B.S. in Special Education will be unique to the city, the region, the state, and The Texas A&M University System (A&M System). A&M-Corpus Christi would be among the first state universities to offer a stand-alone degree culminating in certification.

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

The program will be supported based on projected enrollment, formula funding, and tuition and fees.

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

The proposed program addresses many of The Texas A&M University System's strategic plan imperatives but is best poised to advance strategic imperative 1, by providing an additional pathway for students to pursue ambitions and interests.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Office of the President

May 24, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Special Education Degree Program, and  
Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves  
the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus  
Christi leading to a Bachelor of Science in Special Education degree.**

**The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-  
Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education  
Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable  
criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

Bachelor of Science  
in Special Education  
(CIP 13.1001.00)

**Program Review Outline**

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**BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Administrative Unit: **Department of Curriculum Instruction and Learning Science within the College of Education and Human Development**

The proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Special Education and accompanying teacher licensure/certificate at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) will prepare highly qualified educators to provide appropriate and effective educational services to students with both high-incidence and low-incidence disabilities ages 3-21 and their families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The new B.S. in Special Education will be unique to the city, the region, the state, and The Texas A&M University System (A&M System). A&M-Corpus Christi would be among the first state universities to offer a stand-alone degree culminating in certification.

Students who have completed the B.S. in Special Education degree program at A&M-Corpus Christi will demonstrate a depth of knowledge in the following domains:

- understanding individuals with disabilities and evaluating their needs
- promoting student learning and development for individuals with disabilities
- promoting student achievement in English Language Arts and Reading and in Mathematics
- foundations of special education and professional roles and responsibilities of the special education teacher
- effectively apply the competencies of a special education teacher in their clinical teaching experience.

The proposed B.S. in Special Education at A&M-Corpus Christi was developed according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) standards and guidelines. The B.S. in Special Education program will replace the current B.S. in Elementary Education, Special Education track, and more accurately reflect the all-level (pre-K-age 21) nature of the program.

The B.S. in Special Education will require a total of 121 semester credit hours (SCH). Both tracks in the B.S. in Special Education will require 69 SCH of coursework focused on necessary theory, research, and pedagogy and a 9 SCH in internship and clinical teaching experiences.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2023.

A&M-Corpus Christi certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Rule §5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

## **I. NEED**

### **A. Employment Opportunities**

Special education is identified as a high-need area nationally and within the state of Texas. In 2019-20, critical shortages of certified teachers were reported in 44 of 50 states and in the District of Columbia (U.S. Department of Education, 2021). According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), in 2021 there were 3,200 average annual openings in special education and, among states with the highest employment level of special educators, Texas ranks second at the kindergarten and elementary, middle school, and secondary school levels. The Texas Workforce Commission projects growth across the state and coastal bend region for preschool special education teachers (19.9% state, NA coastal bend), kindergarten and elementary special education teachers (20% state, 6.6% coastal bend), middle school special education teachers (20% state, 6.7% coastal bend), secondary special education teachers (20% state, 6.9% coastal bend) and all other special education teachers (18.9% state, NA coastal bend) from 2016-2026. In addition, national data available from the BLS related to current employment and projected employment into 2028 indicates anticipated growth in employment of about 4% across all three North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes (pre-K, kindergarten, and elementary teachers).

### **B. Projected Enrollment**

Fifteen (15) new students are expected in Year 1 of the new program, and is expected to grow to a cumulative headcount of 24 by Year 5.

### **C. Existing State Programs**

The new B.S. in Special Education will be unique to the city, the region, the state, and the A&M System. A&M-Corpus Christi would be among the first state universities to offer a stand-alone degree culminating in certification. There are currently no schools in the A&M System that offer the stand-alone special education degree. There are six private universities in Texas currently offering bachelor's degree programs with Special Education in their degree names with the CIP Code 13.1001.00; however, one of those universities (St. Edwards University) is no longer accepting new students into their program.

## **II. QUALITY & RESOURCES**

### **A. Faculty**

No new faculty lines will be needed for the proposed B.S. in Special Education program. Two full-time tenure/tenure track faculty and one full-time clinical faculty member will be responsible for teaching the required special education courses and supporting corresponding field experiences. The five-year reallocated cost for existing faculty is \$818,412.

## **B. Program Administration**

There is no new cost associated with program administration. The program administrator will have a reassigned cost of \$9,494 annually for a five-year reallocated total of \$47,472.

## **C. Other Personnel**

There are no new costs for other personnel for this program. The administrative assistant will have 7.5% time reallocated to the program, and one academic adviser will have approximately 5% of their time reallocated to the program (total five-year reallocation cost of \$23,590).

## **D. Supplies, Materials**

An annual budget of \$6,300 (\$4,500 new) is earmarked for Supplies and Materials beginning in Year 1 and then an annual budget of \$1,800 (reallocated) for Years 2-5. The five-year total of \$13,500.

## **E. Library**

Resources totaling \$17,500 (over five years) to build the book/monographic collections will be necessary.

## **F. Equipment, Facilities**

There are no new costs associated with additional facilities and equipment for the proposed program.

## **G. Accreditation**

Since the B.S. in Special Education will be one of many teacher education programs, there will be no additional accreditation costs incurred.

## **III. NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES**

| NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS              |                 | SOURCES OF FUNDING                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Faculty                          | \$ 0            | Formula Income                      | \$151,215          |
| Program Administration           | 0               | Statutory Tuition                   | 274,500            |
| Graduate Assistants              | 0               | Reallocation                        | 898,473            |
| Supplies & Materials             | 4,500           | Designated Tuition                  | 727,974            |
| Library & IT Resources           | 17,500          | Other Funding: Student fees         | 1,522,487          |
| Equipment, Facilities            | 0               |                                     |                    |
| Clerical/Adviser                 | 0               |                                     |                    |
| Other:                           |                 |                                     |                    |
|                                  |                 |                                     |                    |
| <b>Estimated Five-Year Costs</b> | <b>\$22,000</b> | <b>Estimated Five-Year Revenues</b> | <b>\$3,574,649</b> |

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Kelly M. Miller, President  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Subject:** Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood Education, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

### **Background Information:**

A&M-Corpus Christi is seeking approval to offer a B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. The proposed program is designed to prepare students to effectively teach and engage young children. The robust curriculum, developed in accordance with the Texas Education Agency standards and guidelines for the newly developed early childhood certification area, is distinctive in several ways. First, the program includes additional coursework in teaching math and science to young children, where other programs may combine math and science into one course or omit coursework in science. Students take coursework in bilingual education and culturally transformative pedagogy; these are innovative courses that will prepare students to teach in diverse settings. Another distinguishing factor is that the program will offer two tracks. One will allow degree candidates to take the Texas Teacher Certification Exam for grades pre-Kindergarten through third grade, enabling them to teach in public schools throughout Texas. The second track would support educators in their work in childcare and education settings outside of the public-school environment.

While there are a few Texas institutions that offer a similar program, A&M-Corpus Christi will become one of the first to offer the Early Childhood (EC)-3 certification and degree. The College of Education and Human Development projects that the B.S. in Early Childhood Education will enroll a projected 85 students in the degree program by Year 5.

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

The program will be supported based on projected enrollment, formula funding, and tuition and fees.

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

The proposed program addresses many of The Texas A&M University System's strategic plan imperatives but is best poised to advance strategic imperative 1, by providing an additional pathway for students to pursue ambitions and interests.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Office of the President

May 31, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Degree Program,  
and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree.**

**The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

Bachelor of Science  
in Early Childhood Education  
(CIP 12.1210.00)

**Program Review Outline**

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**BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Administrative Unit: **Department of Curriculum Instruction and Learning Science within the College of Education and Human Development**

The proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood Education and accompanying teacher licensure/certificate at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) will enable a graduate to teach and work in a variety of settings: federally funded Head Start Centers, preschools, public pre-Kindergarten (pre-K), and early childhood centers, as well as public schools offering Kindergarten through 3rd grade (EC-3). The new EC-3 Program will be unique to the city, region, and The Texas A&M University System (A&M System). A&M-Corpus Christi would be one of the first universities to offer a degree program specializing in early childhood education, with a certification option for EC-3rd grade.

Students who complete the proposed B.S. in Early Childhood Education degree program at A&M-Corpus Christi will:

- demonstrate knowledge of child development, including the concept of the whole child (social, emotional, cognitive, and physical domains) and various influences on the instructional setting
- understand how to identify and implement culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate practices to effectively teach and engage young children across content areas
- understand the types, selection, and uses of developmentally appropriate assessments and assessment practices to identify a given student's strengths and needs and design developmentally appropriate instruction

The proposed B.S. in Early Childhood Education at A&M-Corpus Christi was developed according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) standards and guidelines for the newly developed early childhood certification area and is distinctive in several ways. First, the program includes additional coursework in teaching math and science to young children, where other programs may combine math and science into one course or omit coursework in science. Students take coursework in bilingual education and culturally transformative pedagogy. These innovative courses will prepare students to teach in diverse settings. Another distinguishing factor is that the program will prepare educators to work in public schools or childcare settings, preparing a workforce that can fill the needs of Corpus Christi.

The B.S. in Early Childhood Education will require completion of 120 semester credit hours (SCH) and offer two tracks. One track will allow degree candidates to take the Texas Teacher Certification Exam for grades pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade, enabling them to teach in public schools throughout Texas. The other track would support educators in their work in childcare and education settings outside of the public-school environment. Both tracks will

require 63 SCH of coursework focused on early childhood theory, research, and pedagogy; a 9 SCH (non-certification track) or 6 SCH (certification track) of professional development coursework; and a 6 SCH internship (non-certification track) or 9 SCH clinical teaching experience (certification track).

The proposed implementation date is fall 2023.

A&M-Corpus Christi certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Rule §5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

## **I. NEED**

### **A. Employment Opportunities**

In 2019, the Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott passed House Bill 3, which directly impacted the early childhood workforce. The bill requires eligible districts to implement full-day pre-K programs, staffed by teachers who must have an additional qualification that is early childhood education-specific (i.e., an Early Childhood Education degree or 15 SCH of specific coursework). This new legislation will lead to an increased demand for early childhood certified teachers in Corpus Christi and across the state.

The Texas Workforce Commission projects growth across the state and coastal bend region for preschool teachers (19% state, 12.6% coastal bend), kindergarten teachers (21% state, 7.6% coastal bend), elementary teachers (20% state, 7.2% coastal bend), and childcare workers (16% state, 9.6% coastal bend) from 2016-2026. In addition, national data available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics related to current employment and projected employment into 2028 shows predicted growth in employment of about 4% across all three North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes (pre-K, kindergarten, and elementary teachers).

### **B. Projected Enrollment**

Twenty-five (25) new students are expected to enroll in Year 1 of the new program, and the program is expected to grow to 85 cumulative headcount by Year 5.

### **C. Existing State Programs**

The new B.S. in Early Childhood Education will be unique to the city, the region, the state, and The Texas A&M University System. A&M-Corpus Christi would be one of the first universities to offer a degree program specializing in early childhood education, with a certification option for EC-3rd grade. While there are a few universities that offer a somewhat similar program, The University of Texas-Rio Grande is the only other state university to offer the EC-3 certification and degree.

## **II. QUALITY & RESOURCES**

### **A. Faculty**

A new faculty line is needed in Year 3 to support the new program. The total five-year new cost for faculty is \$195,000. The five-year reallocated cost for existing faculty is \$615,932.

## **B. Program Administration**

There is no new cost associated with program administration. The program administrator will have a reassigned cost of \$23,812 annually for a five-year reallocated total of \$119,060.

## **C. Other Personnel**

There are no new costs for other personnel for this program. The administrative assistant will have 10% time reallocated to the program and two academic advisers will have 5% of their time reallocated to the program (total five-year reallocation cost of \$38,995).

## **D. Supplies, Materials**

An annual budget of \$2,000 is earmarked for Supplies and Materials beginning in Year 1, for a five-year total of \$10,000 (new).

## **E. Library**

Resources totaling \$18,655 (over five years) to build the book/monographic collections and new journal subscriptions will be necessary.

## **F. Equipment, Facilities**

There are no new costs associated with facilities and equipment for the proposed program.

## **G. Accreditation**

Since the B.S. in Early Childhood Education will be one of many teacher education programs, there will be no additional accreditation costs incurred. There will be a one-time \$500 fee to add the EC-3 certification area to the Educator Preparation Program.

### **III. NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES**

| NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS              |                  | SOURCES OF FUNDING                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Faculty                          | \$ 195,000       | Formula Income                      | \$155,939          |
| Program Administration           | 0                | Statutory Tuition                   | 585,000            |
| Graduate Assistants              | 0                | Reallocation                        | 801,485            |
| Supplies & Materials             | 10,000           | Designated Tuition                  | 1,551,420          |
| Library & IT Resources           | 18,655           | Other Funding: Student fees         | 3,244,644          |
| Equipment, Facilities            | 0                |                                     |                    |
| Clerical/Adviser                 | 0                |                                     |                    |
| Other: TEA                       |                  |                                     |                    |
|                                  |                  |                                     |                    |
| <b>Estimated Five-Year Costs</b> | <b>\$223,655</b> | <b>Estimated Five-Year Revenues</b> | <b>\$6,338,488</b> |

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Kelly M. Miller, President  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Subject:** Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund  
Entitled the “Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in  
Marine Biology”

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment fund entitled as follows:

- Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Marine Biology

### **Background Information:**

A&M-Corpus Christi would like to establish a quasi-endowed scholarship in memory of Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, one of the victims of the Uvalde shooting, who dreamed of coming to A&M-Corpus Christi to study marine biology. The university agrees to establish a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund to be entitled “Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Marine Biology.” The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students interested in and pursuing a program of study related to marine biology at A&M-Corpus Christi.

It is recommended that an initial \$10,000 be used to establish a quasi-endowment to be invested in the System Endowment Fund. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled at A&M-Corpus Christi who are enrolled full-time, pursuing an undergraduate degree, are interested in and pursuing a program of study related to marine biology, and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Preference will be given to students from Uvalde, Texas.

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

Initial funding will come from unrestricted donor funds in a gift account. Income generated from this quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students interested in and pursuing a program of study related to marine biology at A&M-Corpus Christi.

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

“The A&M System will remain affordable and accessible” per Imperative 2.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Office of the President

June 17, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the “Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Marine Biology”

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to establish a quasi-endowment entitled ‘Maite Yuleana Rodriguez Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Marine Biology’ in the System Endowment Fund. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students interested in and pursuing a program of study related to marine biology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Maria L. Robinson  
Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – SAN ANTONIO**

Office of the President

June 3, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2022, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-San Antonio as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 22-04.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Teniente-Matson  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE  
TENURE LIST NO. 22-04

| <u>Name</u>                         | <u>Present Rank<br/>Department</u>                                   | <u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u> |     | <u>Effective<br/>Date/Tenure</u>                     | <u>Education</u>                          | <u>Employment<br/>Towards Tenure</u>   |
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| <b>COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> |  |                             |     |  |   |  |
| Dr. Mohamed<br>Abdelrahman          | Provost and Vice<br>President for Academic<br>Affairs<br>Engineering | 0                           | >15 | Upon Approval<br>by the Board and<br>Faculty Arrival | Ph.D. (1996)<br>Idaho State<br>University | Sp 1997 – Sp 2001<br>Assistant Professor<br>Tennessee Tech University<br><br>Fa 2001 – Su 2006<br>Associate Professor (Tenured<br>2001)<br>Tennessee Tech University<br><br>Su 2006 – Su 2010<br>Professor<br>Tennessee Tech University<br><br>Fa 2010 – Su 2012<br>Associate Dean of Engineering<br>Texas A&M University-<br>Kingsville<br><br>Fa 2012 – Sp 2016<br>Associate Vice President for<br>Research and Dean of Graduate<br>Studies<br>Texas A&M University-<br>Kingsville |

Su 2016 – Sp 2018  
Vice President for Academic  
Affairs  
Arkansas Tech University

Su 2018 – Sp 2022  
Provost and Executive Vice  
President for Academic Affairs  
Colorado State University Pueblo

Su 2022 – Present  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs  
Texas A&M University-San  
Antonio

\* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.



Agenda Item No.

## **AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

**Subject:** Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023,  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

### **Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2023 at Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-San Antonio).

### **Background Information:**

System Policy [31.03, \*Leaves of Absence\*](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, \*Faculty Development Leave\*](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At A&M-San Antonio, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and president.

As shown in the exhibit, A&M-San Antonio requests approval for faculty development leave for one faculty member for FY 2023.

A&M-San Antonio is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

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

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty member's teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

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

4) The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio.

Faculty development leave advances the strategic imperative to generate high-quality, impactful research. The proposed activities will enhance the research portfolio and publication record of the faculty member, which in turn contributes distinction to the University and System.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

Office of the President

June 1, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2023, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2023, Texas A&M University-San Antonio.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Teniente-Matson  
President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST  
FY 2023  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

| <b>Name/<br/>Title/<br/>Department</b>  | <b>Years of<br/>Texas<br/>A&amp;M-<br/>San<br/>Antonio<br/>Tenured,<br/>Tenure-<br/>Track<br/>Service</b> | <b>Semester of<br/>Leave</b>    | <b>Location and Brief Description of Leave</b>  |
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| <b>COLLEGE OF BUSINESS</b>  |   |                                 |   |
| Amy C. Lewis<br>Associate<br>Professor and<br>Associate Dean<br>Marketing<br>and Management | 7   | Spring 2023<br>– Summer<br>2023 | Dr. Lewis’ leave will take place in San Antonio, Texas. During her leave, Dr. Lewis will collaborate with Andrea Derler and Anton Smessaert, employees of Visier, a global leader in people analytics. Visier has agreed to allow Dr. Lewis access to their records and allow her to use the data for academic publication. Dr. Lewis intends to use this partnership to explore the turnover contagion within organizations. This topic is of broad possible appeal to both industry and academic audiences. The Visier data set will prove a valuable opportunity to explore the Porter and Rigby (2020) theoretical perspectives using rich “real world” event data. Dr. Lewis anticipates submitting an academic article with their findings to a top-tier management journal such as <i>Academy of Management Review</i> or the <i>Academy of Management Journal</i> , based on how the data allows them to develop versus test research propositions. As well as submitting an academic article, Dr. Lewis anticipates a conference presentation or a webinar as a third intellectual contribution. This leave will advance Dr. Lewis’ research agenda, the teaching mission of her department, and the strategic vision of the university. |

Agenda Item No.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Al Davis, Interim Director  
Texas A&M Forest Service

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute FY 2022 Federal Non-research Grant Agreement, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

**Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the Texas A&M Forest Service interim director or designee to execute a federal, non-research grant agreement, with a value in excess of \$500,000. The grant is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

| <b>Program Name</b>          | <b>Estimated FY 2022 Award Amount</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant | 647,000                               |

**Background Information:**

The agency has applied for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. The purpose of the grant is to create an online wildfire hazard mitigation planning and community wildfire protection planning tool to assist local communities in developing sustainable, comprehensive wildfire mitigation plans. These plans serve as the foundation for achieving the ultimate goals of saving lives and property, creating fire-adapted communities, and restoring and maintaining fire resilient landscapes.

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

Texas A&M Forest Service would receive an estimated \$647,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund the hazard mitigation project described above.

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

Imperative 5: “The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state’s economy.” Grant funding supports the Texas A&M Forest Service’s mission of protecting against wildland fires.

Agenda Item No.

**TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

Office of the Director

June 7, 2022

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Execute FY 2022 Federal Non-research Grant Agreement, and any  
Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The interim director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, or designee, is authorized to execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, a grant agreement, amendments, modifications or extensions with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Fiscal Year 2022 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Al Davis  
Interim Director  
Texas A&M Forest Service

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Deputy Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Jeffrey Savell  
Vice Chancellor and Dean  
Agriculture and Life Sciences

**\*Certified by the general counsel or other appropriate attorney as confidential or information that may be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with Section 551.1281 and Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.**