

**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**

**May 3, 2023**

**CONVENE**

Vice Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Vice Chairman Mahomes began by welcoming and congratulating new Board members David C. Baggett, Jr., John W. Bellinger and R. Sam Torn.

He thanked former regents Tim Leach, Elaine Mendoza and Cliff Thomas for their distinguished service to the A&M System.

Vice Chairman Mahomes noted that under Board Bylaws the vice chairman has the authority to perform the duties of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. He said as currently there is a vacancy in the chairman position, he would preside over the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

Vice Chairman Mahomes said the purpose of the meeting was for the election of officers and approval of board committee assignments and special appointments. He said each party to the conference call should clearly identify themselves prior to speaking.

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

Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. David Baggett  
Mr. John Bellinger  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Sam Torn  
Mr. Demetrius Harrell, Jr. (Student Regent)

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

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman

*(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Regents David C. Baggett, Jr., John W. Bellinger and R. Sam Torn on March 14, 2023, to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. The Texas Senate confirmed these appointments on Monday, April 24, 2023. Regent Baggett replaced Regent Tim Leach, Regent Bellinger replaced Regent Elaine Mendoza and Regent Torn replaced Regent Cliff Thomas.)*

### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairman Mahomes 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 5:34 p.m. until 6:21 p.m.)*

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:26 p.m. He said the board conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration, and attorneys on legal and personnel matters.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice Chairman Mahomes announced that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at the first regular or special meeting following the appointment, qualification, and confirmation of the three new board members appointed in odd years, the first order of business is the election of a chairman and vice chairman. He briefly explained the nomination and voting process. Vice Chairman Mahomes said nominations were in order for the position of chairman of the board.

Regent Albritton said that it was his pleasure to nominate a great Aggie, Texan and family man, Bill Mahomes, for the position of chairman of the board of regents. Vice Chairman Mahomes asked if there were any other nominations.

Hearing no additional nominations, Vice Chairman Mahomes declared that nominations were closed. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (056).

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**MINUTE ORDER 056-2023 (ITEM 1)**

**ELECTION OF MR. WILLIAM H. “BILL” MAHOMES, JR.  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Bill Mahomes was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 3, 2023.

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Chairman Mahomes said that nominations were in order for the position of vice chairman of the board.

Regent Brooks said that it was his honor to nominate Regent Albritton for election to the position of vice chairman.

Chairman Mahomes asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he declared that nominations were closed. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham - yes. Chairman Mahomes announced that a majority of the Board voted “yes,” and congratulated Vice Chairman Albritton.

The following minute order was approved (057).

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**MINUTE ORDER 057 (ITEM 2)**

**ELECTION OF MR. ROBERT L. “BOB” ALBRITTON  
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Robert L. “Bob” Albritton was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 3, 2023.

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Vice Chairman Albritton said that he appreciated being elected Vice Chairman.

Chairman Mahomes said that each member of the board had received the proposed committee assignments prior to the meeting. He expressed his belief that they would serve this board well and would enable them to advance their important work in providing strategic oversight to the A&M System.

Chairman Mahomes asked if there was any discussion on the proposed committee assignments and special appointments.

There being none he called for a motion. Vice Chairman Albritton moved for adoption of the committee assignments and special appointments. Regent Plank seconded the motion. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (058).

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**MINUTE ORDER 058-2023 (ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF  
BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023-2025,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents committee assignments and special appointments for 2023-2025, made by the Chairman of the Board and shown on the attached list, are hereby approved.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Hernandez, seconded by Regent Bellinger, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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