

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Office of the Board of Regents

May 9, 2023

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

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Regent Elaine Mendoza for Her 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 Regent Elaine Mendoza by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Ms. Elaine Mendoza graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering in 1987; and

WHEREAS, she is founder, President and CEO of Conceptual MindWorks, Inc., a biotechnology and medical informatics company; and

WHEREAS, she received the Women’s Legacy Award from the Aggie Women’s Association in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M, in 2013; and

WHEREAS, she serves as a member of the P16Plus Council of Greater Bexar County, and the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza served as a member of the Board of Directors for Health Care Service Corporation and The Bank of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a member of the Mayor Castro’s SA2020 Charting the Course for the Next Decade Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza was appointed as Co-Chair for P16 Council Formation Committee and as a member of the Task Force on Corporate Recruitment and Retention; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as Secretary of the Board, Chair of the Committee on Closing the Gaps and, in 2010, as Vice Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza served as a member of the “Code Red” task force, a blue-ribbon, 17-member task force assembled by the Academic Health Science Centers of Texas to study Texans’ access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2022. 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

WHEREAS, she served with distinction for two, six-year terms, having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2011, and reappointed by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza provided outstanding leadership while serving two terms as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents from 2015 to 2019, and

WHEREAS, she served as Chairman of the Board from 2019 to 2021 and four terms as Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, during her twelve years of service on the Board of Regents, Ms. Mendoza served as a member of the Committee on Audit and Committee on Finance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza served as liaison to the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and served as a member of the University Lands Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, during her 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 came to exceed \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Texas A&M University completed a two-year, \$485 million renovation of Kyle Field, one of the largest stadiums in the nation: and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the Board of Regents approved a \$550 million complex in the Texas Medical Center for the EnMed initiative, an integrated educational and research medical school with a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship, and part of the Texas A&M University College of Medicine's MD Program and the College of Engineering, in collaboration with Houston Methodist Hospital; 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

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendoza 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 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 RELLIS 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, also during Ms. Mendoza's tenure, the 86th Legislature passed legislation to transfer the Texas Division of Emergency Management to The Texas A&M University System as the eighth state agency to improve the state's response to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world and came to our shores, and The Texas A&M University System was the first Texas system to act, and Ms. Mendoza and the Board of Regents led the System during the greatest transformation to online learning to slow the spread of the disease and protect the faculty, staff and students of The Texas A&M University System; 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 her distinguished service; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that in honor of her 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 Ms. Elaine Mendoza, 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 Ms. Elaine Mendoza 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 she 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:**

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Ray Bonilla  
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