

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Board of Regents

May 8, 2023

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

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Chairman Tim Leach for His Outstanding Dedication and Service as a Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Chairman Emeritus, BOR, A&M System

Approval of the following resolution honoring Chairman Tim Leach by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Mr. Tim Leach graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1982 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of ConocoPhillips Executive Leadership Team, where he is a member of the ConocoPhillips Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach previously served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Concho Resources, and on the Board of Directors for Midland College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he has led other Permian Basin-focused energy companies, including privately held predecessors to Concho, and served in various positions with Parker & Parsley, including Executive Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach is the recipient of the 2017 TXOGA Distinguished Service Award, the 2011 “Top Hand Award” from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and was inducted into the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach serves on The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, and was appointed to the Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, he serves on the Board of Governors for Midland Memorial Foundation, the Board of Directors for The Scharbauer Foundation, and Advisory Board of The Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Institute at Texas A&M University-Kingsville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2020. This award recognizes Aggies who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and have made meaningful contributions to Texas A&M University and their local communities; and

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WHEREAS, he is an Emeritus Council Member of Texas A&M University's Engineering Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, he has supported Texas A&M projects including the Zachry Engineering Education Complex, E.B. Cushing Stadium, Leach Teaching Gardens and Memorial Student Center renovations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, having been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board from 2019 to 2021, and served as Chairman of the Board from 2021 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach provided outstanding leadership while serving two terms as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and one term as Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant; and

WHEREAS, Tim Leach and his wife Amy Leach were two of six who served as co-chairs for Texas A&M's Lead by Example campaign, that raised 4.25 billion dollars in the state's largest higher education campaign; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Board of Regents, he served as liaison to the Development Foundation of Texas A&M System Members and to the Panhandle Plains Museum; and

WHEREAS, during his term, student enrollment at The Texas A&M University System institutions grew to more than 152,000; and

WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System's budget grew to \$7.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, during this time, research and development expenditures across The Texas A&M University System increased to more than \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach provided leadership and vision since 2021 for the creation of Texas A&M-Fort Worth, which will bring a Tier One institution of higher education to Fort Worth and expand the reach and influence of The Texas A&M University System to North Texas; and

WHEREAS, in October 2018, Texas A&M University dedicated the Multipurpose Academic Building and the McAllen Higher Education Center, a branch of Texas A&M University in McAllen; and

WHEREAS, also in 2018, The Texas A&M University System broke ground on the new, 2,000-acre RELLIS (Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, Selfless Service) Campus at the Riverside Campus in Bryan. RELLIS Campus, partnering with Blinn College, is a premier, high-tech research, technology development and education campus; and

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WHEREAS, in 2019, The Texas A&M University System and the U.S. Army Futures Command announced an agreement to advance national defense that led to construction of the \$200 million, Bush Combat Development Complex, which will bring top U.S. researchers to the RELIS Campus to develop modern military equipment at the Innovation Proving Ground, Research Integration Center and the nation's largest enclosed hypersonic testing range, a highly instrumented, kilometer-long tunnel called BAM; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leach played a vital role in forming the Texas A&M-Concho Engineering Academy at Midland College in 2019 and creating a pathway for West Texas students to earn engineering degrees from Texas A&M University and remain in Midland for their first two years of study; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that in honor of his esteemed service to the Board of Regents, the title of Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Tim Leach, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and presented to Mr. Tim Leach and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System, as a permanent mark of this Board of Regents' appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for The Texas A&M University System and for the state of Texas.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of May 2023."

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Mahomes
Chairman, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel