

MINUTES

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

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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

January 19, 2022

CONVENE

Chairman Tim Leach convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:32 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Chairman Leach said the agenda items had been sent to each Regent and posted with the Secretary of State. He requested that each party to the conference call should clearly identify himself or herself prior to speaking.

The following members of the Board were present in the meeting room:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman
Mr. Randy Brooks

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

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
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, 72, and 74 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 the executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 3:34 p.m. until 3:51 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Leach reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:52 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 3:34 p.m. until 3:51 p.m., and conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on legal, real property and personnel matters including discussion of Items 1 through 5.

Chairman Leach called on Mr. Brett McCully, Chief Facilities Officer for the A&M System to present Item 6. Following Mr. McCully's remarks, Chief Nim Kidd, Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services, provided additional comments.

Regent Plank, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said that he had extensive conversations with Chief Kidd and his staff and that the acquisition of the property could not have come at a better time.

Regent Hernandez concurred with Regent Plank.

Chairman Leach asked if they would be reporting their accomplishments and successes to Governor Greg Abbott? Chief Kidd responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Leach asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for Items 1 through 6. Regent Brooks moved adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 through 6. Regent Plank 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 orders were approved (001-006).

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2022 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN  
APPROXIMATELY 48.43 ACRE TRACT ADJACENT TO THE  
RELLIS CAMPUS ON GOODSON BEND ROAD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions necessary, to purchase the approximately 48.43 acre tract adjacent to the RELLIS Campus of The Texas A&M University System. The amount of \$1,041,000, plus applicable closing costs, is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds.

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).

**MINUTE ORDER 002-2022 (ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. MARK A. HUSSEY  
AS INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR AND DEAN  
OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Mark A. Hussey is hereby appointed Interim Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences, at an initial salary of \$450,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 003-2022 (ITEM 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. CLIFF LAMB  
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR AND SOLE FINALIST  
FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Cliff Lamb is hereby appointed interim director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, at an initial salary of \$300,000.

Dr. Cliff Lamb is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.”

**MINUTE ORDER 004-2022 (ITEM 4)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. RICK AVERY  
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR AND SOLE FINALIST  
FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Rick Avery is hereby appointed Interim Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, at an initial salary of \$280,000.

Dr. Rick Avery is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

**MINUTE ORDER 005-2022 (ITEM 5)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. JAMES R. HALLMARK  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. James R. Hallmark is hereby appointed Interim President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville at an initial salary of \$425,000.

In addition, Dr. Hallmark will be paid a \$10,000/month stipend during his service as Interim President.

**MINUTE ORDER 006-2022 (ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2022-FY2026  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN  
TO ADD THE TDEM SAN ANTONIO WAREHOUSE  
MODIFICATIONS – PH1 PROJECT WITH AN FY 2022 START DATE,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICE,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION, TEXAS DIVISION OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, (PROJECT NO. 30-3375),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2022-FY 2026 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the TDEM San Antonio Warehouse Modifications – PH I Project for the Texas Division of Emergency Management with an FY 2022 start date and a total planning amount of \$9,977,900 is approved.

Contingent upon the completion of the Program of Requirements, the amount of \$9,977,900 is appropriated from Account No. 30-100402, Regional Storage & Staging Areas, for pre-construction services and construction services and related project costs.

The TDEM San Antonio Warehouse Modifications – PH I Project, Texas Division of Emergency Management, San Antonio, Texas, is approved for construction.”

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chairman Mahomes, seconded by Regent Brooks, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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